Verona Area First Five Years

November Newsletter



Pyramid Model

Social/Emotional Tip of the Month

The cold is here to stay! Building routines in your child's day helps them during the long winter gear transition. A routine for getting dressed will help your child know what to do and gives you a visual for everyone to follow.

Winter Gear Visual

How to use this visual:
For infants, the visual is a tool to talk about what you are doing as you get them dressed. They may point to the object you are putting on or help you by giving you the proper piece of clothing if they are old enough. Labeling objects builds your child's vocabulary.

1	2	3	4	5
				
snow pants	boots	coat	hat	gloves
pantalones de nieve	botas	chamarra	gorro	guantes mitones

Toddlers love to be independent and sometimes they want someone to do it for them. The getting dressed visual helps them to be successful as they learn to get dressed more independently. At this stage, they can point to what is on the visual and go find that item. They might be able to take their shoes off or hold out their arms for their coat. Encourage them to try and then help them be successful! It takes time in the beginning but it will save time in the future.

Preschoolers should be getting more independent at dressing at home and school. The visual will help remind them to put on winter gear in order so they do not get frustrated when they miss the first step and have to start over. Encourage your child to try once or twice before you help put on a particular item. Zipping is tricky but be patient. Most children will successfully zip their coat around age 4. Celebrate your child when they get pieces of their winter clothes on successfully.

The Snowy Day by Ezra Jack Keats is a book to reinforce why we need to get dressed for outside when it is cold.

Verona Area School District **4K Calendar Reminders**

Tuesday, November 24	NO 4K
Wednesday, November 25	NO 4K
Thursday, November 26	NO 4K
Friday, November 27	NO 4K

Family Engagement Events for 2026-2027

Verona Area Kids Expo

Saturday, November 7st 9am-12pm at Badger Ridge Middle School

Visit Verona and Fitchburg area booths to learn more about preschools, childcare centers, after-school programs, year-round recreational programs and more. Kids will get to play games and do activities.

Winter Story and Crafts

Saturday, December 12th 10:30-12:00pm at Verona Public Library

500 Silent St, Verona, WI 53593

Come enjoy the story "The Mitten" by Jan Brett and discover how many children can fit inside the mitten. We will also have winter crafts set up for children to make and take with their families.

Community Resources

The Verona Lions will welcome Santa to town on Saturday morning December 5, 2026 at the Lake Ridge Bank-Verona, 108 N. Main Street in Verona. The doors will open at 9:30. Santa will be available from 9:30 to 11:30 to visit with children in the Bank's Community Room located in the lower level of the building. The bank lobby is not open on Saturday, so please enter the building at the door located at the rear of the building. While the children wait to visit with Santa Tami Schroeder from Funny Faces Family Entertainment will create balloon sculptures and Antsy Pants Paints will do face painting. Families should plan to arrive early to enjoy the activities available. Please plan to arrive early so your family can enjoy all of the activities offered during the morning. Anyone arriving after 11 a.m. is not guaranteed they will receive balloon sculptures and/or facing painting. Healthy food items will also be available. Throughout the morning members of the Verona Lions Club will provide free children's vision screening using the latest in digital screening equipment. The Lions will be collecting non-perishable food items for the Badger Prairie Needs Network pantry, so please bring an item with you. **This is a FREE event open to everyone in the community. Don't forget to bring your cameras** to capture photos of your children or grandchildren with Santa. For more information call Lion Sarah at 608-239-8797or email: verona.lions@gmail.com.