

Help Kids Enjoy Books!

(Adapted From Reading Rocket)

Happy Spring! How pleasing to see those little smiling faces reveling in the warm, spring air. Here are some awesome tips for helping them enhance their reading before summer:

One type of modeling helps children learn to think about what they already know while they are reading. Talk about your thinking process — what you do to get meaning from the words and understand the text. For example: "That's a new word. It begins with cl. If I don't know how to pronounce the next part - ue - can I figure it out? Harriet is a spy. It must be *clue* because spies look for clues."

Another type of modeling also helps children think while they read. You might say, "Try reading the sentence again." "Try reading the next sentence and see if that gives you a clue to this sentence." "Where did the boy go at the beginning of the story?" "Where do you think he might be going now?"

Duet reading — This helps children become more fluent and confident readers. Ask the child to read along with you. Begin reading in a voice that is slightly louder and faster than the child's. As the child becomes more comfortable with reading the text, lower your voice and slow down your reading speed. If the child slows down, increase your volume and speed again.

Echo reading — Read aloud a line of text. Ask the child to read the same line. Continue taking turns reading and rereading the same lines. When the child begins to read with more expression and fluency, suggest that he read aloud on his own.

Flexible Duet Reading — This allows you to vary the amount of support you provide to a child while reading aloud together. Sometimes you will read aloud together and sometimes he or she will read alone. Agree on two signals the child can use to switch back and forth from duet to solo reading. When the child gives you the duet signal, you will begin reading together. When the child feels ready for solo reading, she will give the solo signal and start reading aloud alone. HAVE FUN WITH IT!





Don't Be the Next Victim of Check Fraud Advice from Merrimack County Savings Bank

If you receive a check for lottery winnings with instructions to wire a portion of the money back for any purpose, it is a scam. The check they send you is counterfeit. Once you send a money gram or wire, your money is gone forever. "If you didn't play the Canadian Lottery, you didn't win the Canadian Lottery!"

NEVER lay out your own money to "invest in a business opportunity" without an attorney's advise.

April Workshops

Concord Area

Wednesday, April 21st at 10am
Horseshoe Pond Place Community Room
"Current fraud schemes and how to avoid becoming a victim"
Speakers/Joe White, Concord Police/Mary Stuart, Ocean Bank

Seacoast

Wednesday, April 14th at 10am
Somersworth Early Learning Center Community Room
"Bullying and how schools are addressing the issue"
Speaker/Chris Carey, Maple Wood School

Lakes Region

Tuesday, April 13th @ 10:00 a.m.
Laconia Branch, Meredith Savings Bank Community Room
"Challenge of Raising Adolescent Males in Our Society" w/ Michael Gass from UNH

Manchester Area

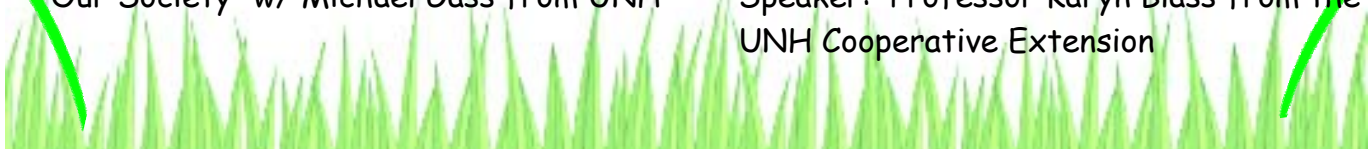
Wednesday, April 21st @ 9:30 AM
EastPoint Executive Center, 264 S. River Rd., Bedford
Topic: What Everyone Should Know About Bullying
Speaker: Sharon Cowen, UNH Speakers Bureau

Nashua/Hollis Area

Tuesday, April 20th @ 9:30 AM
AHEPA 35 Manor, 681 W. Hollis St., Nashua
"What Everyone Should Know About Bullying"
Speaker: Sharon Cowen, UNH Speakers Bureau

Hampstead/Derry Area

Tuesday, April 13th @ 1:00pm
Hampstead Public Library
9 Mary E. Clark Dr., Hampstead NH
"The Effects of Media on Children's Health"
Speaker: Professor Karyn Blass from the UNH Cooperative Extension





Annual Recognition Luncheon

Wednesday, May 26, 12:00—2:30 p.m.

MENU

Trio of Melon with Fresh Berries and Lime

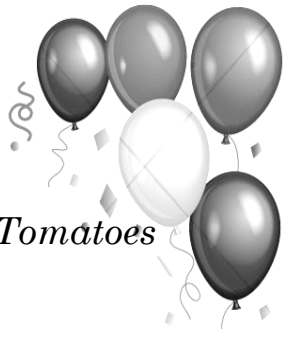
Baby Mixed Greens with Toasted Pecans, Dried Apricot and Grape Tomatoes tossed with Honey Balsamic Vinaigrette

Choice of

Roast Prime Rib Au Jus

Or

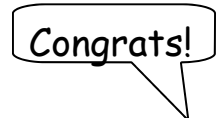
Boneless Chicken stuffed with Asparagus and Blue Crab with Hollandaise Sauce.



- ★ Spouses may attend at no charge (if the Foster Grandparent is attending).
 - ★ Awardees may bring one guest, in addition to their spouse, at no charge.
 - ★ All other teachers, family or friends may attend for \$16 (way under our cost!).
 - ★ Reservation Forms will be handed out at the April Workshops.
 - ★ Teachers' Reservation Forms will be emailed to the Sites.
- See you soon!

Happy Anniversary with FGP for MARCH & APRIL

Mary Snell	3/1	Gladys Raffaely	3/17	Jackie Fuller	4/03
Doris Duval	3/3	Doris Lagueux	3/19	Doris McGurren	4/30
Grace Joy	3/6	Trudy Kukler	3/21		
Flora White	3/7	Barbara Harrison	3/23		
Sally Ash	3/8	Claire Hannon	3/26		
Diane Petty	3/11	Bernice Sheridan	3/30		
Milly Sullivan	3/16				



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Stella Bilodeau	4/2	Grace Joy	4/12
Jeannette Clement	4/2	Ginette Thibault	4/12
Don Rheume	4/3	Sadie MacKinnon	4/21
Joyce Seyer	4/3	Judith Sedlewicz	4/21
Laura Boccelli	4/6	Liz Aubert	4/23
Mable Van Patten	4/6	Daryl Greenwood	4/23
Flora White	4/6	Jane Stanhope-Samson	4/26
Jack Richmond	4/8	Phyllis Dame	4/27
		Lynn Upton	4/30



Welcome!

New Foster Grandparents!

Josephine Bailey (returning to FGP),
Manchester

Darcy Manning, *Nashua*

Judith Sedlewicz, *Nashua*



New Schools!

SNHS Child Development Center,
Nashua



*"Building Relationships...
Restoring Hope"*



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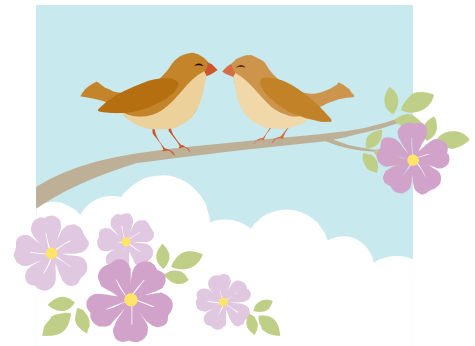


MEDICARE ASSISTANCE



Two helpful programs are available for those who meet income and resource limits. To get help with costs associated with **doctor's visits** and **hospital stays**, people can apply for state help called Medicare Savings Programs, or "Quimby" and "Slimby." These programs pay the Part B premium that is normally deducted from your Social Security check and may help with other expenses, as well. There is also assistance for **prescription coverage** under a separate program.

ServiceLink can help you understand whether you are eligible to take advantage of these programs. If you wish for a private appointment with Medicare counselors, call ServiceLink at 1-866-634-9412.



Thank You

Big thanks to **Granite State Symphony Orchestra** www.gssso.org and **Capitol Center for the Arts** www.ccanh.com, both in Concord, for providing complimentary tickets to several shows over the past year. When we receive offers for free tickets we send emails to all of the site offices. There is always very short notice, but we're happy that some folks can make use of them.