



Marion County Parents as Teachers Newsletter

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**Marion County
Parents as Teachers**

Need Summer Reading?

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Are you or your children in need of some “new to you” books? If so, let us know!

Marion County Parents as Teachers has a resource library with used books that can be checked out. We also have parenting books, music CD’s and children’s books on tape for your summer vacation car rides. Want to check out our collection? Contact an educator! The resource library is located in our office space inside the Hillsboro Elementary School.



We also have a “used book swap bin” with books that you can keep for FREE!

Check it out! Summer time is a great time to READ!

Marion County Parents as Teachers Staff

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Please contact any one of us with your comments, questions or concerns!



Graduations and Birthdays

Congratulations to the new PAT graduates these past few months!
We wish you well as preschoolers!

Alison from Goessel!
Parents are Jeff and Tina .



Hunter from Marion!
Parents are Amanda and Kevin.

Tracy from Hillsboro!
Parents are Chris and Nicole.



Harrison from Marion!
Parents are Lesli and Joe.

Birthdays to Celebrate!

March

- 3rd—Cristopher turned 1
- 4th—Madelyn of Ramona was born!
- 5th—Kiersten turned 1
- 14th—Noah turned 2
- 19th—Paige turned 1
- 19th—Harrison turned 3
- 20th—Jayley turned 2
- 20th—Leroy turned 2
- 21st—Elaina turned 1
- 25th—Tracy turned 3
- 29th—Noah turned 2



May

- 7th—Gabriella turned 1
- 10th—Jordan turned 3
- 11th—Kaysha turned 2
- 12th—Jemma turned 1
- 26th—Anna turned 2
- 30th—Addison turned 3

April

- 4th—Nina turned 2
- 16th—Gracelyn turned 3
- 21st—Billy turned 1
- 22nd—Rylie turned 2
- 24th—Kasen turned 2
- 30th—Claire turned 3
- 30th—Zackary turned 1

Screenings and Developmental Info.

FREE Screening for Children Ages 0-5 Years

A free screening is available each month in Marion County to screen vision, hearing, speech and developmental skills.

June 28, 2011—Marion—10:30 am-1:00 pm

For appointments call:

Toll Free [877-878-4519](tel:877-878-4519) ext. 113 or
[620-382-2858](tel:620-382-2858)

Screening is sponsored by :

Marion County

Early Intervention Services

Text 4 Baby Update

Text4baby provides pregnant women and new moms with information on newborn care. To sign up for this free service text BABY to 511411 (or BEBE in Spanish). Visit text4baby online for more information.

Safe Kids USA Endorses American Academy of Pediatrics Child Passenger Safety Recommendations, March 21, 2011

New best practice recommendations include:

1. "All infants and toddlers should ride in a rear-facing car safety seat (CSS) until they are 2 years of age or until they reach the highest weight or height allowed by the manufacturer of their CSS."
2. "All children 2 years or older, or those younger than 2 years who have outgrown the rear-facing weight or height limit for their CSS, should use a forward-facing CSS with a harness for as long as possible, up to the highest weight or height allowed by the manufacturer of their CSS."
3. "All children whose weight or height is above the forward-facing limit for their CSS should use a belt-positioning-booster until the vehicle lap-and-shoulder seat belt fits properly, typically when they have reached 4 feet 9 inches in height and are between 8 and 12 years of age."

Questions about these new "recommendations"? Contact Sondra Mayfield at 620-382-2550.

Information from: Sondra Mayfield with Safe Kids of Marion County. Information originated from Alexis Kagiliery-Lee of Safe Kids



Resource Networking

Marion County Resources

Do You Have A Used Car seat?

The Marion County Health Dept. is looking for...

- Infant Seats
- Convertible Seats and
- Booster Seats



Questions? Call **Sondra Mayfield** at **620-382-2550**.

Looking for ways to Eat Healthy for Less!

Contact: June Glasgow

(june@eaglecom.net) with **Prairie Land Food.**

- Fresh fruits and veggies
- Meats
- Entrees
- Seasonal foods

Preschool Scholarships

Do you want to send your child to preschool in Marion County? Would a scholarship help your family attain this goal? Families and Communities Together (FACT) is offering on-going monthly scholarships to children attending Marion County Preschools. Funding is grant provided. Contact:

Linda Ogden at **620-947-3184**.



Looking for childcare?

Contact Child Start, Inc. at 1-800-684-3962.

State Resources

Mobile Pantry Marion County

Where: Eastmoor United Methodist Church

When: Friday June 17th

Time: 8-10 am

Who is Eligible: Anyone in need of food assistance

What is Required: zip code and # of people in household

Sponsored by Kansas Food Bank and the Marion County Food Bank.

If you are in need of Health Insurance for your children, Kansas has an option for you...**Health Wave**. To qualify you must...

- Be a Kansas resident
- U.S. citizen or documented non-U.S. citizen
- Are under the age of 19 years
- Meet the income guidelines

Contact **Sandra Zeh** at 316-689-5121 or Sandra.Zeh@khp.kis.gov

Personal Visits

Please Recycle for P.A.T.

- Plastic baby food containers
- Baby food metal lids
- Shoeboxes
- Formula/oatmeal containers
- Clear/white plastic containers
- Feist phone books



Still on our waiting list for personal visits?

While you wait, please remember to enjoy our newsletter and take part in our resource networking, monthly screening opportunities and Group Connections. We look forward to contacting you soon.

Baby SWAP Items Offered...

- Free single durable plastic “boy” bed with built in tunnels and crawl areas. If interested, contact Skye at 620-947-3308. Bed needs single mattress.
- Mom is selling a wooden sleigh crib for \$30. Contact Sara at 620-382-4422 if interested.

Celebrations!

- Khloe is wearing “big girl” pants as she has become successful in her potty training. Proud parents are Nathan and Wendy from Lincolnville.
- Griffin from Marion has joined the world of walkers! He’s happy to follow Tripps around and imitate what he does. Proud parents are Terry and Jasmine.
- Big boy Zane can ride a two-wheeled bike all by himself. Conan and Kathy are excited parents.
- Tarah became a walker this spring! Proud parents are Jim and Gail from Peabody.

Baby Swap Items Needed...

- Hillsboro family is looking for a bunk bed. Contact Sara at 620-947-3271.
- Family needs a Pack & Play. Contact Jamie Norris at 620-877-0960
- Mom is looking for a stroller. Contact Jamie Norris at 620-877-0960
- Marion family is looking for a basinet for the Fall. Contact Lori at 620-947-4041.
- Marion mom is needing a double stroller. Contact Ronda at 620-382-6836.
- Hillsboro family would like to borrow a toddler swing. Contact Malinda at 620-877-7765.
- Marion family is looking for a toddler high chair. Contact Alicia at 316-841-7197.
- Hillsboro mom is needing a double stroller for her twins. Contact Danielle at 620-382-4817.
- Family is looking for a double stroller. Contact Jamie Norris at 620-877-0960.

Marion County P.A.T. is not responsible for condition of items or accidents/injury resulting from baby swap items.

FREE OR LOW-COST SUMMER FUN IN OR NEAR MARION COUNTY!

Compiled by Families & Communities Together, Inc.
416 South Date, Hillsboro KS 620-947-3184

City Parks – Run, Play, Climb, & Picnic

Hillsboro City Park – 802 S. Birch

New playground, picnic shelter, near golf course & museum

Marion Brooker Central Park – Elm & Main

Basketball & volleyball courts, near creek, historic spring, picnic shelters, playground, fountains, & walking trail in the woods

Peabody City Park – Poplar & Division Streets

Near swimming pool, baseball field, picnic area, playground

Florence, Kansas Grandview Park – S. Grandview Street

Picnic shelter, playground equipment



Farmer's Markets – Fresh Veggies & Fruit, Food & Fun from May to October!

Doyle Valley Farmer's Market at Santa Fe Park – 100 S. Walnut – in Peabody

Saturdays from 8 a.m. - noon

Florence Farmer's Market at Moses Shane Park in Florence

Tuesdays from 5 – 8 p.m.

Hillsboro Farmer's Market at Schaeffler House Museum lawn in Hillsboro

Thursdays from 5 – 7 p.m.

Marion Farm & Art Market at Brooker Central Park in Marion

Wednesdays from 5 - 6:30 p.m.

Vacation Bible Schools

Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church VBS on K-15 Hwy north of Goessel

June 6 – 10 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon for children who will be 4 years old by Sept. 1 through 6th grade. For information, contact 620-367-2502, 367-4659, or 367-8414.

Eastmoor United Methodist VBS – 105 Eastmoor Dr., Marion KS

July 12 – 15 from 9 a.m. – noon for children in kindergarten – grade 6.
For information, contact 620-382-3121

Hillsboro Mennonite Brethren Church VBS – 300 Prairie Pointe

July 15 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. and July 16 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.
July 17 at 9:30 a.m. VBS Sunday school, 10:30 a.m. Family Worship
July 17 from 4:00 – 7:30 p.m. – Community-wide Carnival and VBS Wrap-up
For information, contact 620-947-3144, ext. 302

Marion Community VBS at Marion Elementary School - 1400 East Lawrence

June 6 – 10 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. for ages 3 – 12. For information, to enroll, or to volunteer, contact one of the following church offices: Emmanuel Baptist Church – 620-382-2447, Marion Presbyterian Church – 620-382-3257, Good News Christian Fellowship – 620-382-3582, or Valley United Methodist Church – 620-382-3142 or 382-3288

Peabody Vacation Bible School at Peabody United Methodist Church – 403 N. Sycamore

July 18 – 22 – mornings. For information, to enroll, or volunteer, contact 620-983-2154

Tabor Mennonite Vacation Bible School, 891 Chisholm Trail near Goessel

June 6 -10, 8:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. for ages 4 through 6th grade
For more information contact 620-367-2548 or 620-367-2612

Summer Library Reading Programs: All libraries in the county will sponsor activities for children during the summer. Most are free or have a minimal charge.



Burns City Library – July 6, 13, 20, 27. Times TBA.
620-726-5717 or burnskslibrary@gmail.com

Florence City Library – 620-878-4649

Goessel City Library – 620-367-8440

Hillsboro City Library – June 22/23, June 28, July 6/7, July 20/21. \$4 fee. 620-947-3827

Marion City Library – June 13 – July 13 for preschool – grade 8 during regular library hours.
Story time for ages 3 – 5 on Fridays, June 17 – July 15, 10 – 10:30 a.m. & 2:30 – 3 p.m.
Space limited so call for reservations. 620-382-2442

Peabody Township Library – 620-983-2502

Cool off at the pool! Learn to swim! Summer Swim Lessons & City Pools:



Florence City Pool – 620-878-4400

Hillsboro Aquatic Park – 620-947-3750

Marion-USD 408 Aquatic Center – 620-382-2384

Peabody City Pool – 620-983-2801

Sports & Recreation Activities

Hillsboro Recreation – 620-947-3490

Drama Camp (registration deadline May 13) for grades 1 – 12. June 13-17. \$25 each.

Tennis Camp for kindergarten – grade 11. July 13-17. \$20 each

Marion-Florence Recreation – 620-382-3425. Come & watch these exciting sporting events:

Swim Meets at Marion/USD 408 Aquatics Center, mornings of June 18 & July 2

Midwest Regional 12 & Under Baseball Tournament, July 28 – August 1

Peabody-Burns Recreation – Email contact: peabodyburnsrec@juno.com



Lakes – There's nothing like summer at the lake.

Marion County Lake 3 miles southeast of Marion – 620-382-3240

Swimming beach, shower houses, fishing, all-weather fishing dock, boating, picnics & camping, hiking, wild flowers, bird watching, & events. Take a self-guided driving tour!

<http://www.marioncountypark&lake.com>

Marion Reservoir between Marion & Hillsboro - 620-382-2101

Large lake with camp sites (electrical hook ups & dump station), picnic shelters, shower houses, beach, playgrounds, hiking trails, fishing, boating, jet skiing, & programs

Events & Celebrations –

Route 77 Classic Car Show all day in Burns, Kansas, May 28

Classic cars & tractors, activities & entertainment, food & crafts

Hillsboro Family Movie Nights in the Park, June 3 & July 3

Hillsboro City Park or Scout House, 802 S. Birch/Memorial Dr. On July 3, kids can decorate their bicycles for July 4th & enjoy hotdogs & such before the movie. For information, contact the Hillsboro Convention & Visitors Board at 620-947-3506.

Chingawassa Days at Marion Central Park, June 3 – 4

Live music, games, food vendors, races, contests, rides, etc.

<http://www.marionks.net/tourism.php#>

Full Event buttons - \$25 each

Park pass for June 4 Saturday only - \$6 each

Evening Bike Rides - Meet in Marion Central Park on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m., starting March 9, for non competitive community group bicycle riding

Sunday Afternoon Art & Music Stroll, June 12

Take a stroll through downtown Marion & Central Park. Roving musicians & art, 1 – 5 p.m.

Bluegrass at the Lake & Mountain Man Campout, June 18

Marion County Lake southeast of Marion. Contact 620-382-3240

Movie Afternoons at Marion Library, Wednesdays June 29 – July 20

2:30 p.m. for children and adults. Children under age 7 must have an adult with them.
For information contact 620-382-2442

Marion Garden Tour, June 25

Visit gardens in the area from 1 – 5 p.m. For information,
contact 620-382-3206 or 382-3425.



Sesquicentennial Events in Marion, KS, July 1 - 2

For information, contact 620-382-3206 or 620-382-3425.

Flea Market & Antique, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Vintage Car Show – July 2, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Ice Cream Social & Cake Walk, July 2 at the Senior Center, South 3rd Street

Movie Nights on the Marion Library Lawn, July 2 & other dates as announced.

4th of July Eve on Schaeffler House Museum Lawn at 5:30 p.m., July 3

Food, Children’s Games, Children’s Parade, Sparklers, Games & Fun

Peabody 4th of July Celebration at Peabody Park, July 3 – 4

Carnival, Flea Market, Parade, Food Vendors, Large Firework Display on July 4 –
Admission Charged. For information, contact 620-983-2174

Marion County Fair at Hillsboro Fair Grounds, July 27 – 30

Cows & Luau’s! Bunnies, Dogs, Cows, Goats & Pigs! Food, 4-H Exhibits, Rodeo, & Demo
Derby! For information, contact 620-381-0109

Threshing Days in Goessel, Kansas, August 5 – 7

Antique tractor & car parade, German food, Mennonite heritage demonstrations

Run for your Momma at Marion County Lake, August 13

<http://www.marionks.net/runforyourmomma.php>

Half marathon & 5 K Fun Run/Walk. Strollers welcome. Breakfast available. For
information, contact Bethany Carlson at 620-382-8413

Fun Stuff, Day Trips, & Weekend Drives Less than an Hour Away from Home

Bringing Musicians Together at Emma Chase Café in Cottonwood Falls, KS

Jam session every Friday night at 7:30 p.m. For information, contact 620-273-6020

www.emmachasecafe.com

Chase County Court House in Cottonwood Falls

One of Eight Kansas Wonders of Architecture! For information, contact 620-273-8469

<http://www.kansassampler.org/8wonders/architectureresults.php?id=45>



Coronado Heights, 3 miles North of Lindsborg
Closest thing to a Kansas mountain - picnicking, hiking & old stone
“castle.” One of Eight Wonders of Kansas Geography! For
information, contact 1-888-227-2227
<http://www.kansassampler.org/8wonders/geographyresults.php>

Dyck Arboretum of the Plains in Hesston, Kansas

Gardens of grasses, wildflowers & plants, visitor & education center. Contact 620-327-8127

Historic Mennonite Brethren Church on Tabor College Campus in Hillsboro

Oldest Mennonite Brethren Church in the U.S. Contact 620-947-3121

Marion Historical Museum on Main Street near Central Park in Marion

Early pioneer & Native American artifacts. Contact 620-382-9134



Maxwell Game Preserve north of Canton, Kansas

Herds of buffalo & elk, fishing, hiking & picnicking. One of the
Eight Wonders of Kansas Geography!

<http://www.kansassampler.org/8wonders/geographyresults.php>

Contact 620-628-4455

McPherson Valley Wetlands at 967 Mohawk Rd, McPherson, Kansas

Bird watching & wildlife, hunting in season. Contact 1-800-324-8022

Mennonite Heritage and Agricultural Museum in Goessel, Kansas

A village that recreates life of Mennonite immigrants. Contact 620-367-8200

Peabody Historical Museum Complex in Peabody, Kansas

Buildings on National Registry of Historic Places: Museums, Morgan House & Carnegie
Library. Contact 620-983-2174

Pioneer Mennonite Adobe House & Historical Complex, 500 S. Ash, Hillsboro, Kansas

Heritage Park. Restored 1876 adobe house & more. Contact 620-947-3775

**Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve – Z Bar Ranch on
Hwy 177 north of Strong City** – Nearly 11,000 acres of
protected Flint Hills tallgrass prairie. Historic 1881 stone
barn, home & outbuildings. Walking trails, wildflowers,
educational programs, tours. One of the Eight Wonders of
Kansas! <http://www.kansassampler.org/8wonders/>
For information, contact 620-273-8494.



Tiny Trails Cottonwood Miniature Horse Farm west of Marion, Kansas on Hwy 256

Lead a tiny pony on a trail. Call the Olsen's for fees & to schedule a visit: 620-382-3571

William Schaeffler House Museum at 510 S. Ash Street, Hillsboro, Kansas

1909 home & carriage house tours by appointment. For information, call 620-947-3775

June 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	Have a pajama day! Everyone stays in their PJ's all day long! Sign up at your local library for the summer reading program!	Take a blanket and lay it on the ground outside, look up at the dark sky and talk about the differences seen in a day sky and a night sky.	1 Make a tape highway - Use masking tape to create roads on the floor for matchbox cars.	2 Dust off an old wagon and let your child take his stuffed animals for a walk. Let him be the guide...not walking yet? Let him climb in the wagon and you take him for a walk.	3 Chingawassa Days begin in Marion!	4 Make Dust Bunnies for your children so they can "help" around the house. Use an orphan sock and draw a bunny face on the end and dust away!
5 Toddlers are amazed by bubbles. Teach them how to blow them and pop them.	6 Go outside and do bubble painting by putting food coloring in bubble solution and blowing bubbles onto large white paper.	7 Drag out the water hose and let your child spray you. Pretend to be surprised and do lots of giggling. Fill up different sized containers and let him pour the water on your flowers.	8 Get pots and pans out of the kitchen and have an outdoor concert in the backyard.	9 Call another PAT family to take a walk with or go to the park!	10 Let your child choose some clothes and toys to donate to charity.	11 Pretend you are ants at a picnic, ready to eat. Play and sing, "The Ants Go Marching" and march like soldiers. Add some drums and march to the beat!
12 Sunday afternoon Art & Music stroll at Marion City Park 1 - 5pm	13 Before your bedtime routine begins, get a jar with a lid that's tight. Try and catch fireflies for a unique night light. Sing - A hunting we will go, a hunting we will go, we'll catch ourselves a lightening bug and then we'll let	14 Take a walk and collect items from nature. Create art projects from your finds.	15 Put 10 Goldfish crackers in a cup. Take them out 1 at a time, counting from 1-10. Now invite your child to eat the crackers 1 at a time, counting until you have none left	16 See how many times you can pass a beach ball back and forth with your child.	17 Movie Night at the Hillsboro park Show starts at 8:45pm! FREE! Blow some dandelions today!	18 Bluegrass at Marion County Lake! Contact (620) 382-3240
19 Pick an activity you know daddy likes and make sure that on this day, Daddy and his children are part of each other's lives.	20 Take your child to a pet store and visit the tropical fish tank. Talk about the different kinds of fish, look for fish that are yellow, blue, red and green.	21 Trace each other on the sidewalk or driveway using sidewalk chalk.	22 Help your child start a collection of something that sparks his/her interest (bugs, rocks, sticks).	23 Have your child look for bugs. How many different kinds of bugs can he or she find? Size? Color?	24 Play with a streamer in the wind - Make it with a stick, tape, and ribbon/crepe paper!	25 As a family go to your favorite swimming pool or waterpark!
26 Mix 2 cups water with a little food coloring, add 6 cups of cornflour/cornstarch to make goop. A great outdoor activity. And... it is edible, but doesn't taste very good.	27 Provide opportunities indoors and outside to allow your child to carry objects from one place to another.	28 Together, let your little one explore your yard and play in the dirt if he wants to. Letting him explore on his own will help him learn more about his surroundings.	29 Scribble on paper towels with washable markers - Give her a paintbrush and a bowl of water to let her paint over the drawing with the to water. Point out how picture changes. What new colors are made?	30 Make up a batch of instant pudding. Finger paint tasty creations on your plates before eating.		

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July 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Sesquicentennial events in Marion call 382-3206 for information! Give your baby/toddler a gentle massage from head to toe.	2 Look at the American Flag and discuss the patterns. Count the stars and stripes and talk about the colors and shapes.
3 4th of July Eve celebration at the Schaeffler House in Hillsboro 5:30pm! Make pretend sparklers by taping gold or silver curling ribbon on the end of straws and twirling them like fireworks.	4 Peabody 4th of July Celebration! Call 983-2174 for information.	5 Have your child be a pet detective and observe an animal.	6 Give your child a hug and say "I love you".	7 Make mud pies and let them bake in the sun...oh what fun!	8 Drape a table with a blanket and pretend play with your child that you are camping. Grab a flashlight for extra fun to explore the inside.	9 Set up a large bucket or kiddie pool with some sand - Let your child take off his shoes to explore it. If you have seashells or other small toys, bury them in the sand and let your child try to find them.
10 Cover pine cones with peanut butter and bird seed, hang in a nearby tree.	11 Have a picnic, and if the weather is bad, have it inside on the floor...don't forget a blanket!	12 Play "I Spy" while sitting on your porch together.	13 Tie one end of the short lengths of string to a few of your child's toys. Tie or tape the other ends to the tray of her high chair. She will enjoy throwing the toys off the highchair tray, then pulling the strings to get them.	14 Blocks, art and pretending all help children develop curiosity, confidence, language and problem solving skills.	15 Talk and sing about daily events - Help your child crumble old bread for the birds to eat.	16 Lie on your back in the grass and lift your child above you for an airplane ride.
17 Something as simple as grabbing for a toy helps to teach your baby how to control the environment. Tie the object or toy to one end of the piece of yarn and put the other end in your baby's hand. Demonstrate	18 On a flat grassy area, spread out a plastic table cloth and wet it with an inch or 2 of warm water. Place your baby in a tummy or sitting position <i>with you right alongside</i> to encourage the splashing and water fun.	19 While holding your baby on your lap, move your fingers around in the air and make a buzzing sound. Make the buzzy bee land on your baby's tummy with a tickle.	20 While you are out on a walk, stop at your mailbox. Lift your child up and let them shout inside the mailbox. They will love the echo sound.	21 Caring for a plant is a vivid way to teach responsibility for things we love.	22 Play and sing "Row, row, row your boat" by sitting on the floor, facing your child and holding hands. Rock bath and forth as you sing.	23 Let your child choose many of her own activities. If she turns away or seems uninterested, put it aside. Let her pick it up again later when she's interested.
24 Put on some music and dance around the room with your child. When the music stops, everyone falls down. When the music begins again, everyone gets up and dances some more.	25 Sing some nursery rhymes and songs today! It could be a great day for a snow cone... The Igloo in Hillsboro has children's sizes!	26 Early steps are even more fun when the fun-loving adults lift the toddler into the air as they are walking. In no time, your toddler will be lifting and jumping to help you out.	27 Marion County Fair time! July 27 - 30th! Call 381-0109 for information.	28 Make Popsicles! For healthy popsicles use yogurt. For children who can tolerate dairy, use pudding to make popsicles for less than what you would pay at the store.	29 Literacy is important for every age. Walk to the Library and check out a good book. Eric Carle's books are good suggestions for toddlers!	30 Take a listening walk. Walk, stop and listen. Talk about what you hear and try to locate the different sounds.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Take a drive to the Reservoir - Let your kiddo scoop and pour the water into a bucket. Use sticks to splash the water and stir the water.	2 Go on an alphabet hunt - Find an object in your house that begins with each letter of the alphabet!	3 Build a secret fort today! Drape an old sheet over tree limbs, clothesline or chairs outside.	4 Do sidewalk chalk painting! Give your child a small bowl of water and an old paintbrush. As you draw with chalk, have your child "paint" it with water!	5 Threshing Days in Goessel!	6 Take some treats to your local firestation! The firefighters will love the surprise and it's a good way to teach giving to others.
7 Time to go to the park again...swing next to them and go down the slide together.	8 Trace your toddlers shadow on a big sheet of newsprint or other paper. Let him finger-paint his shadow or color it with crayons or markers.	9 Make paper airplanes and have fun flying them outside!	10 Before going outdoors with your child, wrap a piece of masking tape to his wrist, sticky side up. As you explore, help him attach colorful leaves, flowers, and other interesting discoveries to his bracelet. When done, use scissors to snip off the nature bracelet. Display on a bulletin board.	11 Place chairs in a maze around the room. Let your child crawl among them or walk over them, or use them as a train for her stuffed animals.	12 Fill a baking pan with water and place the pan on the table or floor. Give you and your child a cork and a straw. Take turns blowing the cork back and forth.	13 Run for Your Momma at Marion County Lake! Call 382-8413 for information.
14 Play peek-a-boo with your child using a scarf, towel, etc.	15 Cut paper bags at the seam so that they can be spread out flat. Step into the water with bare feet and walk across the bag, leaving footprints. Watch as they evaporate and disappear.	16 Let your baby/toddler touch and explore textures. Talk to her about them.	17 Cover cooked spaghetti with an inverted plastic bowl and let the child discover it. Pull your baby's two hands gently together and place a fistful of spaghetti in them.	18 Pretend that your baby's toy animals or dolls get hurt and take turns kissing and making them better.	19 Mix up 2 sets of measuring spoons. Encourage your child to match up 2 spoons of the same size - or use 1 set and have them nest them or order them by size.	20 Fill a shallow tub or kiddie pool with 2 inches of water - Make boats from plastic bottles or styrofoam. Blow on them and watch them move!
21 Your toddler will enjoy feeling the pull of gravity from the middle of a large blanket that you drag slowly around the floor. Talk about what you are doing and how it feels as you go.	22 Take a walk to the back of the house and ask your child to guess which room is behind each window.	23 Fill the plate with thick mud and smooth into a flat, even surface. Have your child press his open hand into the mud and remove. Place the mud in the sun to dry.	24 Play catch with a balloon.	25 Take turns feeding each other. Pretend to feed toy animals or dolls.	26 Play hide and seek with your baby's favorite toys. Praise her every time she finds the toy.	27 Go outdoors with your toddler and select a single beautiful flower to take together to a friend or family member as a happy surprise.
28 This activity will surprise your baby. Lay contact paper out on the floor, sticky side up and tape it down around the edges with duct tape. Place the objects on it and lift them off together.	29 Take turns brushing each other's teeth today. Brush your child's dolls/toys teeth.	30 Play with play-doh today, home-made or store bought.	31 To get your child to listen to you, get down on their eye level and speak slowly while making eye contact. Keep what you have to say simple and short.			

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**Parents are their children's first
and most influential teachers.**

Check out the Parents as Teachers
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Marion County Parents as Teachers is a local program made possible by USDs 397, 398, 408, 410 and 411, as well as coordination with Families and Communities Together, Prairie View, Early Intervention and Marion County Health Dept.

Marion County Parents as Teachers is part of an international early childhood parent education and family support program serving families throughout pregnancy until their child turns three. The program is designed to enhance child development and school achievement through parent education accessible to all families. It is a universal access program. Parents as Teachers (PAT) is a national model, but a local program offered here in Marion County. Family participation is voluntary. Our mission is to provide the information, support and encouragement that Marion County parents need to help their children develop optimally during the crucial early years of life.

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