



JUNE 2023



Sunday

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Saturday

Join Us!

Great Start Parent Coalition

Thursday, June 15

More info:
greatstartlivingston.org/meeting-information



FREE Summer Playdates Around Livingston County!

10:30-11:30 a.m.

- June 9
- June 21
- July 6
- July 10
- July 17
- July 25
- August 7

Check our Facebook for locations and community partners:
fb.me/GreatStartLiv

<p>Did you register for Kindergarten? If not, call your local district now!</p>	<p>Check your local library's website for summer reading program & activities</p>			<p>1 Toddler/PreK Dance Party at Howell Library</p>	<p>2 Mark the first day of school on your calendar!</p>	<p>3 Summer Reading Kick-off at Hartland and Hamburg Libraries</p>
<p>4 Plant flowers together and water them.</p>	<p>5 3, 2, 1 Blast Off with Flint Children's Museum at Howell Library</p>	<p>6 Bring toys outside for fun in the sun.</p>	<p>7 </p>	<p>8 Read a story with your child. Ask what their favorite part was and why.</p>	<p>9 GSL Playdate 10:30 -11:30 a.m.</p>	<p>10 Fun In The 'Ville in Fowlerville</p>
<p>11 </p>	<p>12 Have your child recall a story or event in order (first, middle, last).</p>	<p>13 Fly a kite. </p>	<p>14 Hamburg Family Fun Fest June 14-17</p>	<p>15 Join us for our June Parent Coalition Meeting</p>	<p>16 Chat with your child! The more words they hear, the better they will do academically.</p>	<p>17 Summer Fest Reading Kick-off at Brighton Library</p>
<p>18 Pick strawberries together at a local farm.</p>	<p>19 Summer Reading Kick-off at Fowlerville Library</p>	<p>20 Count how many steps it takes to get from the driveway to the house.</p>	<p>21 GSL Playdate 10:30 -11:30 a.m.</p>	<p>22 Make a fort out of blankets & sheets.</p>	<p>23 Balloonfest June 23-25</p>	<p>24 </p>
<p>25 </p>	<p>26 Play with ice cubes outside. Watch how quickly they melt.</p>	<p>27 Little Explorers at Howell Library</p>	<p>28 Play 'Simon Says' and give your child two things to do.</p>	<p>29 Follow us on social media for updates! fb.me/GreatStartLiv</p>	<p>30 </p>	<p></p>

Did you register for kindergarten?
Call your local district now to register!

GreatStartLivingston.org/Transition-To-Kindergarten

PRACTICE

Help your child learn to complete self-care tasks independently.



- 1. **Going to the bathroom** (unbuttoning & fastening pants)
- 2. **Dressing** (zipping coats & changing clothes)
- 3. **Putting on shoes**
- 4. **Eating lunch** (opening juice or milk boxes)
- 5. **Following 2-step directions**



BED TIME

Begin to adjust bedtime and wake-up time about 2 weeks before Kindergarten starts.

Five-year-olds need about 11-12 hours of sleep per night to be ready to learn.



JULY 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Play a card or board game that involves taking turns.
2 Let your child practice using scissors to cut scrap paper.	3 Read a book about going to school. Tell your children about when you were in school.	4 	5 Have your child practice jumping with two feet and hopping on one.	6 GSL Playdate 10:30 -11:30 a.m.	7 Make a paper chain countdown to school starting	8
9 Pick blueberries together at a local farm.	10 GSL Playdate 10:30 -11:30 a.m.	11 	12 Family Storytime at Hartland Library	13 Have your child practice putting on their shoes by themselves.	14 	15 Show your child how to open a milk carton or a juice box.
16 Go outside & count how many birds you see.	17 GSL Playdate 10:30 -11:30 a.m.	18 Preschool Storytime at Fowlerville Library	19 Plan a visit to a museum with the Michigan Activity Pass Program	20 Use a doll or stuffed animal to show how to blow a nose with a tissue.	21 Take a nature walk as a family.	22 Visit Fowlerville Library to see horses in the side yard
23/30 Catch, count, and release fireflies as a family.	24/31 	25 GSL Playdate 10:30 -11:30 a.m.	26 Kids Day at Fowlerville Fair	27 Go on a picnic. Let your child decide what to bring & where to go.	28 	29 Write the alphabet on paper. Sing the ABC song & have your child touch each letter.



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AUGUST 2023



BOOKS TO GET YOUR CHILD EXCITED FOR KINDERGARTEN

**KINDERGARTEN
READINESS**

Kindergarten Rocks
by Katie Davis

On the Way to Kindergarten
by Virginia Kroll

The Night Before Kindergarten
by Natasha Wing

The Kissing Hand
by A. Penn



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		1 Talk with your child about bus safety.	2 Family Storytime at Hartland Library	3 Mark the first day of school on your calendar!	4 Pretend it's the first day of school. Practice saying goodbye.	5
6 Visit a local farmers market. Talk about the colorful produce you see.	7 GSL Playdate 10:30 -11:30 a.m.	8 Create a lunch plan. Packed or hot lunch?	9 Family Music Concert at Brighton Library	10 Backpacks for Kids Event	11 Have a dance party!	12 Drive by your child's school often. Stop and explore the playground.
13 Create an activity path using chalk to encourage running, hopping and jumping.	14 Start working on routines. Move to school year bedtimes.	15 Pajama Storytime at Fowlerville Library	16 Practice your address & phone number with your child.	17 Have your child practice wearing a backpack.	18 Howell Melon Fest Aug. 18-20	19 Make up silly words that rhyme with your child's name.
20 	21 Head outside for some water play.	22 Have your child choose two books and read them together.	23 	24 Have your child set the table & count the correct number of plates & glasses.	25 Have a bonfire and make s'mores together.	26 Play a round of mini-golf. Let your child help you keep score.
27 	28 Cook in the kitchen together. Have your child follow the recipe. Let them mix & stir.	29 Visit a Little Free Library for some books	30 	31 Turn chores into learning games: match socks or line up canned goods by size.		



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