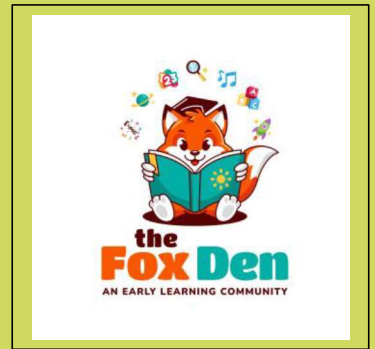


# The Fox Den Academy Newsletter

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## Building Updates

*We are ready for landscaping!*

This week, crews are working to complete interior plumbing, electrical, and HVAC. Additionally, we hope to "dry in," with windows and doors. Our brick "knee-walls" will be put around the outside of the building. Finally, the teams will work to final grade the property and begin trenching the irrigation system. There are approximately 7 weeks until Michelle and Josh start moving in furniture!

Day 1 of school is 78 days away!



## Did you know?

The Fox Den is seeking to partner with Central Georgia Technical College (CGTC), Hutchings Career Institute, and Monroe County's College and Career Institute to offer internships to future educators! These students would partner with our core teacher team to provide further 1:1 support for our students. Please note, these interns will work under our staff. No intern will be permitted to be in a classroom with students without staff supervision.



**"Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all." - Aristotle**

# Indoor activities for toddlers and young children

*IT'S TRUE WHAT THEY SAY, "THE DAYS ARE LONG BUT THE YEARS ARE SHORT." I THINK ALL MOMS UNDERSTAND THE SENTIMENT BEHIND THIS QUOTE. TIME SEEMS TO FLY BY WHEN LOOKING IN RETROSPECT, BUT MAN THE DAYS CAN SEEM LONG AT TIMES. ESPECIALLY DURING THE WINTER. BEING STUCK INSIDE WITH A VERY ACTIVE AND BUSY TODDLER CAN REALLY MAKE YOU FEEL CRAZY SOME DAYS!*

*TO HELP COMBAT THESE LONG DAYS/WEEKS/MONTHS, I HAVE BEEN TRYING TO DO SOME SIMPLE, INEXPENSIVE ACTIVITIES WITH MY CHILD AT HOME. THIS POST SHARES MORE THAN 20 OF HIS FAVORITES. THESE ACTIVITIES ARE PERFECT FOR TODDLERS STARTING AT ONE YEAR OLD - TWO YEARS OLD. SOME BABIES WILL EVEN ENJOY THESE ACTIVITIES!*

## *TIPS FOR DOING INDOOR ACTIVITIES WITH TODDLERS:*

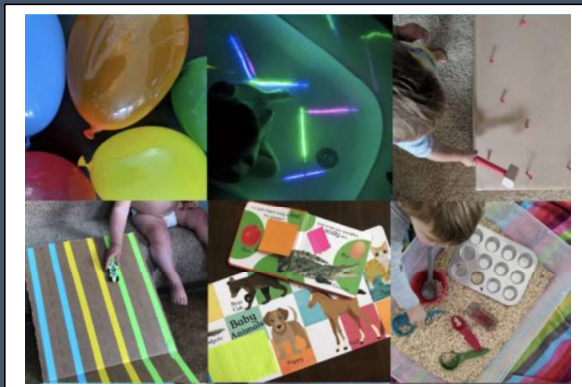
*REMEMBER THAT CHILDREN'S ATTENTION SPANS TYPICALLY ARE ONE MINUTE PER YEAR OF AGE. THAT'S RIGHT...SO A ONE YEAR OLD MAY ONLY HAVE AN ATTENTION SPAN OF ONE MINUTE. I FIND THAT ACTIVITIES ARE MOST SUCCESSFUL WHEN DISTRACTIONS ARE MINIMIZED. PUT AWAY ANY TOYS, TURN OFF THE TV, ETC AND YOUR TODDLER WILL BE MORE EAGER TO PLAY! LEAVE ACTIVITIES OUT FOR TODDLERS TO REVISIT. SINCE THEY DO HAVE A SHORT ATTENTION SPAN, THEY WILL LIKELY LEAVE AND REVISIT AN ACTIVITY MANY TIMES THROUGHOUT THE DAY, IF GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY!*

*TODDLERS GROW AND CHANGE SO MUCH DURING THIS TIME. IF YOU TRY AN ACTIVITY AND THEY DON'T SEEM TOO INTERESTED, TRY AGAIN IN A FEW MONTHS. IF YOUR CHILD IS PUTTING OBJECTS IN HIS/HER MOUTH, CHOOSE A PHRASE ( WE SAY "YUCK, NOT IN YOUR MOUTH") AND BE FIRM AND CONSISTENT. YOU WILL HAVE TO SAY IT A LOT. BUT EVENTUALLY THAT PHASE WILL STOP!*

*WITH THAT BEING SAID, MAKE SURE TO ALWAYS SUPERVISE YOUR CHILDREN WHILE DOING THESE ACTIVITIES!*

*LINK TO THE ACTIVITIES HERE.*

*[HTTPS://LETLIVEANDLEARN.COM/INDOOR-ACTIVITIES-FOR-TODDLERS/](https://letsliveandlearn.com/indoor-activities-for-toddlers/)*



# Paperwork Party

We will have our next Paperwork Party on June 7<sup>th</sup> from 4-6pm at the site of our school (185 Thornton Rd). Come out, turn in your completed paperwork, and meet the parents of students from your child's class. **Get a sneak peak of the Academy!** We will have Jonah's Pizza, drinks, and cookies for your family to enjoy.

Hiring update:

We have extended 13 offers for employment. 6 have accepted the offered position. We now have the Assistant Director position, both Office Manager positions filled, several Lead Teacher and co-teacher positions filled. Michelle and Josh continue to interview to find the best candidates in Middle Georgia! We will continue to update you as hires are made. Our teaching staff will start their career with The Fox Den on July 18!

## Welcome to our new Assistant Director

### Brittany Williams!

*My name is Brittany Williams, and I was born and raised in South Florida. I am a mom to the sweetest 6-year-old little boy. I have always had a passion for working with children for as long as I can remember. I started out babysitting neighborhood kids when I was in middle school and all throughout high school. I received my associate degree in early childhood education in 2017. I started my journey as a lead one year old teacher and dabbled in every other classroom until making my way into management. It has always been my goal to provide a fun and safe learning environment for children. It's also very important to me to provide my families that peace of mind knowing their children are safe. I am looking forward to working with each and every one at The Fox Den. I hope to continue to grow and both professionally and personally within The Fox Den family!*

## Laugh Corner (In honor of Mother's Day)

- "It's spicy" is a universal mom code for "I don't want to share."
- Motherhood taught me just how far I can let myself go and still be okay with it.
- Moms don't wish they could sleep like a baby. They wish they could sleep like a dad.
- I hate when I'm waiting for Mom to cook dinner—and then I remember I am Mom.
- Silence is golden. Unless you have kids, then silence is suspicious.

**Thank you for all you do, Moms!**



### National Days

May 15: Bring Flowers 🌸 to Someone Day

May 16: National Barbecue 🍖 Day

May 17: National Pizza Party 🍕 Day

May 18: National Learn to Swim 🏊 Day

May 19: National Take Your Parents to the Playground Day

May 20: National Pick Strawberries 🍓 Day