

MOT NEWS FALL 2009

MPP CLASSROOM COLLABORATION

Diapers 'n Diplomas preschool worked together with the Livingston County Health Center, Head Start, PAT, the local hospital, and several other local people to organize a "Food, Fun and Fitness Festival." The project started with the Health Center, which received a grant to educate children and families about childhood obesity. We met monthly to make plans. Our preschool had received a Child Care Development Fund Block Grant. Part of the grant money was to be used for parent nights. We purchased door prizes---such things as fitness CD's for children, books, exercise balls, yoga kits, etc. On the night of the festival, each group had a booth. They passed out information, had activities, giveaways, etc. One group even gave away car seats. The FCCLA chapters from Grand River Technical School and the high school organized activities that children could participate in. We had a parachute ball, exercise balls, and musical mats. PAT had several sensory activities and tricycles. We plan to do something similar in the spring.

Pam Miller, Chillicothe R-II Schools



UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday Visits-October 24, 2009

Matt Glover-October 19-21, 2009

BlogSpot-Starting October 5, 2009

Momovingontgether.blogspot.com

WHAT WE ARE READING

Last Child in the Woods: Saving Our Children From Nature-Deficit Disorder

by Richard Louv

A must read for anyone who works with children so plugged in that they miss the physical and emotional benefits of nature.

Missouri Farm Bureau Mini Grant*

Farm Bureau offers mini grants each year that are called "Agriculture in the Classroom."

The application is for K-12 programs, but I worked with our Ag. teacher to enhance our outdoor classroom. We wrote the grant for his Explore Agriculture class of 6th graders to plant herbs, carrots, and onions from seeds after they visited the local greenhouse. The \$200 grant money was used for seed packets, planter pots, and potting soil, as well as the transportation to the greenhouse. We also planted tomato and pepper plants in our outdoor classroom. Then the preschoolers were in charge of watering, since the plants were moved to the outdoor classroom. It was a wonderful experience for all, and we will enjoy the produce when school starts again!!

Lora Kiehl, Malta Bend Preschool