

## Parent Connection: Developing your child's language

Parents and caregivers can do many things to encourage their child's speech development. Spend a lot of time communicating with your child, even during infancy- talk, sing, and encourage imitation of sounds and gestures. Talk your way through the day. For example, name foods at the grocery store, explain what you're doing as you cook a meal or clean a room, point out objects around the house, point out sounds you hear. The more you practice the easier it will be. Here are a few additional tips:

Describe for your child what you see him doing. This is called parallel talk. "Your horse is getting a drink. Slurp, slurp, slurp. Now he's going for a run. Gallop, gallop, gallop."

When you are playing together, describe what you are doing. This is called self talk. I have a cow. I am taking my cow to the pasture to eat grass. Mmmm. Now I am taking my cow to the barn."

Speak slowly and simply, use gestures with words, and expand on your child's simple words. If she says "ball," you say "Play ball!"

Visit us at a playgroup this month to hear more about ways you can help your child's speech and language development.



Berrien RESA's

# PLAYGROUPS

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Playgroups are a chance for parents with young children (infants - age 5) to get together with other parents and young children and have some fun! Each month Berrien RESA's highly qualified staff choose a children's book as the theme for Playgroup activities. At the beginning of the group, the story is read during circle time. Then parents can play together with their children through a variety of activities. At the end of the group, every family gets a copy of the book to take home and enjoy over and over again. Each month, information is also provided on a popular parenting or child development topic.

For more information about Playgroups or other early education services, please visit [www.berrienresa.org](http://www.berrienresa.org)!



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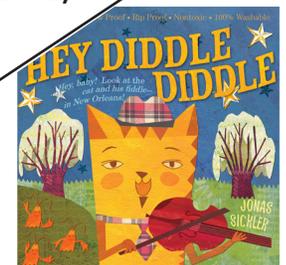
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You and your young child are invited to join in the fun!

[www.berrienresa.org](http://www.berrienresa.org)

October's playgroups will feature a Fairy Tale Ball- Children are welcome to come in costume!

This Month:  
"Hey Diddle Diddle"  
by Jonas Sickler  
(an indestructibles book)





# Berrien RESA's PLAYGROUPS

Check it out!

## This Month's Playgroup Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	4	5	6	4
10	11 Eau Claire 10-11 a.m. St. Joe (Lincoln) 6-7 p.m.	12 Berrien Springs 9:30-10:30 a.m.	13 Watervliet 1:30-2:30 p.m.	14 Three Oaks 9-10 a.m.
17	18 Niles (Ballard) 6:30-7:30 p.m.	19 Buchanan 9:30-10:30 a.m.	20 Bridgman 9-10 a.m. Benton Harbor 1-2 p.m.	21 Niles (Northside) 10-11 a.m.
24 E.P. Clarke 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.	25 Coloma 9:30-10:30 a.m. Berrien Springs 6-7 p.m.	26 Stevensville 9-10 a.m. OR 10:15-11:15 a.m.	27	28
29	30	31		

### Playgroups:

**BENTON HARBOR**  
Boys and Girls Club  
600 Nate Wells Sr. Dr.

**BERRIEN SPRINGS**  
Mars Elementary  
(A.M. playgroups)  
One Sylvester Avenue

**BRIDGMAN**  
Bridgman Elementary  
3891 Lake Street

**BUCHANAN**  
Ottawa Elementary  
109 Ottawa St.

**COLOMA**  
Coloma Elementary  
262 S. West St.

**\*EAU CLAIRE**  
Eau Claire District Library  
6528 E. Main St.  
(This location will be lead in both Spanish and English.)

**NILES**  
Ballard Elementary  
(P.M. playgroups)  
1601 Chicago Road

Northside Child  
Development Center  
2020 N. Fifth Street

**ST. JOSEPH**  
E.P. Clarke Elementary  
515 E. Glenlord

Lincoln Elementary  
(P.M. Playgroups)  
1102 Orchard Avenue

**STEVENSVILLE**  
Christ Lutheran School  
4333 Cleveland Ave.

**THREE OAKS**  
Three Oaks Elementary  
100 Oak Street

**WATERVLIET**  
South Elementary  
433 Lucinda Lane

**\*Hispanohablantes son bienvenidos en todos los grupos de juegos, pero el Español será el idioma principal que se hablará cada mes en el grupo de juego en Eau Claire - por favor, acompáñenos!!!**

### Recipe for Fun! How to dye dry pasta

1. Mix 2-3 Tbs. rubbing alcohol, 1-2 cups of pasta, about 10 drops of food coloring or liquid watercolors in a sandwich bag.
2. Move the pasta around in the bags until they are completely covered. Lay the bags flat and allow the pasta to sit in the bag until desired color is reached.
3. Spread the pasta out to dry on a flat surface that is protected with wax paper.