



New Lebanon Early Childhood Newsletter September

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Dear Parents,

Thank you for your subscription to the New Lebanon Early Childhood Newsletter. Our New Lebanon Preschool Coalition is planning family activities to inform parents about kindergarten readiness areas and provide strategies for child development. Please watch for dates of Preschool Coalition events.

The resources and activities in our Early Learning Newsletter will help parents prepare their children for the skills needed for a great start in kindergarten. Whether your preschooler is approaching kindergarten age or will wait another year or two, please read below for kindergarten readiness resources.

Day by Day Early Literacy Calendar



We encourage families to explore the **Day by Day Ohio Family Literacy Calendar!** Day by Day Ohio is an online perpetual calendar featuring a song, a video, activities, and book recommendations for each day of the year. The link DayByDayOH.org will always bring up the current date and a new set of activities.

The literacy calendar is a service of the State Library of Ohio in collaboration with Ohio Ready to Read, Day By Day Ohio supports early literacy skills, helps young children get ready for school, and is available 24/7.

Educational Sites and Apps for Preschoolers



This list of digital resources for preschoolers comes from Tech and Learning, a great resource for educational technology. The resources include tools to build literacy, vocabulary, social-emotional skills, and a number of other skills that will help preschoolers get a great start in kindergarten. You can find more content from Tech and Learning by clicking the link following the list.

[ABCmouse](#) - A popular online curriculum for ages 2-8 on subjects such as math, reading, and science.

[ABCya](#) - Offers games and mobile apps for learning numbers and letters.

[Cookie](#) - Dedicated toward younger learners with a focus on building skills in areas such as math, phonics, and science.

[Education City](#) - An online platform for grades PreK-6 featuring educational games, resources, and activities.

[Learning Games for Kids](#) - Features more than 20 preschool activities geared to build mouse and pre-phonics reading skills, plus foster a love of learning.

[PBS Kids](#) - Games, videos, and more, featuring popular PBS characters.

[Peep and the Big Wide World](#) - Designed for young science learners with games, videos, and activities teaching about sounds, animals, physics, and more.

[Planet Nutshell](#) - Features animated videos for students of all ages including preschool, focusing on climate science, physics, and math.

[Share My Lesson](#) - Offers a wide range of resources and lesson plans for educators of PreK students.

[Super Teacher Worksheets](#) - My favorite site for worksheets, printables, activities, and more, with an abundance of resources for preschool.

Getting Ready for Kindergarten

The Ohio Department of Education offers a number of resources to help parents understand Kindergarten Readiness Skills. Many of the skills are focused on whether a child is ready for the social and emotional transition to kindergarten.



Can your child...

- Separate from primary caregiver without anxiety?
- Use self-control?
 - Keeping hands to self
 - Sharing and taking turns
 - Cooperating and playing with other children
 - Using classroom supplies appropriately
- Cooperate with adults and authority figures?
 - Following directions
 - Communicating needs effectively

For more information about these characteristics and other skills, please visit,

<http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Early-Learning/Kindergarten/Kindergarten-Readiness-Checklist>

Check out the New Lebanon Library

The New Lebanon Library is full of great resources for young learners. In addition to all of the engaging, age appropriate books available for your child, the library offers a variety of learning programs.

Be sure to check with the library regarding their healthy guidelines for serving families in person. The library continues to add to their list of online resources and services available for families.



You can also learn more about Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. For families who register, the Imagination Library mails one book a month to preschoolers until age 5 to give kids a great start on literacy. <https://ohioimaginationlibrary.org/>

New Lebanon Preschool

New Lebanon School District Preschool continues to maintain a 5 Star rating according to Ohio's *Step Up To Quality* initiative. We are very proud of our preschool staff for earning this distinction. We have expanded our preschool to six half day classes this year and we are serving more students than ever.

Unfortunately, we are not always able to accept all applicants for our preschool due to class size restrictions. Additionally, the New Lebanon Schools preschool serves only residents of the New Lebanon School District--preschool does not offer open enrollment. Please review our [preschool handbook](#) for information that will help to guide you in identifying a good preschool option for your child.

Thank you for signing up for our newsletter. If you have any questions, comments or suggestions for improvement, please do not hesitate to call Dena Shepard or Greg Williams at 937 687 1301.

Sincerely,

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