

Calendar for Kids Newsletter

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Wholesome Kids Cook



Wholesome Kids Cook presents Let's Cook Kids: Cooking Naturally with Mommy/Daddy - a new all-natural cooking class program now being offered at Gymboree of Howell beginning February 5th. These hands-on cooking classes for preschoolers and their parents are educational and entertaining! Learn the value of choosing nutritious foods and how preparing and eating them together can be fun.

Try our FREE Sample Class on Friday, January 22nd at 1:00-1:30 p.m. or 2:00-2:30 p.m.

Pre-Register Today!
Call 609-937-5215 or

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Dear Calendar for Kids Registered Users:

Welcome to 2010! We hope you all had a very merry holiday season and we at Calendar for Kids would like to wish you a happy and healthy new year!

We have been hard at work finding fun and exciting activities to do with your kids in the new year. We encourage you to visit www.calendarforkids.com often as we are constantly updating our calendars.

We hope that you enjoy this 16th issue of the Calendar for Kids newsletter. If you would like to look back at past issues you can do so by clicking to the Newsletter Archive on our website or by clicking [here](#).

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Rainbow Learners - Gymboree classes for children with Autism and Asperger's Syndrome

Gymboree Play & Music of Ocean & Howell is pleased to announce a new program for children (birth to 5 years) with Autism and Asperger's Syndrome.

By its very nature Gymboree can be an ideal tool for families of children with Autism & Asperger's Syndrome. The "Rainbow Learners" program will incorporate Social Interaction, Turn Taking, Concept Development, Parallel Play, and Problem Solving Skills through Play, Art and Music experiences.



Gymboree Play & Music has been fostering creativity and confidence in children ages 0-5 for over 30 years. Today there are over 550 locations in 30 countries, making us the global leader in early childhood development programs. Our programs are also recognized for their unique approach to parent involvement which encourages participation in and understanding of each child's development, and further strengthening the bonds between parent and child. As well as creating a community of parents, caregivers and teachers with the shared understanding of children with ASD. This unique class "Rainbow Learners" has been developed by teachers trained in Applied Behavior Analysis. In addition our class curriculum is developed by our program

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**Don't Miss the Fun at the Beach
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The very reason that we created www.calendarforkids.com was so that we would always have, at our finger tips, information about what was going on for kids on a particular day.

The creators of this site are moms too, and we use our own website to find new and fun things to do with our kids.

Just last week, I looked at the website and saw that the Jenkinson's Aquarium was open the day after Christmas. I never would have thought to head down to Point Pleasant Beach on December 26, but having seen the special event going on there listed on the website we decided to make the trip...and it was well worth it!

The aquarium is jam-packed full of interesting sea creatures but is small enough that you can see everything within the average attention span of a 2 year old.

Jenkinson's Aquarium is having many special events during the winter months including behind the scenes tours and penguin days.

To find out when these events are taking place check out the Ocean County Calendar on our website. [Click Here](#) to be automatically directed to this Calendar.

You'll be surprised by the many events going on this winter. Make sure to visit calendarforkids.com often so you don't miss out on the fun!

directors in collaboration with the national child development expert Zero to Three, to ensure our programs provide the best support and early enrichment education to children and their parents.

Join us for a complimentary "Rainbow Learners" class introducing you, your family and physical or occupational therapist to a variety of ways Gymboree can positively impact your child's life.

The new program will consist of the Rainbow Learners class plus a weekly Gymboree Play & Learn Leveled class. The Rainbow Learners class will be held biweekly at each site. Additional classes will be added based on interest.

The tuition will be \$65/month. This is the same as a traditional Gymboree class, however, your package will include the Rainbow Learners classes each month. Classes will begin the week of February 8, 2010 and then biweekly. Class will be on Mondays at 9:15am in Ocean Township and on Wednesdays at 2pm in Howell.

For additional information and to schedule your complimentary trial of our Rainbow Learners Class, please call (732)493-1993 or email to jerseysnj@gymboreeclases.com. Additional information is also available at www.themamablog.com.

Did you Know that Special Education is Much More than Academics?

The Law is quite clear - for students who are classified as eligible for special education, education is much more than academics. Under both state and federal special education law, students who are eligible for special education are entitled to a Free, Appropriate, Public Education that is individualized in all areas of educational need. Courts have consistently held that education, for students with special needs, extends beyond academics and covers social learning, emotional learning, daily living skills learning, speech/language learning, fine motor learning, gross motor learning, etc. For some students, education begins with toileting skills.

Understanding that special education is a BROAD concept is critical to analyzing the appropriateness of your child's Individualized Education Plan. All areas of educational need should be programmed for in your child's IEP. Unfortunately, this does not always occur.

School districts try to argue that if a student is getting good grades in school that his educational needs are being appropriately met in their educational programs. But, this is not always the case. For example, if a student is getting an A in reading class but his fine motor needs are not being addressed can we really say that that good grades equate to his receiving the Free, Appropriate, Public Education that is individualized to his particular educational needs to which he is entitled under governing law? No.

The key is to determining exactly what your child's educational needs are so that you can advocate for inclusion of special education programming to address all of those needs.

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Get Organized with a MomAgenda

Westminster Preschool - Open House



During the month of January, Westminster Preschool will be holding open houses on Saturday January 23rd from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m., Wednesday January 27th from 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., and Thursday January 28th from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.



For those of you who's New Year's resolution was to get organized...don't try and do without one of these! Click [here](#) to order your MomAgenda now!

We hope you have enjoyed this 16th edition of the Calendar for Kids Newsletter. As the very purpose of this website is to keep parents like us informed about what's going in Monmouth and Ocean Counties for kids, we always welcome event submissions from our registered users. We also are continually striving to make our website as user-friendly as possible. We therefore welcome your suggestions for enhancing the site as well as the newsletter. Please email us at info@calendarforkids.com. We look forward to hearing from you!