

# **Upcoming Bedford Family Connection Events for April, 2015**

### **Baby Playgroup Starting**

Meeting Wednesdays, 12-1pm BFC Playroom - First Parish Church, 75 Great Rd.

For mobile babies 7-13 months and caregivers. This parent-child playgroup includes developmental discussions and handouts, circle time with finger plays, rhymes and songs, and a take-home board book at the last session. Facilitated by First Connections. Space is limited, so please contact Linda at <a href="LMatthews@jri.org">LMatthews@jri.org</a> or 978-287-0221, ext. 202

#### Make Your Own Suncatcher

Fri Apr 10, 2015, 9:30–11:30 am BFC Playroom - First Parish Church, 75 Great Rd.

Ready to enjoy the sun this spring & summer after such a snowy winter? Come to the playroom for this fun, colorful craft! Kids will get to choose a suncatcher of their choice to paint. There are flowers, butterflies and animals to choose from. This program is supported in part by a grant from the Bedford Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

#### **Ready to Read Parent Education Workshop**

Mon Apr 13, 2015, 7:30–8:30 pm First Parish Church, Room LO2, 75 Great Road

Learning to read is a process that begins the moment your child begins picking up books. The age in which a child learns to read can be very broad. Some may learn as young as age three or four, while for others it doesn't fully click until age seven or eight. In this seminar you will learn very basic things you can do with your child from babyhood through young childhood to help foster a love of reading and develop the skills necessary to help your child learn to read. Please rsvp to <a href="mailto:parented@bfctoday.com">parented@bfctoday.com</a> to reserve your seat. About the presenter: Renae Stockton Nichols is a Bedford resident and mother to 6-year-old twins. Renae graduated from Dartmouth College as a certified elementary classroom teacher with a B.A. in psychology. She received her M.Ed. from Lesley University, and at the same time, became a certified reading specialist. Renae worked as an elementary classroom teacher for eight years. She has since been working as a private tutor and advocate for children needing additional learning support.

## **Pre-Kindergarten Playdate**

Tue Apr 14, 2015, 1–2:30 pm Bedford Town Center Playground, Mudge Way

Do you have a child starting kindergarten at Davis this fall? If so, let's meet up for a playdate at the playground! This is just the first of several BFC-sponsored playdates for the incoming kindergartners!

## **Coffee Filter Flower Craft**

Thu Apr 16, 2015, 9:30–11:30 am First Parish Church, 75 Great Rd

Let's force spring into getting here faster! Join us in the playroom to make watercolor coffee filter flowers. This program is supported in part by a grant from the Bedford Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

**About the Bedford Family Connection:** The Bedford Family Connection provides fun activities and enriching programs for local families with children ages 0 through Kindergarten. If you would like to learn more about the BFC and the services we provide, please visit <a href="www.BFCToday.com">www.BFCToday.com</a> or email Co-Directors Holly Munsie and Noelle Oliviera at <a href="Director@BFCToday.com">Director@BFCToday.com</a>