

Prek-12 Newsletter—July 2003

July Events



SUMMER FAMILY FUN—Check It Out!

Looking for Something to Do in North Carolina?

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[Independence Day Concert with Fireworks - Garner](#)

Date: July 03, 2003

Program: Enjoy spectacular fireworks, great symphonic music and American favorites under the stars in Garner's Independence Day Celebration!

More Info: For more information, call 919.772.4688

[Summer Pops Concert - Boone](#)

Date: July 06, 2003

More Info: For more information, call 800.841.2787

[Summer Pops Concert - Banner Elk](#)

Date: July 15, 2003

More Info: For more information, call 828.898.8748.

[Summer Pops Concert - Sparta](#)

Date: July 17, 2003

More Info: For more information, call 336.363.9190.

[Summer Pops Concert - Blowing Rock](#)

Date: July 18, 2003

More Info: For more information, call 828.295.7851.

[North Carolina Museum of Art](#)

Blue Ridge Road, Wade Avenue Extension, I-440, and the Meredith Woods neighborhood bound the Museum's property. More than 100 acres are dedicated to the Museum Park and comprise beautiful rolling fields, forested areas, and House Creek. The

Museum is committed to protecting and restoring the land and has formed a partnership with North Carolina State University to manage the Park.

CURRENT EXHIBITIONS

In Memoriam: George Bireline (1923-2002)

December 18, 2002 - August 3, 2003

Entrance-Level Gallery

Free

Accent on Africa: Recent Acquisitions

April 6, 2003-August 10, 2003

Entrance-Level Gallery

Free

READ-VIEW-DO ACTIVITIES LET'S KEEP ON READING!



Summer's here, and everyone's ready for a vacation. But not every minute will be filled with amusement parks, camps, beaches and sports. There will also be some "quiet time" when you will just want to relax.

Summer reading is a great way to relax. It offers exciting stories, fantastic adventures and amazing achievements—and you never have to leave home!

Summer reading also has another benefit. It keeps your mind active and your skills sharp. If you read regularly over the summer—even in small amounts—your mind will already "be in shape" when you go back to school in the fall.

The Great Outdoors

The Adventures of Gary and Harry: A Tale of Two Turtles by Lisa Matsumoto and Michael Furuya

Beyond 'Ohi'a Valley: Adventures in a Hawaiian Rainforest by Lisa Matsumoto and Michael Furuya (grades 4 – 6)

How the B-52 Cockroach Learned to Fly by Lisa Matsumoto and Michael Furuya

The Great Kapok Tree by Lynne Cherry

The Rainbow Fish by Marcus Pfister

Books By Age Levels

Infants/Toddlers

Eyes, Nose, Fingers, and Toes: A First Book All About You

by Judy Hindley, illustrated by Brita Granstrom, Candlewick Press, 1999. Ages 2-4 years
Ethnically diverse toddlers know and show an amazing range of motions of eyes, nose,

toes and fingers. Written in cadenced rhyme, this book attracts toddlers' attention and supports language development.

Water, Water

by Eloise Greenfield, illustrated by Jan Spivey Gilchrist, Harper Festival (Growing Tree), 1999. Ages 18 months–3 years

Toddlers discover the delights of water "everywhere I go." They will discover and have conversation about water in their fishbowls, on their face, where they fish, where they bathe and more.

Pre- School

Bark, George

Written and illustrated by Jules Feiffer, HarperCollins Juvenile, 1999. Ages 2–6

George, a small puppy tries to bark, but instead he meows, quacks, oinks and moos. So he goes to the vet who reaches inside and pulls out a cat, duck, a pig and a cow! You'll hear giggles and laughs when this story is read.

In Wibbly's Garden

Written and illustrated by Mick Inkpen, Viking, Hardcover 20 pages. Ages 1–5

This is a lift-the-flaps book with Wibbly the porcupine. Wibbly discovers lots of interesting things as she searches through the garden. Even a giant is discovered—a polite, generous giant!

School-Age

Under the Lemon Moon

by Edith Hope Fine, illustrated by Rene King Moreno, Lee & Low books, 1999. 32 pages. Grades K-3

A story about the power of generosity and forgiveness. After some lemons are stolen from a young girl's favorite tree, she gets advice from La Anciana and comes up with a wonderful plan to help, rather than punish, the thief.

Tomas and the Library Lady

By Pat Morra, illustrated by Raul Colon. Alfred A. Knopf, 2000. 32 pages. Grades K-4

This story is based on the life of Tomas Rivera, who started out as a migrant worker and later became Chancellor at the University of California at Riverside. This is a success story to share with all children. It shows a positive role model with great resilience and determination.

Big Rain Coming

By Katrina Germein; illustrated by Bronwyn Bancroft, Hardcover, 35 pages (K-4).

Everyone and everything is waiting for the rain—Old Stephen says it is on its way but still no rain. Will it ever come? An enjoyable and beautifully illustrated book that all children will enjoy.

The Old Woman Who Loved to Read

Written and illustrated by John Winch. Hardcover, 36 pages.

The old woman moves to the quiet, peaceful country where she will be able to enjoy her passion—reading—or so she thought!

Butterflies and Other Insects—Summertime Activities

Butterflies

Shave old crayons and place between a sheet of waxed paper on newspaper. Cover with another piece of waxed paper. Press iron for a few seconds, cut into butterfly shape and hang in front of window.

Caterpillars

Cut out circles on different colored construction paper. Paste circles side by side slightly overlapping. Add legs and feelers from pipe cleaners. Draw on a face.

Inkblot Butterfly

Cut out a butterfly shape fold it in the center, have the children paint on side. Fold and rub lightly, then unfold. The sides will be identical.

Fingerprint Honeybees

Press your index finger on an inked stamp pad. Then press on a sheet of white paper. Make several fingerprints across the paper. With a fine felt-tipped marker, add wings, antennae and legs to your creations. Other bugs can also be made with fingerprints.

Feet Butterflies

Have children take off shoes, dip feet into shallow pan of pastel paint. Step onto a piece of paper so feet are going outward from the heels together. When dry, add antenna with markers.

Caterpillars

Cut out circles of colored construction paper. Paste circles together side by side slightly overlapping. Add legs and feelers from pipe cleaners, draw on a face.

Pompon Caterpillars

Glue three middle size pompons together. Paste on eyes and feelers. For fun you can put magnetic tape on back for magnet.

Wax Paper Butterflies

Shave crayons and place between a sheet of wax paper on newspaper. Cover with another piece of wax paper. Press iron for a few seconds, cut into butterfly shape.

Baggie Butterflies

Fill the snack size Ziploc bags with scraps of tissue paper and cellophane and then gather them in the middle with a half of a chenille stem. Twist and bend the stem into antennae.

Cupcake Liner Butterflies

Flatten out cupcake liners and color with markers or crayons many different colors. Pinch liners in the center and wrap with pipe cleaners using the left over to make antennae.

Coffee Filter Butterfly

Take a cone shaped coffee filter and cut it apart. Have the children watercolor each side. Paint a clothespin black and then attach the two wings with it. Then add a pipe cleaner tied around the clothespin for the antennae.

Tissue Paper Butterflies

Cut butterfly shapes from white construction paper. Set out assorted colors of 1-inch tissue paper squares, small containers of water and paint brushes. Have the children paint

the butterfly shapes with water and place the tissue paper squares randomly on the shapes. Have them count to ten, then remove the wet tissue paper to view their colorful creations.

Ants

Use 3 sections of a cardboard egg carton to form the body of an ant - have the children paint it and add - using pipe cleaners - on the first section: antennae and on the back two sections: six legs and draw eyes on the front section - they are very cute.

Big Letter "A" With Ants

Materials needed: stamp pad, paper, markers Instructions: Cut out a big letter A shape for each child and let them make ant prints all over it with their fingerprints and a stamp pad. Let them use small tip markers to draw in some legs.

Ant On A Leaf

Materials needed: construction paper, hole puncher, collage materials, markers. Instructions: Supply each child with a construction paper leaf shape - give them a hole puncher & let them at it! When they're done punching, have them create the ants on their leaf with collage materials such as: pompons, pipe cleaners, yarn bits, etc. - or they can decorate with markers etc.

Ladybug

Show the children a picture of a ladybug. Emphasize that the ladybug helps farmers by eating insects that may hurt our fruits and vegetables.

Ants

Ants can teach us how some insects work together as a community. Watch ants scurry in and out of their ant hills or find some spilled food on the sidewalk. Do they eat their food on the spot, or carry it back to their anthill? When an ant finds food, it runs back to the hill to "tell" the others. As it runs, it leaves a trail that other ants in the hill can smell. The ants find the food by smelling their way along the trail.

Ants

Cut about 4 shapes of picnic foods 1-4" in size from construction paper. I use a chicken leg, cookie, strawberry, and a watermelon slice. Using plastic ants, see how many ants it takes to cover each food and record answer.

A buggy picnic

An idea for teaching the short "a" sound : Have the children pretend they are having a picnic. As they spread out the food and begin eating, they notice that there are ants crawling on the food, and then up their arms. In surprise, they say "a - a - a!", while "walking" their fingers up their arms like pretend ants.

Ant Hunt

Go outside with magnifying glasses and hunt for ants.

Dramatic Play

Make a big box into a picnic basket. Make ants' antennae out of pipe cleaners & add them to the play area. Now kids can pretend to be ants around a picnic basket. Add play food for them to carry away.

Dramatic Play

To emphasize that ants (or insects) have 6 legs, make 2 extra legs for the children to wear. You can make long tube shapes, stuffed, then sewed onto a band for tying around child's waist. You can make antennae by using pipe cleaners and head bands. Add tunnels, pretend food (fruit, seeds, and picnics), pretend ant eggs etc.

Ant Information

- Each nest has a handful of males, less queens and lots of workers.
- Three balls (head, thorax, abdomen), six legs.
- They smell with their antennae (very sensitive).
- They cooperate
- It's the queen's job to lay the eggs, the males help her.
- Some workers build the nests, some take care of the eggs, some hunt for food, some take care of the queen.
- Worker ants have two stomachs (one holds their food the other is for sharing).

Recipes & Snacks

Ant Snacks

Use cherry tomatoes for three body segments, pretzels for legs and antenna, let children make ants for snack.

Ants on a log

A classic, fill celery or apple slices with peanut butter, and use the raisins as "ants" on the log.

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FEATURED PROGRAM



ZOOM is a daily interactive series that challenges five to eleven year olds to “turn off the TV and do it!” Each 30 minute program features a cast of seven everyday kids playing games, performing poetry, solving brainteasers, whipping up recipes and have a good time as they bring to life contributions sent in by viewers.

ZOOM uses the target audience’s strengths—their curiosity about sharing knowledge, and orientation towards their peers—to inspire them to become active investigators, creators, and problem-solvers. Most importantly, the infectious enthusiasm of the cast motivates viewers to try activities at home and send their results and ideas to ZOOM.

Behind all the fun is a science and math curriculum developed by leading educators. Twenty percent of each show promotes hands-on science and math activities. These activities teach viewers to take an active approach to learning—to ask questions, create, experiment, be open to new possibilities, and find out for themselves. ZOOM avoids presenting science as something that is done by following precise instructions or by memorizing a collection of facts. ZOOM’s science and math segments model science process skills—how to ask questions, make predictions, change variables, record observations, and share results—which are key skills that students need to develop and use as they explore science concepts.

ZOOM is one of the most ambitious websites for kids. Check it out by clicking on ZOOM in the schedule.

Zoom workshops include the learning triangle model which is Read-View Do. Other elements of this fun hands-on workshop include the Series Description, Goals and Themes, How Does this Series Help Prepare Children for School, Web Site resources, Additional Outreach Resources, and Read-View-Do activity sheets, which includes recipes, crafts, and educational activities. Tips for parents are also available.



ZOOMIFY YOUR FOURTH OF JULY

*****By giving the USA some tender loving care!**

Select a neglected spot in your neighborhood, and set the kids to work with gloves, trash bags, rakes, and shovels. Ask local nurseries to contribute plants and seeds for a summer of gorgeous greenery. Take the time to educate your kids about plant maintenance. Then share your accomplishments with ZOOM! For tips for getting started and submission forms, go to www.pbskids.org/zoom/action/

*****And by creating a blast outdoors!**

The fourth of July is a great time to get outdoors and make a mess! Film Canister Rocket will satisfy your kids' need for fun. On a rainy day, take the kids to the computer lab to learn about acids and bases on the Kitchen Chemistry gizmo at www.pbskids.org/zoom/kitchenchemistry

When the weather clears, take your experimentation outdoors! A handout of this activity is available for you to download, print, and copy for your kids at www.pbskids.org/zoom/too/printable/ . Have a BLAST!

HOSTING A SUMMER FAIR?

Let ZOOM help! We've got activities for kids of all ages. You might want to plan some watery fun with Drops On A Penny or Flinker, or opt to explore kids' crafty side with Button Flowers, Papel Picado, or Yarn Cards. To print a copy of these activity directions, go to www.pbskids.org/zoom/too/printable/

UNC-TV's Educational Outreach In the Community
Comments From the Community

North Carolina Military Bases

Fort Bragg

“This event was outstanding. There was such a positive influence toward reading and learning.”

Seymour Johnson

“I would like to thank you for Sunday. What a great experience for Seymour Johnson! You and your staff were great with the kids.”

Camp Lejuene

“A sincere thank you goes out for the incredible work that you have put into this program—hope this is the beginning of a long and wonderful relationship!”

SHARE A STORY

In the Spring of 2003, UNC-TV carried the Share A Story Campaign across North Carolina.

Share A Story—North Carolina Style



Storytelling connects us and allows us to share our common experiences. UNC-TV's *Ready To Learn* service is part of one of the largest projects PBS has ever mounted in its 34-year history. *Share a Story* events across North Carolina are inspiring adults to share stories as they help children bolster language and literacy skills through daily activities including reading, storytelling, rhyming and singing.

UNC-TV's campaign is providing localized special events including visits from authors and illustrators, Read-aloud Marathons, workshops offering tips and strategies, storytelling and much more.

- UNC-TV conducted a joint Share a Story and Arthur's Hooray for Health/Asthma Awareness day in Asheville on May 6, 2003, North Carolina in partnership with Mission St. Joseph Hospital Community Benefits Asthma Disease Management. There were 125 North Carolina families impacted by this event. PBS character “walkaround” Arthur and UNC-TV's reading mascot Read-A-Roo joined in the fun. A special UNC-TV thank you goes out to Melinda Shuler at Mission St. Joseph for coordination of this event!

- UNC-TV conducted a "Share a Story and Teletubbies Get Up And Go Exercise Day" on May 21, 2003 in Raleigh, North Carolina at Playspace Children's Museum. Over 490 children, day care providers and parents joined together for a day of literacy and health related activities. The children engaged in activities at numerous play stations such as Wake Med Emergency room/ambulance, computer room, water play area, restaurant, fire truck, art room where they wrote in their Share a Story booklets, and dramatic play and castle area. We received comments from Playspace and participants stating that they are looking forward to this event becoming an annual event. Special thanks to Kim McKenzie, Patty Wilson and Julie Paul for making this event a success.

- UNC-TV hosted private Share a Story events on three North Carolina military bases between Mother's Day and Father's Day! Over 2,000 military families were impacted by these three events. The children enjoyed meeting and greeting with their favorite PBS characters; Clifford the Big Red Dog and Jay Jay the Jet Plane. The children and parents enjoyed taking photos with Read-A-Roo, Clifford The Big Red Dog and Jay Jay, story time, singing and dancing; and numerous activities. UNC-TV is pleased to be able to support our North Carolina troops through this program.
 - A special thanks to our young storyteller, Michael, for all his help!
 - A special thanks goes to Liz Jefferson at Fort Bragg.
 - A special thanks goes to Candice Marriner at Seymour Johnson.
 - A special thanks goes to Kathy Flanagan at Camp Lejune .

In the fall of 2002, PBS KIDS, with Honorary Chairman Laura Bush, launched the PBS KIDS *Share a Story* campaign. This comprehensive three-year multi-media initiative is designed to motivate individuals throughout the nation to share the joy of telling stories and reading with children. The fundamental goal of the PBS KIDS *Share a Story* Campaign is for every child across the county to experience the essential learning and warm personal interaction that takes place when adults and children *share a story* with each other on a daily basis.