How to Give Clear Directions

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Listening and following directions are skills that children learn through their daily interactions. When children do not follow directions, for any reason, it can be extremely frustrating for parents. You can increase the chances that your child will listen and successfully follow your directions when you make sure that your direction is clearly stated and you follow through. An important consideration for parents when teaching their child to follow directions is to “pick your battles”. You want to avoid insisting that your child follow directions that are not important or can escalate to a major struggle when the direction is not critical. Pick a few, very important directions that you will follow-through with your child.

Try This at Home

It is important to follow through when you give your child a direction. A technique you can use to make sure you do follow through when your child has difficulty complying, or following directions is Do-WAWP.

» Do—State the “do” direction.
» W—Wait for compliance (silently count to 5).
» A—Ask the child to restate the direction.
» W—Wait for compliance (silently count to 5).
» P—Provide encouragement or help (helping will ensure success)

We welcome all members of the community to join TECC. Together we can do more for our families! For more information, please call Ellen Jones at 860-923-9142"

“it takes a village to raise a child...”

The Thompson Early Childhood Collaborative is made up of representatives from the following agencies:

- TEEG
- The Thompson Public Library
- The Thompson Recreation Department
- The Thompson Public Schools
- Mary R. Fisher Elementary School
- Thompson’s First Selectman
- Thompson Superintendent of Schools/BOE

More Information More information and resources on this and other topics are available on our website, ChallengingBehavior.org.
This is a free family event.

Explore the library and find out how

For all ages
Weather permitting
Snowman building contest
Activities
Snow games, crafts, snacks
Snowman storytelling

10:30am Saturday February 2

Do you want to build a snowman?

Take your child to the library
day

3D printer, Circuit & 3D pens

You can create your own snowman

Check Facebook for details.

Register is required
Ages 5-9 years

Thompson Public Library 660-923-7799

FREE Family Events

Help build your child's mind &

moungs 1000 Books Before Kindergarten

Registration is NOT required
Ages 0-2 yrs.

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Preschool

Story Hour

Toddler Time

Winter Programs

Children's Winter Programs
TEEG the Social Service agency for the towns of Thompson, Woodstock, and Pomfret. To these three towns we offer a full range of services and support including Case Management, Food Security, Youth and Education, and Senior Outreach. Through these services we are able to ensure that our clients are met on an individual needs basis, helping them with everything ranging from heat assistance, assistance with Medicare/Medicaid, navigating the Department of Social Services website and applications, and making sure the needs of their family are met through our monthly food distribution, holiday distributions, and back to school distributions.

TEEG has new programs beginning in the coming months, please keep your eyes open for fliers and more information. As always, donations are greatly appreciated, non-perishable food items such as pasta, sauce, tuna, and peanut butter are staples for our food pantry.

**25th Annual Have a Heart**

**a community fundraising event to benefit TEEG**

at the Raceway Restaurant
Thompson, CT

**February 7, 2020**

6:00pm-10:00pm

**Wine Pull, Silent Auction, Live Auction and Raffle Tree!**

$25.00 per ticket

hare, eat and cash bar

**TEEG’s Focus on Family Program Presents...**

**The Art of Budgeting**

Presented by: bankHometown

February 20, 2020

Presentation and Light Refreshments- 5:30-6:30pm

TEEG- 15 Thatcher Rd. No. Grosvenordale, CT

Why Budget?

Budgeting is a great tool that allows you to see how much money you make, how much money you spend and allocate funds for things that you want.

A solid budget plan will provide you with some flexibility and comfort in your future finances and will teach you how to live on less. This is a great resource to stay out of financial trouble, and enjoy your money.

Program is FREE. Registration is required. Please contact the TEEG office at 860-923-3458 or therese@teegonline.org to register

**FREE Parent/Child Playgroup**

Open to ALL area residents

Wednesdays & Fridays

9:30am- 11:00am

Mary R. Fisher Elementary School

Great for children age birth to 5. No Pre-Registration required
YOUTH PROGRAMS Winter 2020

Sponsored by Thompson Recreation
Register & pay on-line at www.thompsonrec.org
Stop by our office in Town Hall.
Questions? Call us at 860-923-9440

**** PAPER REGISTRATION ON BACK ****

Dancer for a Day
Grades 3 & 4
Fridays Jan 24, Feb 21, March 20, April 24, May 22,
June 5 3:15 - 4:45pm
Interested in dance? Give it a try with dancer for a day.
We’ll explore a different style of dance each month.
$5/day or $25 for all 6 classes

Purely Recreation Half Day Fun
Grade K - 8 · TMS Cafeteria
Wednesday, February 12th · 11:30am - 5:30pm
AHH! It’s a half day! We’re here to help!
At Purely Recreation Half Day your child will play games,
do crafts, get homework help, enjoy a snack.
$25/child

Chocolate Making with Karen
Grades 2 - 4 Early Childhood Center
January 30 3:15 - 4:45pm
Make three pieces of chocolate pizza with a pretzel crust
and candy for toppings. Also, chocolate dipped cookies.
$13/person
MARY R. FISHER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
785 RIVERSIDE DR.
N. GROSVENORDALE, CT 06255

860.923.9142  www.Thompsonpublicschools.org
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REGISTRATION INFORMATION

PreK and Kindergarten registration will be held on March 11th and March 12th during our conference hours (Wed 1-3 & 5-7 / Thurs. 1-3).

PreK students need to be 4 years old or turning 4 by Dec 31st to register. Students registering for Kindergarten need to be 5 years old or turning 5 by Dec 31st.

Enrollment Requirements:

➢ Thompson Public School Registration Form
➢ Proof of Identity (original birth certificate)
➢ Proof of Residency (Mortgage or rental/lease agreement, utility bill)
➢ Health Records (Current physical and Immunization Records)
➢ Other forms given out during registration
  • Nutrition application (Free and Reduced-price School Meals
  • Permission for Publication.

Screenings for all incoming registered students will take place in May and June. More info will be sent to families once you are registered.

Spread the word!
We look forward to meeting you!
Mrs. Drobiak Pre-K
The Tools of the Mind Connection
A newsletter connecting home and school environments

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We have changed the classroom into a Grocery Store! We have various parts of the grocery store such as: the bakery, the deli, the checkout, the floral department, even the produce area! The children will begin pretending new roles and scenarios having to do with this new theme...look for ways you can extend and help below!

The Grocery Store is a fun way to practice our language, math, and literacy skills.

Have you heard about the “Freeze Dance”? We love to dance in school and the freeze dance is a way to both enjoy music and practice controlling our bodies. This is called physical regulation. You can practice at home by playing any music and then starting and stopping it in between and have your child “freeze” in place when the music stops.

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What’s happening in my centers:
- Shopping for food/ checking out
- Stocking the shelves
- Making sandwiches
- Arranging flowers

I am practicing my reading/writing and math by:
- Weighing items on scales
- Giving receipts, collecting money and giving change
- Writing a grocery list
- Arranging/sorting by size, color, shape
- Making gift cards

EXTENSIONS AT HOME:
- Draw a picture of your favorite food
- Help someone write a grocery list
- Practice your telephone number and address with someone at your house

NEED YOUR HELP!!
Please send in your empty food containers for our grocery store theme. We need styrofoam meat trays, fruit and vegetable containers for our deli.