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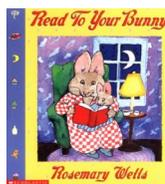


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## Books for Babies



Smart Beginnings Western Tidewater is donating 100 Books for Babies bags to Southampton Memorial Hospital. Upon delivery, each family will receive a bag complete with the book, *Read to Your Bunny* as well as reading resource information. SBWT plans to donate 200 more bags in 2017.

## Fall Provider Workshop Schedule

September 7 & 8, 2016

*STEM in the Preschool Classroom*

Presented by Sharon Howell

October 5 & 6, 2016

*The Beginnings of Brain Power Development*

Presented by Lorraine Greene Whitehead

November 2 & 3, 2016

*Productivity 101: How to Make the Most of Your Day*

Presented by Jocelyn Gilchrist

December 7 & 8, 2016

*Cara's Kit: Inclusion in the ECE Classroom*

Presented by Sharon Howell



## Resources for Centers

Join our workshops and receive FREE resources for your center! For more information, call or email Mary at 757-562-8594 or [maburgess@franklinva.com](mailto:maburgess@franklinva.com).



## Important Dates

**10/5/16**

Virginia Early Childhood Foundation Annual Conference

**10/19/16**

SBWT Board of Directors Meeting

**11/9/16**

Western Tidewater Early Childhood Collaboration

## Introduction from Director Lorraine Greene Whitehead

Love what you do and do what you love. Having been in education for now beginning my 40<sup>th</sup> year, I can say that has always been true for me. Even though I have retired from my full time job of 39 years with Southampton County Public Schools, my new job as Director for Smart Beginnings Western Tidewater has allowed me to continue to do what I love.

As a struggling reader in elementary school, I understand the difficulties that starting out or falling behind the normal benchmarks can cause in a child's life. Too often these children never catch up and spend their entire lives suffering from the negative effects caused by their underachievement. Hard core research has proven that early intervention during the critical developmental years between birth and five can and does close this achievement gap. Smart Beginnings mission is to assure that **every** child in Western Tidewater begins school on or above the expected developmental benchmark. We work with care-providers, parents, social services, the health departments, school systems and hospitals to coordinate and maximize the resources available in the community, assuring that every young child is provided the opportunity to begin their formal education on a leveled playing field.

## Virginia Quality Update

The Virginia Quality website is up and running! For assistance with signing up your center online, please contact Virginia Quality Coordinator Antoinette Johnson or Co-coordinator Jocelyn Gilchrist. Smart Beginnings Western Tidewater would like to recognize the following Virginia Quality participating centers:

- The Children's Center (ALL locations)
- Children of Faith Daycare
- The Gingerbread House
- Southampton Academy
- S.P. Morton Elementary
- Trinity United Methodist Preschool

## Coming Soon: New 3 Part Directors Series

Smart Beginnings Western Tidewater will provide a 3 Part Directors Series at the Franklin Business Center (Incubator) on 11/8, 11/15, and 12/6. The series, *Curriculum and Assessment*, will help centers achieve a Level 3 status and beyond. Stay tuned for more information as November approaches.

## Announcements from our Collaborators



Healthy Families serves all new parents living in the city of Suffolk and Isle of Wight county. Healthy Families provides home visits from a trained Family Support Worker who helps the family explore each stage of their child's development, reduce stress and link up with resources that address family needs. All services are free and voluntary. To learn more, contact the team supervisor, Beverly McQuarry, at 514-4738 or [beverly.mcquarry@vdh.virginia.gov](mailto:beverly.mcquarry@vdh.virginia.gov).



The YMCA of South Hampton Roads offers an Open Doors financial assistance program to make membership affordable for everyone. You can download the application online at [ymcashr.org](http://ymcashr.org) or apply in person.



Blackwater Regional Library offers Weekly Storytime sessions that may include fingerplays, songs, and action rhymes. You can view the monthly schedule of events at [www.blackwaterlib.org/calendar](http://www.blackwaterlib.org/calendar).



The Franklin Community Health Center on Armory Drive is accepting new patients. Services include Family Practice, Internal Medicine, Immunizations and School Physicals for the insured and under insured. To schedule an appointment, please call 757-304-5570.



Come join The Women's Center at Sentara Obici Hospital for a FREE childbirth class for teens and young mothers on the third Wednesday of each month. Call 934-4497 to register. Sentara Obici Hospital also offers a FREE OB Nurse Navigators program to help reduce stress and anxiety for expectant mothers scheduled to deliver at Obici. Contact Lori White, RN Coordinator at 934-4405 for more information.



Stop by the PDCCC Franklin Campus on October 11, 2016 from 12pm-6pm for a FREE flu vaccine. Supplies is limited, so come early.

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