Family Night for Preschoolers
Building Fun!
Tuesday May 5th, 5:30-7:00 pm
at the Downtown Library
Join Greg Stopher, of Stopher Construction, who will share with us about building the houses we live in. There will be a craft activity, a light supper, and each child gets a free book to take home!
Questions? Call AEYC at 789-1235.

Thank You Rachel, Teva, and Earl
A big thanks to Rachel for introducing us to bunnies Teva and Earl at last month’s Preschool Family Night.

Heavy Equipment Day
Sunday May 3rd, 2015 from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm at Grant’s Plaza
(Western Auto Marine Parking Lot)
Heavy Equipment Day is back! Bring your kids out to climb aboard dump trucks, excavators, and bulldozers. They will even get to operate the gears themselves! The event costs $5 for a ride on three pieces of moving equipment. There will also be stationary equipment for kids to explore and a dirt pile stocked with digging toys that the kids can play in for free.

This event is sponsored by the Juneau Rotary Club, Mendenhall Flying Lions Club, the International Union of Operating Engineers, and Western Auto Marine. For more information contact Sarah Griffith: 321-0959, Neil Atkinson: 723-9168, or Corey Baxter: 321-4271.

Family Farm Day at Swampy Acres
Saturday May 16th, 2015 11:00 am - 4:00 pm
Come meet the farm animals, visit the farm petting zoo with grooming and feeding stations, play, and picnic! $5 per person at the gate, all proceeds benefit the Juneau Co-Op Preschool. www.juneaupreschool.org

Thanks to the Juneau Empire for giving a portion of every new subscription during the month of May to enroll children in the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. Interested? Subscribe at www.juneaupreimsire.com. We appreciate the Juneau Empire’s ongoing support for the Imagination Library and literacy efforts in Southeast Alaska.

“This is the real secret of life— to be completely engaged with what you are doing in the here and now. And instead of calling it work, realize it is play.” Alan W. Watts
The Children’s Dental Clinic at SEARHC is Expanding!

The Children’s Dental Clinic at SEARHC is expanding dental services to all community members. Beginning Monday, April 27th, the clinic will be accepting all patients ages 0-20 at all of the SEARHC pediatric dental clinics.

because the bacteria that cause cavities are spread from parents, caregivers, siblings and even playmates, establishing a dental home for children to receive care with the arrival of their first tooth or by their first birthday can help start good oral health care early. Keeping kids cavity free is good for the entire community!

To make an appointment for your child in Juneau, please call the Children’s Dental Clinic’s new phone number, 789-KIDS (5437).

Imagination Library Early Learning

BOOK TITLE: The Tale of Peter Rabbit
AUTHOR: Beatrix Potter
SUMMARY OF BOOK: Mrs. Rabbit gives Flopsy, Mopsy, Cotton-Tail, and Peter permission to play in the fields and down the lane, but strictly warns them to stay away from Mr. McGregor’s garden. Curious Peter disobeys Mrs. Rabbit’s fair warning, and finds himself in a frightening situation.

BEFORE READING
Ask questions and use what the child already knows to add to the discussion, assisting the child in understanding and enjoying the book.

1. **Talk about the cover of the book:** the title, the author. “What do you think this book will be about?” Take a picture walk through the book.
2. **Ask: “Have you ever seen a rabbit?” “Do we have a garden? What do we grow?” Try to make connections to the child’s experience.
3. **Ask your child what he thinks is going to happen or what he thinks Peter might be feeling.

DURING READING
1. **Ask: “Why was it important for the rabbits to stay away from Mr. McGregor’s garden? Do you have any rules like that?”
2. **Stop periodically and ask your child what he thinks is going to happen or what he thinks Peter might be feeling.

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