**Downtown Family Night**

November 5th, 5:30-6:30 pm, Downtown Library

Wear your pajamas and get cozy with Courtney from the Red Onion Spice & Tea Company. We'll warm up as we learn about spices and tea making. A light supper will be provided along with a craft activity. Call 586-5249 for more info.

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**Preschool Family Night**

Thursday, November 19th at the NEW VALLEY LIBRARY, 5:30-7pm

Preschool Family Nights are kicking off the series with the Whimsy of Weather! Join a real live weather person from the NOAA weather service to learn about the ever changing winds, rains, and sunshine of SE Alaska. This year the evening is structured around the Ready for Kindergarten curriculum and will include a parent session, craft activity, light supper, and every child will take home a FREE Book! Contact AEYC for more information, 789-1235.

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**Baby Raven Reads: November Events**

**Storytelling Workshop**
Where: Walter Soboleff Building
When: Thursday, November 5th, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Parents, child care providers, and other early childhood educators are invited to a free storytelling workshop: Oral Language Development Through Storytelling with Storyteller/Educator Brett Dillingham. Learn how you can strengthen the foundation of your students’ literacy through storytelling. Please register for this free workshop by contacting LaVina VanSickle at 586-9125 or lavina.vansickle@sealaska.com.

**Family Event**
Where: Walter Soboleff Building
When: Saturday, November 14th, 10:30 am – 12:00 pm

Families with Alaska Native children up to age 5 are invited to join us for storytelling, songs, and other literacy activities.

These free events are part of SHI’s Baby Raven Reads program, which promotes language development and school readiness through culturally responsive activities. For more information contact: Jackie Kookesh at 586-9229 or lavina.vansickle@sealaska.com.

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**Kids in the Kitchen**

**Pumpkin-Pie Smoothie**
Like most orange-colored vegetables, pumpkin is packed with vitamin A, which keeps your eyes super-healthy! And luckily you can just open a can of pumpkin instead of cooking your jack-o’-lantern. With its vanilla and spice flavors, this smoothie tastes like pie in a glass.

Hands-on time: 10 minutes, Total time: 10 minutes
Makes: 2 Servings

**Kitchen Gear:**
- Dinner knife
- Cutting board
- Blender (adult needed)

**Ingredients:**
- 1/4 cup orange juice
- 1/4 cup low-fat milk
- 1/2 cup plain low-fat yogurt
- 1/4 cup canned pumpkin puree
- 1 dash cinnamon and/or nutmeg
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 ice cubes

**Instructions:**
Wash your hands with soap and water, then gather all your kitchen gear and ingredients and put them on a clean counter.
Put all the ingredients in the blender. Put the top on tightly. Turn the blender to a medium setting and blend until the ice is chopped and the mixture is smooth, about 1 minute.
Serve right away, or refrigerate up to 4 hours.

**Notes:**
Waste Not: You will only use a part of the can, but don’t waste it! Measure out quarter cupfuls of the rest of it, freeze them solid on a piece of wax paper on a baking sheet, then store them in a labeled plastic bag in the freezer, where they’ll be ready for future smoothies!

- See more at: [http://www.chopchopmag.org/recipe/pumpkin-pie-smoothie#sthash.sYRN5MfW.dpuf](http://www.chopchopmag.org/recipe/pumpkin-pie-smoothie#sthash.sYRN5MfW.dpuf)
As you read the book talk with the child about the story and the illustrations.

DURING READING:
1. What type of food do pigs eat?
2. How many pigs are peeling potatoes before the dad comes home?
3. Why is one of the little pigs giving the cat some potatoes?

AFTER READING
(activity to extend book experience):
Look for opportunities in everyday activities for children to count:
- count the steps when going up or down
- count the apples when putting them in a bag at the grocery store
- count to 10 while sitting at a traffic light
- count the toys as they are thrown into the bathtub

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