

August

Family Child Care Professionals of South Dakota, Inc

to empower family child care providers and achieve high quality care for all South Dakota children



Christmas at the Capital

THANK YOU to those who supplied ornaments for our tree! We will bring the ornaments to conference in September and you can claim them there, If you can't make it they will be donated elsewhere. They were all so beautiful and sparkly, we appreciated all the help in making them!



Sioux Falls WOW

February 1st, 2025

Speaker is Author of Loose Parts
Miriam Beloglovsky.



Family Childcare Professionals of South Dakota, Inc is inviting all parents and child care providers to its annual conference "Chaos" beginning September 27th at 7PM and September 28th at 8AM.

Renae Boehmer will keynote this event with "Finding Joy in Chaos" and "Spreading Joy in Chaos." Other classes will be offered covering a variety of topics.

Visit fccpsd.org for class descriptions and registration information. Registration will be open shortly!

Contact Americ Inn in Chamberlain at 605-234-0985 by September 13th to get discounted room rates.

Listen to the Children

About the Founder

Denita Dinger began her journey as a **defender of childhood** with her consulting business, Play Counts, back in 2009. She had been operating her family childcare business in her home since 1998 and simply shared her personal stories, which make her presentations to this day, inspiring and relatable.

She proudly shares her journey from a stubborn, adult-controlling early childhood educator to what she is today, **an honored follower of child-led play**.

Ever since 2009, she has traveled the globe both speaking at events for educators and parents., and providing one on one coaching for the same clientele.

From 2010-2014 she co-authored three books: "Let them Play: An Early Childhood UNcurriculum", "Let them Play" and "Let's All Play" through Redleaf Press.

2014 was a pivotal year in Denita's life, and led to the closing of her family childcare business of 16 years and the opening of Kaleidoscope Play School and Camp Empower.

In 2021, she realized the word "play" was so grossly misinterpreted and desired a clearer name for her consulting business and so.... Listen to the Children was born.

Through all of her work, Denita **passionately shares what she has learned from children** over her 25 year career. She boldly declares "**we are doing it wrong**", and children desperately need adults to use their voices TOGETHER to make change happen.

[Join the email list and also receive her free "Play-by-Play Child-led Post-plan Guide"](#)

I personally have been following Danita on her Facebook page for years, only in the last few years did I even realize she was from South Dakota too! I've learned so much and will continue to do so with her emails, classes, and guides. I highly recommend.

Other Favorites

My Favorite Magazine for Kids

I loved when I had some older preschoolers. One of the not-too-expensive purchases I made for the group was a subscription to My Big World from Scholastic. I received 2 magazines each month for each child, a teacher guide, and access to digital content that relates to the magazine articles about nature which included activities and just plain fun. The magazine is short, colorful, and printed on good quality paper. The kids loved taking it home to show to their parents. We also had a lot of fun adding to the themes as we went along.

The cost for the entire 2024-2025 school year is approximately \$32 for 5 children, and about \$6 more for each additional child. You can visit <https://mybigworld.scholastic.com/> for more information.

Let's Look at Ladybugs

1 Look at this ladybug. How big is it? It is very little. It can fit on the tip of your finger.

2 Look at this ladybug. How many legs does it have? Six. All insects do! A ladybug is an insect.

3 Look at this ladybug. What is it eating? It's eating teeny-tiny insects called aphids.

4 Look at this ladybug. What is it doing? It's flying! It has wings under its shell. It opens its shell and flies!

Clifford's Big Word: Observe

When you **observe** something, you look at it closely.

Observe these ladybugs. What are they doing? What do you notice about them?

PLAY'S DAY!

Playing Preschool

Playing Preschool was created for at-home learning, stay at home parents. You can get sets one and two currently for \$52.40, originally \$69.80. There are themes for those who love themes, ways to make activities harder or easier to help with a variety of ages, supply list for the week and a book list to go along with activities. Although created for parents, I have used in a group setting and found a lot of value from the activities. Bonus points for a one time payment.

PLAYING PRESCHOOL

WELCOME TO PLAYING PRESCHOOL! It is a true honor to be part of your child's first educational experience. We created this homeschool preschool read-along series for you.

MONDAY

OPENING
Morning conversation routine
Song & Prayer

INTRODUCE THE TOPIC
"What are apples?" Have a conversation with your child about apples. "What are apples? How do we get apples?"

READ ALOUD
"We are going to be learning about apples!"
"Did you see how the ladybug is eating the aphids?"

THINK!
Start to get ready for the day.

LEARN
Introduce this to your child.
Lay down your items.
Extendable discussion.

EASY
Tidy up.
Cut out pictures of apples or draw them in.
Play the game.

APPLES WEEK 1

GOALS: Kids will learn about apples, and to identify and tell some parts of an apple. Where apples come from, and what we use apples for.

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
READ ALOUD	Apple The Apple Tree The Apple	Apple The Apple Tree The Apple	Apple The Apple Tree The Apple	Apple The Apple Tree The Apple	Apple The Apple Tree The Apple

QUESTIONS FOR THE WEEK
What are the parts of an apple? How do we use apples?

PLAYING PRESCHOOL: YOU ARE YOUR CHILD'S BEST TEACHER
SUSIE ALLISON, M.ED.

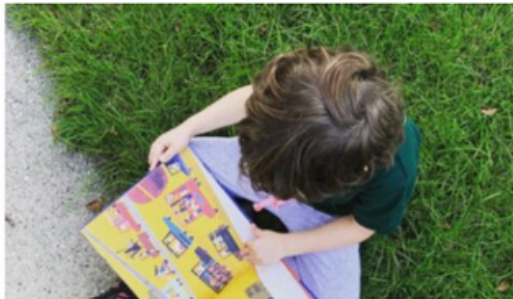
Activities and Recipes



About the Site

“Run Wild My Child, your destination for all things kid-friendly and outdoorsy. This website is dedicated to getting kids outside and back to nature, one adventure at a time. We’re committed to helping families reconnect through outdoor activities and adventure.” - Read more [HERE](#).

This site is great for activities, book recommendations and more with a heavy focus on outdoors.



AUGUST 8, 2023

25 Best Nature Books for Outdoor Adventures

In BOOKS, OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES, SPRING, SUMMER

As the summer sun’s golden rays beckon us outdoors, it’s the perfect time to embark on a literary journey that seamlessly blends the joy of reading with the thrill of outdoor exploration! Whether you’re planning a family hike, a camping escapade, or a simple stroll through the local park, the right nature book can transform your outdoor activities into unforgettable experiences of wonder and discovery. Today, Utah mom of three, Emily Liebel of @inclusivelibrary, is...

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NOVEMBER 30, 2021

Fall Leaf Fun for Kids: Leaf Crafts, Leaf Activities, Leaf Books, and More!

In BOOKS, CRAFTS, FALL, OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

Fall is the perfect time to get outside and have fun! The colorful changing fall leaves add an extra flair of excitement to the mix and create endless possibilities for outdoor fall leaf fun! Today, full-time RV mom of two, Katie Fox is here sharing all kinds of ways we can explore fall leaves and have fun (and maybe even learn something) while doing it! She’s sharing fall leaf craft ideas, fall leaf outdoor activities,...

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