



JUNE 2023

HCPC CONNECTIONS

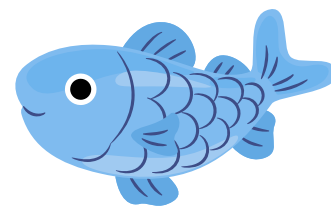
HARNETT COUNTY PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN



HELLO, FRIENDS!

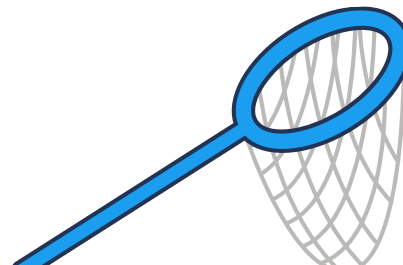
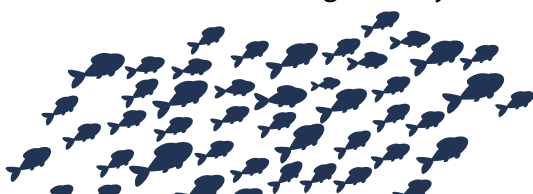
Can you believe it's almost o-*fish*-ally summer?! Time flies when you're having fun, and HCPC wants to keep you *hooked* on the excitement of early childhood.

For the month of June, our Ready to Grow and Circle of Parents schedules will be changing, so pay close attention to this month's calendar. Our *fin*-tastic Family Support Team has put together a *reel*-y cool schedule that includes Summer Adventures and playtimes at county parks! Don't be *koi* - seas the day and join the fun!



SPECIAL DATES

- **June 7th:** RTG Block Party
- **June 9th:** Last day of school for the 2022-2023 Harnett County school year.
- **June 14th:** RTG Donuts with Dad
- **June 17th:** HCPC at Harnett County Public Library Summer Reading Kickoff
- **June 21st:** RTG Summer Adventures #1 at Erwin Splashpad





HCPC MISSION:

Our mission is to improve the quality of life for young children and families in Harnett County, through community based programs focusing on health, education, and family support.

HCPC STAFF:

Tara Fish, Executive Director

Dollie Adcock, Healthy Activities Specialist

Janine Bogwicz, Community Outreach Coordinator

Jordan Ellis, Family Support Specialist

Debbie Fann, Fiscal Specialist

Ashleigh Goss, Early Childhood Program Specialist

Whitney Heath, Family Support Specialist

Melanie Jacobson, Early Childhood Program Specialist

Carmen Martell, Lead Family Support Specialist

Kim Polinski, NC Pre-K Program Support Specialist

Amy Rackley, NC Pre-K Program Support Specialist

Lynda Turlington, Early Childhood Program Coordinator

Lena West, NC Pre-K Program Support Specialist

Katie Willoughby, Family Support Specialist

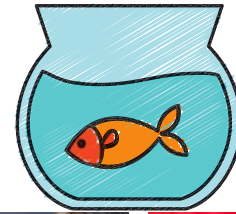


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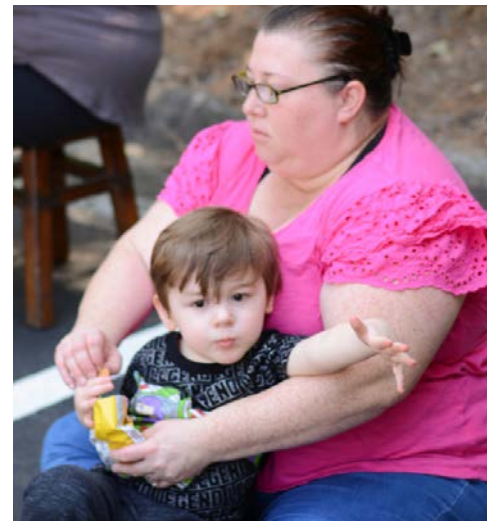
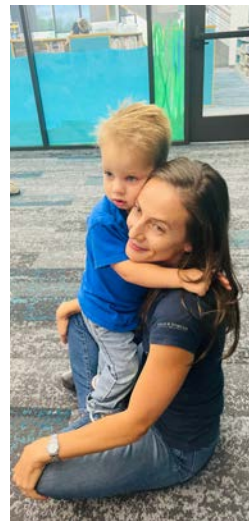
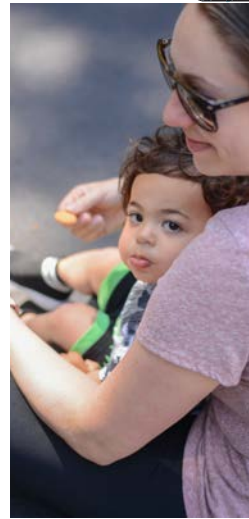


SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER
YOUR CHILD FOR FREE BOOKS!





A LOOK BACK AT MAY:



SUN.	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT.
  <div>*PLEASE NOTE NEW RTG & COP SCHEDULE*</div>				<div>1</div> <div>9:30am- COP (Lillington)</div> <div>10am- Zumbini (YMCA)</div> <div>11am- Zumbini (YMCA)</div> <div>4:30pm- COP (Lillington)</div>	<div>2</div> <div>10am- Super Hero Yoga (HCPL)</div> 	<div>3</div>
<div>4</div> <div>10:30am- RTG (Lillington)</div>	<div>5</div>	<div>6</div> <div>10am- Zumbini (HCPL)</div> <div>10:30am- RTG (Lillington Riverfront Park)</div> <div>11am- Zumbini (HCPL)</div> <div>1:00pm- RTG (YMCA)</div> 	<div>7</div> <div>10am- Super Hero Yoga (DPL)</div> <div>10:30am- RTG The Ultimate Block Party</div> 	<div>8</div> <div>10am- Zumbini (EPL)</div> <div>12:00pm- COP (Lillington)</div>	<div>9</div> <div>10am- Super Hero Yoga (Angier Depot Square)</div> 	<div>10</div>
<div>11</div> <div>10:30am- RTG (Lillington)</div>	<div>12</div>	<div>13</div> <div>10:30am- RTG (Jack Marley Park, Angier)</div> <div>1:00pm- RTG (YMCA)</div> 	<div>14</div> <div>10:30am- RTG Donuts with Dad</div> <div>2:30pm- RTG Donuts with Dad</div> 	<div>15</div> <div>12:00pm- COP (Lillington)</div>	<div>16</div>	<div>17</div> <div>HCPC at HCPL Summer Reading Kickoff Event</div>
<div>18</div> <div>HAPPY Father's DAY</div> 	<div>19</div> <div>10am- Zumbini (EPL)</div> <div>10:30am- RTG (Lillington)</div>	<div>20</div> <div>10am- Zumbini (HCPL)</div> <div>10:30am- RTG (Little River Community Park, Linden)</div> <div>11am- Zumbini (HCPL)</div> <div>1:00pm- RTG (YMCA)</div> 	<div>21</div> <div>10am- Super Hero Yoga (CPL)</div> <div>10:30am- RTG Summer Adventures (Erwin Splashpad)</div>  <div>LET'S GO ADVENTURE</div>	<div>22</div> <div>10am- Zumbini (YMCA)</div> <div>11am- Zumbini (YMCA)</div> <div>12:00pm- COP (Lillington)</div>	<div>23</div> <div>10am- Super Hero Yoga (EPL)</div>  	<div>24</div>
<div>25</div>	<div>26</div>	<div>27</div>	<div>28</div>	<div>29</div>	<div>30</div>	<div>NO HCPC EVENTS THE LAST WEEK OF JUNE.</div>

HARNETT COUNTY
PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN



THE
**ULTIMATE
BLOCK
PARTY**

Family Connections, 170 Pine State St, Lillington

June 7th @ 10:30am



FUN
&
CREATIVE
PLAY

Block Building, Activities, Games,
Music & Dance, Storytime



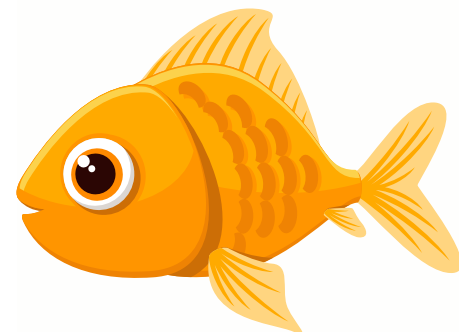
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Circle of Parents

Círculo de Padres

CIRCLE of PARENTS®
Sharing Ideas. Sharing Support.



Parenting is joyful, but can also present difficulties and challenges.
Es una dicha ser padres, pero también presenta dificultades y desafíos.

Feel empowered, supported, and strengthened as you attend weekly Circle of Parents' meetings. Join other Harnett County parents/caregivers at our Circle of Parents' group.

Siéntase empoderado, apoyado y fortalecido mientras asiste a las reuniones semanales del Círculo de Padres. Únase a otros padres/proveedor de cuidados del Condado de Harnett en nuestro grupo de Círculo de Padres.

- JUNE 1ST
THURSDAY @ 9:30AM & 4:30PM
- JUNE 8TH, 15TH & 22ND
THURSDAYS @ 12PM / 170 PINE STATE ST, LILLINGTON
LOCATION FOR JUNE DATES: 170 PINE STATE ST, LILLINGTON

To register, email familysupport@harnettsmartstart.org or call 910-893-2344.
Para registrarse, envíe un correo electrónico a familysupport@harnettsmartstart.org
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SUMMER GLOW-BINI



JOIN MS. DOLLIE FOR A SPECIAL
CHILDREN'S GLOW IN THE DARK
ZUMBINI DANCE PARTY!

DATE: Saturday, July 8th

TIMES: 10:30am, 11:30am, 12:30pm

LOCATION: YMCA, 107 Carletta Cagle Dr, Cameron

REGISTER: [HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/YE5R2MEV](https://tinyurl.com/ye5r2mev)

****ONE TIME SLOT PER FAMILY****



DATE: Friday, July 14th

TIMES: 10:30am and 11:30am

LOCATION: Coats Community Bldg

127 S McKinley St., Coats

Register: <https://tinyurl.com/y5r2w87m>

****ONE TIME SLOT PER FAMILY****





HEALTHY HABITS FOR HARNETT

JUNE YOGA CLASSES



Calling All Super Friends.....

The world's mightiest heroes will gather for a
Super Hero yoga class .



Scan QR Code to Register

Harnett County Library (Lillington)- June 2nd @ 10:00

Dunn Library- June 7th @ 10:00

Angier- June 9th @ 10:00

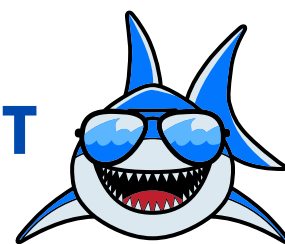
Coats Library- June 21st @ 10:00

Erwin Library- June 23rd @ 10:00



HEALTHY HABITS FOR HARNETT

JUNE & JULY ZUMBINI CLASSES



JUNE
zumbini
with Ms. Dollie



Registration Required
Space is Limited

Harnett County Public Library (Lillington)
Anger
Erwin Public Library
Saleeby YMCA



JULY
zumbini
with Ms. Dollie

Registration Required
Space is Limited



Harnett County Public Library
(Lillington)
Erwin Public Library
Saleeby YMCA
Coats Community Building



HEALTHY HABIT TIP OF THE MONTH - CAN YOUNG CHILDREN EAT FISH?

Infants 6 months and older can eat 1 to 2 servings a week of a variety of fish that are lower in mercury. The serving size is 1 ounce. Options for fish that are low in mercury: canned light tuna, catfish (farm-raised), pollock, salmon, shad, tilapia, whitefish, and whiting.

If you have questions about fish choices for your child, talk with your pediatrician. Your regional Pediatric Environmental Health Specialty Unit (PEHSU) have staff who can also talk with parents about concerns over environmental toxins: Call (877) 337-3478, email sepehsu@emory.edu or visit <http://www.pediatrics.emory.edu/centers/pehsu/index.html>





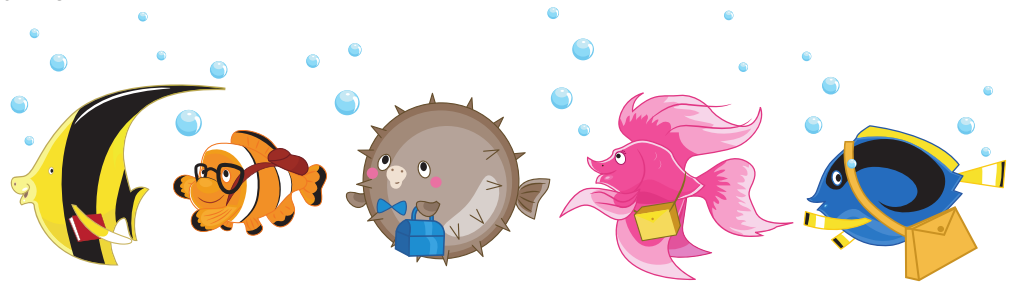
2023-2024 NC PRE-K

APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE AT:



A FEW KEY NOTES FROM THE HARNETT COUNTY NC PRE-K STAFF:

- Applications need to be in before June 30th for the first round of placements!
- Once your application has been received you will get a letter via mail around July 15th regardingt placement into the NC Pre-K program.
- We have started the screening process for Harnett County. Be on the lookout for an email from NC Pre-K for screening dates. If you receive the email, please do not share it with friends. We are strategically inviting children to sign up and will eventually get to all our applicants.



Applications submitted by June 30th will be considered for the first round of placements.





READY TO GROW



Ready to Grow Playgroup facilitates developmentally appropriate playgroups for children and caregivers who reside in Harnett County. Eligible children must be between the ages of birth through 5 years old. Playgroup facilitators use Kaleidoscope Play & Learn Curriculum to provide hands on activities that focus on early literacy and social emotional competency. Caregivers learn about the purpose of play and will connect with other parents during group time. Children and caregivers will participate in coordinated group activities to prepare the children for success in school.

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Lillington Playgroup meets on Mondays at 10:30am-12pm at 170 Pine State St, Lillington.

Playgroups at The Park meets on Tuesdays at 10:30am-12pm. Park locations will vary - please check calendar on page 4 for details.

Playgroup Summer Adventures will meet on Wednesdays at 10:30am beginning June 21st. Locations will vary - please check calendar on page 4 for details.

YMCA Playgroup meets on Tuesdays at 1pm - 2:30pm at 107 Carletta Cagle Dr, Cameron.

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HAVE FUN



READY TO GROW PLAYGROUP

THEME OF THE MONTH:

What's In A Name

CAREGIVERS WILL LEARN:

How children can gain a positive sense of self and identify who they are through their name.

KEY MESSAGE

1. As children develop, they start to develop their sense of self, that they are individual people separate from their parents, caregivers, and others.
2. Having a positive sense of self gives children (and adults!) the self-confidence to try new things and to understand the impact that their actions has on others and the world.



BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE MONTH:

- Chrysanthemum, by Kevin Henkes
- My Name is Alice, by Jane E. Bayer
- What's Your Name? From Ariel to Zoe by Eva Sanders and Marilyn Sanders
- Anni Bananie, by Leah Komaiko
- Earl's too Cool for Me, by Leah Komaiko



SUMMER ADVENTURES

Hello friends!

We have some exciting news for you! We will be kicking off the summer with The Ultimate HCPC Block Party on June 7th. Each week thereafter will be followed by weekly summer adventures throughout Harnett County from June through the month of August. Make plans to come explore and spend your summer with us!





GRUPO DE JUEGOS LISTO PARA CRECER

El Grupo de Juegos Listo para Crecer tendrán sus reuniones en persona en Lillington. Las familias del condado de Harnett, que tengan niños recién nacidos hasta 5 años de edad, son bienvenidos a participar. Las familias tendrán la oportunidad de aprender y jugar con otras familias en persona.

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Aventuras de Verano - Miércoles de 10:30am-12pm, comenzando el 21 de junio. Por favor, prestar atención al calendario (pag. 4) para mas detalles.

Día de Juegos en el Parque - Martes de 10:30-12pm. Por favor, prestar atención al calendario (pag.4) para mas detalles.

Lillington Playgroup - Lunes de 10:30am - 12pm @ 170 Pine State St, Lillington, NC 27546

YMCA Playgroup - Martes de 1pm - 2:30pm @ at 107 Carletta Cage Dr, Cameron.

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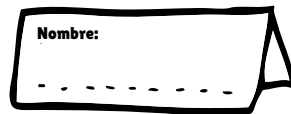
¿Qué es un nombre?

LOS CUIDADORES APRENDERÁN:

Cómo los niños pueden obtener un sentido positivo de sí mismos e identificar quiénes son a través de su nombre.

MENSAJES CLAVE:

1. A medida que los niños se desarrollan, comienzan a tener un mejor sentido de sí mismos, que son personas individuales separadas de sus padres, cuidadores y otros.
2. Tener un sentido positivo de sí mismo les da a los niños (¡y adultos!) la confianza en sí mismos para tratar cosas nuevas y comprender el impacto que sus acciones tienen en los demás y en el mundo.



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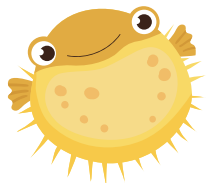


AVENTURAS DE VERANO:

¡Hola amigos!

¡Tenemos algunas noticias emocionantes para ti! Comenzaremos el verano con la mejor fiesta de bloques el día 7 de junio. A partir de entonces, cada semana seguirán aventuras de verano en todo el condado de Harnett hasta el mes de agosto. ¡Haz planes para venir a explorar y pasar el verano con nosotros!





STEP



Thanks to all who attended the 2023 HCPC Early Child Care Provider Dinner!



UPCOMING EVENTS FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD TEACHERS & DIRECTORS:



JUNE 27TH

Spoons, cups, and faces,
Homemade games for children.



We are hosting Make-It & Take-It activities on the last Tuesday of every month for early childhood teachers and directors! Our office hours will be from 9am - 7pm at 327 Pine State St, Lillington. All projects will take approximately 30 minutes to complete. Come as your schedule allows - there is no set time or need for an appointment. Questions? Email lynda.turlington@harnettsmartstart.org or call 910-893-2344.



KIDS' CORNER



A GIFT FOR SOMEONE SPECIAL:

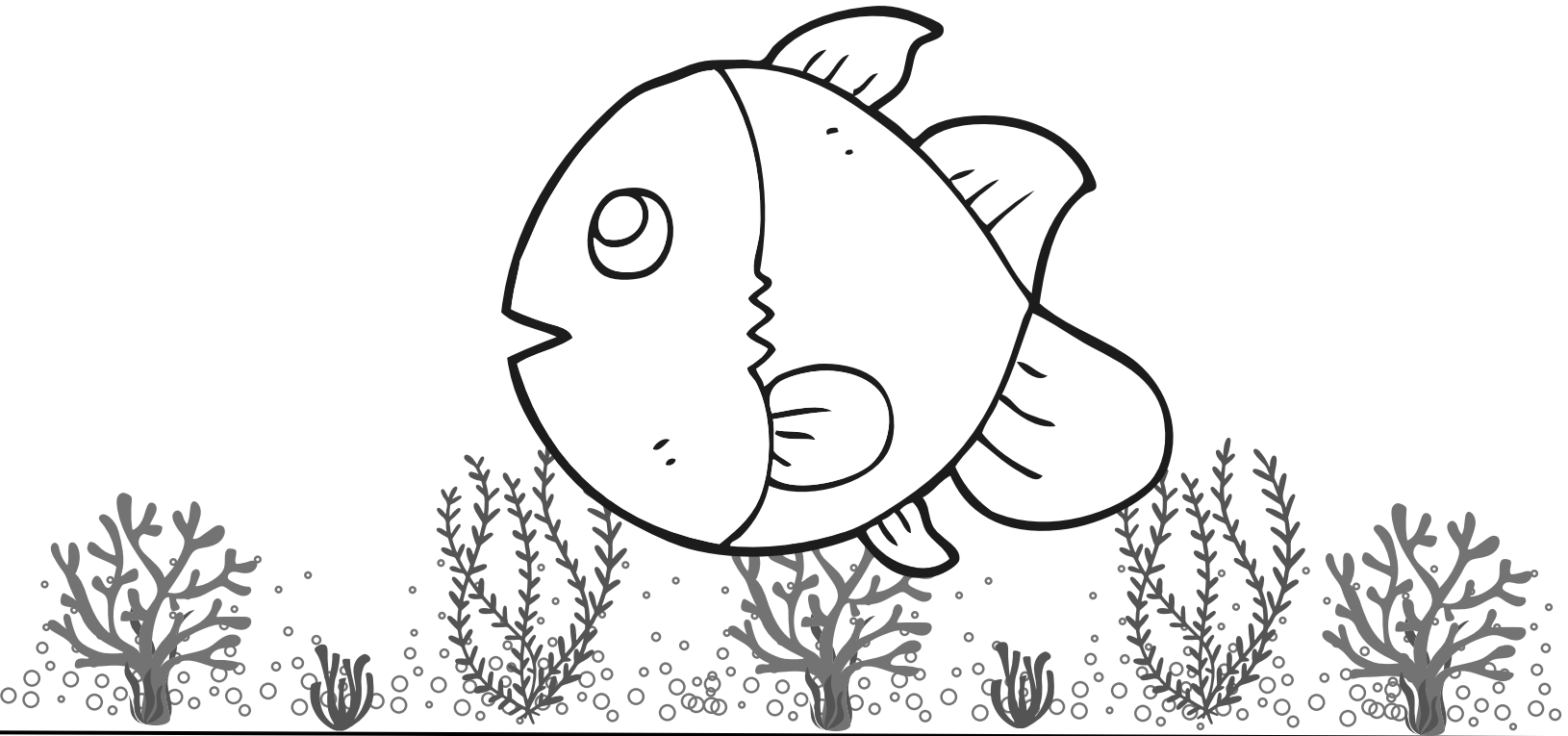
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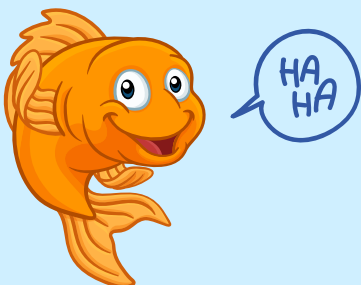
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YOU'RE GREAT!



JOKE OF THE MONTH:

Why do fish like to eat worms?

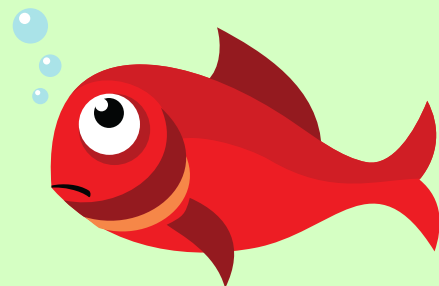


**Because they get hooked on them!*



FUN FACT OF THE MONTH:

DID YOU KNOW?



Most fish don't have eyelids.



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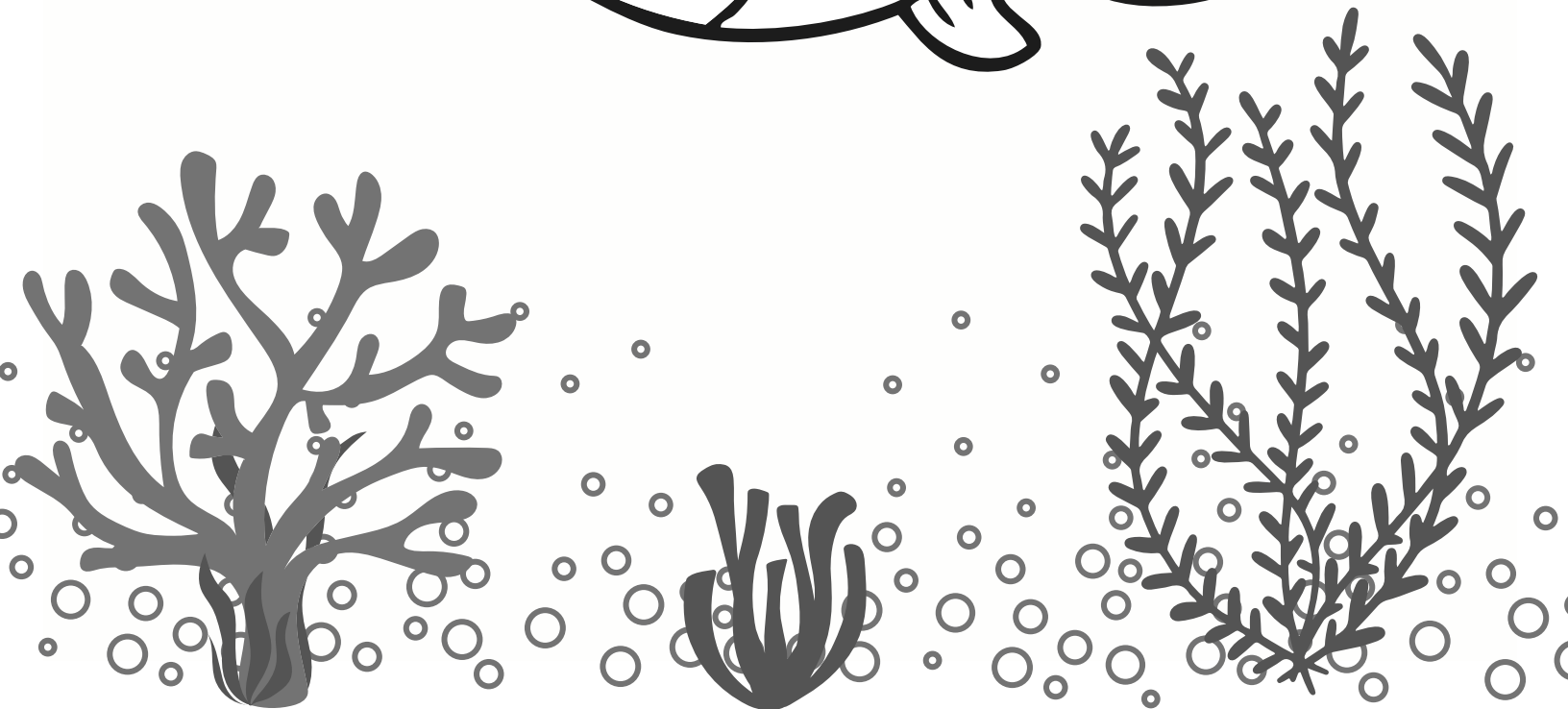
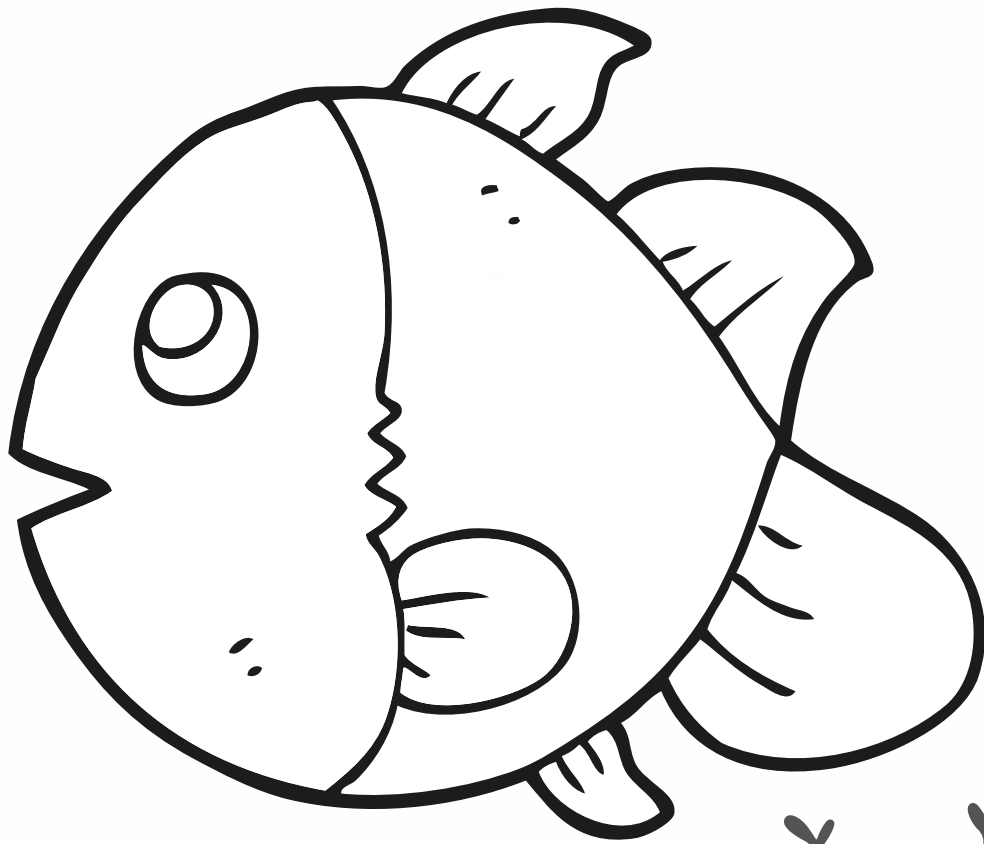
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KIDS' CORNER



FISH OR INSECTS- CATCH THE FISH BY CIRCLING THEM BELOW.

Young children start to classify and categorize things around them very quickly in trying to understand how things are interconnected. This activity can help build vocabulary, encourage concentration and memory, and helps develop hand-eye coordination.



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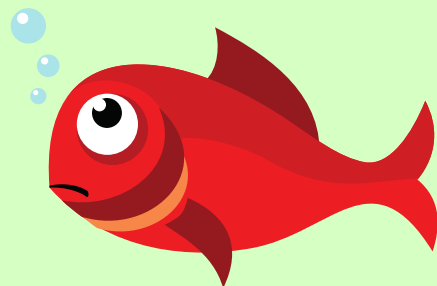


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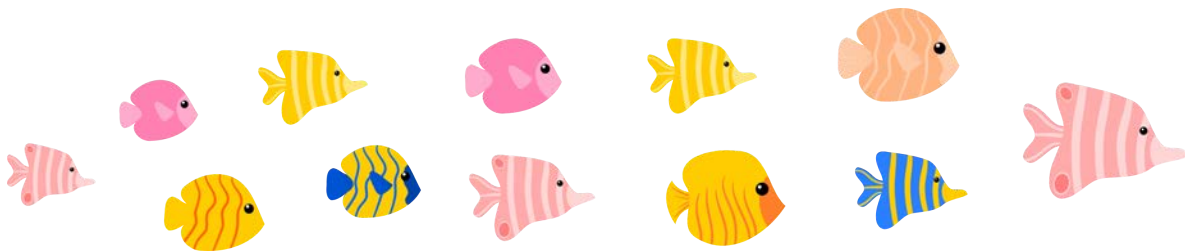
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-  - Lillington Ready to Grow Playgroup (RTG)
-  - RTG Summer Adventures
-  - Circle of Parents (COP)
-  - Zumbini
-  - YMCA Ready to Grow Playgroup (RTG)
-  - RTG @ The Park
-  - Super Hero Yoga

June



LOCATIONS:

CPL - Coats Public Library

DPL - Dunn Public Library

EPL - Erwin Public Library

HCPL - Harnett County Public Library

Angier Depot Square: 19 W Depot St., Angier

Jack Marley Park: 145 State Rd 1441, Angier, NC

Lillington Groups: 170 Pine State St., Lillington

Lillington Riverfront Park: 235 E Duncan St, Lillington

Little River Community Park: 5010 Loop Rd, Linden

YMCA: 107 Carletta Cagle Dr, Cameron

JUNE IS ALSO:

NATIONAL FRESH FRUIT AND VEGETABLE MONTH

Add color to your family's meals during National Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Month in June. As the peak season for many early garden crops find their way into markets, it's an excellent time to take advantage of these freshly picked fruits and vegetables.

NATIONAL GREAT OUTDOORS MONTH

National Great Outdoors Month in June reminds us to explore our nation's abundant wildlife refuges, parks, and natural beauty. No matter our preferred mode of enjoying the great outdoors – hiking, biking, camping to name a few – nature is calling! Help teach your children to pursue the beauty and majesty of the big skies and open spaces the outdoors offers.

