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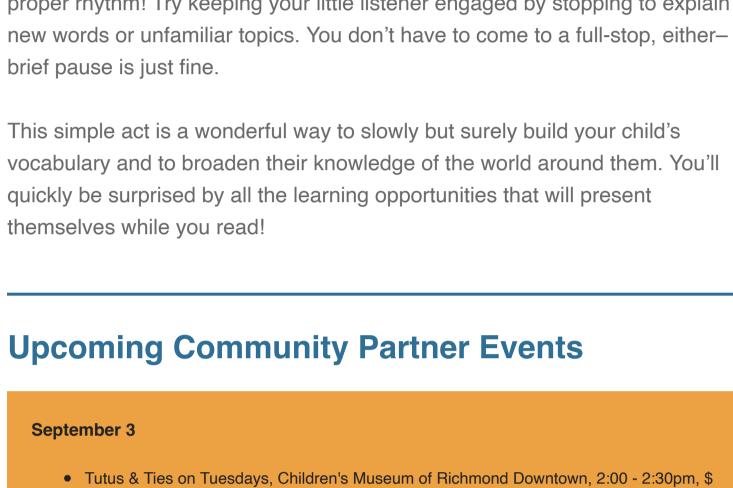
**ILRVA Had a Blast at RPS Summer Fest!** Richmond Public School's Summer Fest is always a massive hit in the Richmond community. Last month, this back-to-school event brought folks together at Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School for a day of fun, food, and prizes as families signed their little ones up for preschool. By the close of the event, members of the Imagination Library RVA team registered dozens of

children to receive free books.

As schools across RVA open their doors and summer slips away, we look forward to joining RPS again for next year's Summer Fest! **ILRVA Graduation Party!** 

Join us for a





copy of Richmond Family Magazine, available at over 850 spots all over RVA, including these locations. **Partner Spotlight** 

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**September 8** 

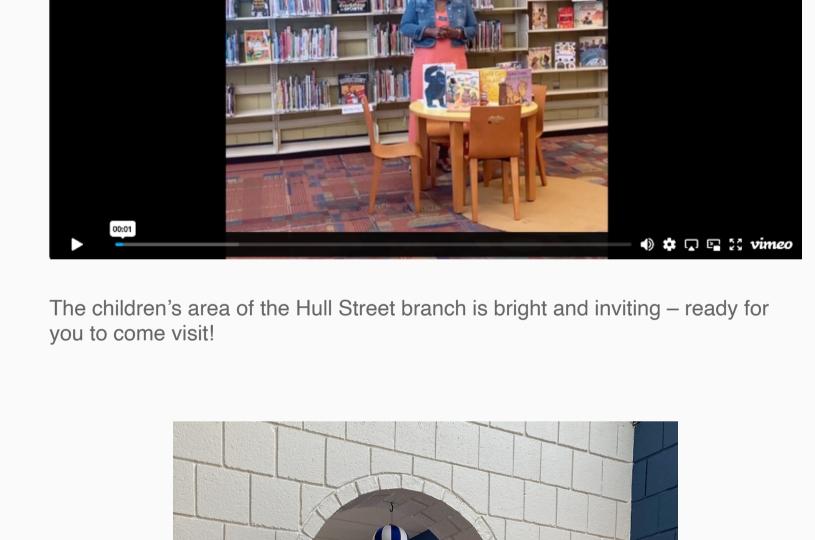


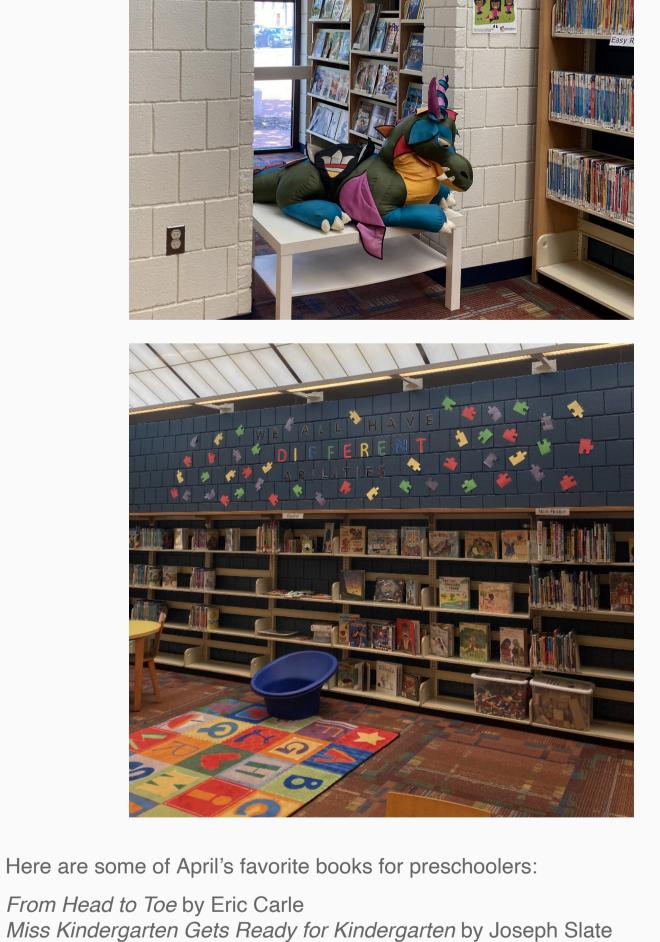
RPS classroom teachers, educators, and administrators, as well as thousands of families and children. Through ExCELL's programs and training, teachers have demonstrated significant improvements in the quality of teacher-child interactions, the quality of classroom language and literacy environments, and the use of research-based instructional strategies. Also, families and parents have significantly enhanced their home literacy environments and improved use

### **Preschool Story Time** Reading aloud to your child is one of the very best ways to build literacy skills. Preschoolers love stories full of wordplay and humor, especially when there are vibrant, engaging illustrations to explore.

reading momentum!

friends, and check out a stack of books to take home. Here is April from the Hull Street branch to give you all the details: Preschool Storytime at the Library with April





Davide Gets in Trouble by David Shannon Llama Llama Gram and Grandpa by Anna Dewdney Pete The Cat and the Cool Cat Boogie by Kimberly and James Dean Don't Forget to Pause for New Words This Month!

**Basics Pause for New Words** Books often serve as gateways for new vocabulary. When you are reading with your child, take a moment to point out words your child doesn't know. It can be helpful to pause and explain what the words mean. For instance, if you

Your September 2024 "Focus on the Basics" Tip

### encounter the term lavender, you could say, "That's a type of flower. It's light purple and smells really nice." Visit this principle from the Basics here.

To learn more about how you can Read and Discuss Stories, click here. Early childhood organizations all around the City of Richmond have joined The Basics movement, a strategy for whole communities to support vibrant learning

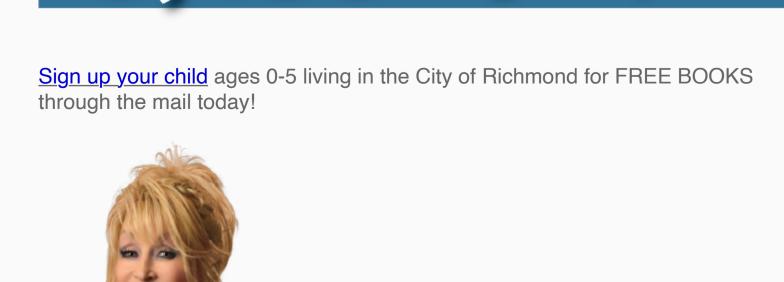
caregiving principles that support social, emotional, and cognitive development. Each month Read to Them will highlight tips and strategies that will assist you

and brain development among infants, toddlers and preschoolers. Fun, simple, and powerful, starting at birth, The Basics are five science-based parenting and

in creating a sturdy foundation for school readiness for our youngest citizens. Visit the Basics Virginia.org for more information.

**Current Number of RVA Readers...** 

Celebrating 3,455 Sign-ups!



As Dolly says, "You can

books into the hands of

never get enough

enough children!"



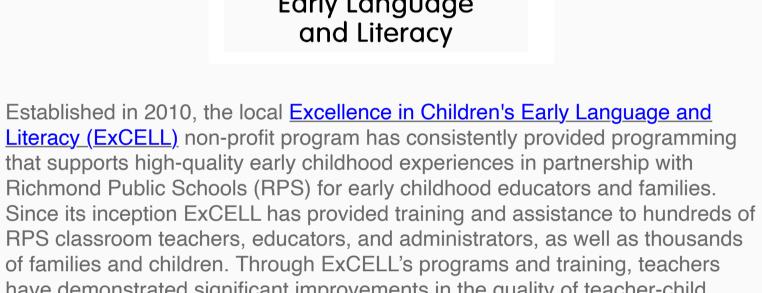
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- It can be so easy to lose yourself in a book... especially once you've set a proper rhythm! Try keeping your little listener engaged by stopping to explain new words or unfamiliar topics. You don't have to come to a full-stop, either—a
- 11:00am, free with museum admission • Educator Night in Honor of Spanish Heritage Month, Book People, 4:30pm-6:30pm, free September 7 • Imagination Library RVA Graduation Party, Main Library, 10:00am - 12:00pm, free

• Bilingual Storytime - French, Children's Museum of Richmond Downtown, 10:30am -

• Richmond Flying Squirrels - Fan Appreciation Day, The Diamond, 12:30 - 5:00pm, Kids Club Sundays are free for all kids ages 14 and younger every home game at The Diamond. Have a community event you would like us to include? **Email us!** For even more community events for the whole family, be sure to pick up a free



of community resources (Families use libraries, parks, and other locations visited on field trips.) Child outcomes have consistently shown significant gains in all targeted early literacy skills, including 95-100% of children meeting benchmarks in three key predictors of later reading achievement, alphabet knowledge, emergent writing, and phonological awareness for students in ExCELL supported classrooms. We Love Our Local Libraries! Is your reader eager to get their hands on more books? Visit your local library! Sign up for a library card to keep the

## One great way to expand your read-aloud experience is by going to story time at your local public library branch. You can see a pro in action, meet some new