



# Family Connections

## Places for Family Fun!



\*\* Play grounds at any local fast food establishments, malls and/or public parks. All of these places provide great opportunities for kids to meet others and practice their language and social skills.

\*\* Bob Woodruff Park  
2601 San Gabriel Drive

\*\* Arbor Hills Nature Preserve  
6701 W. Parker

\*\* Oak Point Park & Nature Preserve Trail  
5901 Los Rios Blvd., Plano

\*\* Take a ride on the DART

\*\* Plano Recreation Centers

\*\* Local Cultural Festivals/Events

\*\* Take a trip to your local library. Visit this website, [www.planolibrary.org](http://www.planolibrary.org), or your nearest library, to get information on upcoming events!

\*\* Children's weekly story-time at local bookstores.



\*\* Local environmental and nature educational outings

\*\* READ Books to your child!



## Here is a fun family project from our Frog Street Curriculum:

Obtain a large appliance box. Take photos along the way and invite children to create a book that documents their planning and their work. Encourage children to discuss the box size and shape.

*What shape will the windows be?*

*What about the door or doors?*



Show the children simple architectural plans. Invite them to begin to draw designs of what they will do with the box.

*Will they make a house?*

*Will they make a building or a store?*

*Can they use the box to create a new Safe Place?*

Discuss the options for finishing the outside of the box (brick, paint, texture, windows, door) and the inside of the box ( paint, wallpaper, crayon or marker designs, artwork displays, floor, furnishings).



Discuss the tools that will be needed (paintbrushes, rollers, cutters, markers, rulers, crayons).

Allow children to begin working on the outside of their project. Encourage children to finish the inside of their project. Discuss furnishing (pillows, lights, wall decorations, books).

## REMINDERS

### APPROPRIATE CLOTHING

Now that the weather is nice, we will be going outside to the playground more. Please make sure that your child is wearing shoes that are conducive to running and climbing. We want all of our Prairie friends to be safe on the playground! Please wear shorts under dresses!



### ABSENCES

Remember to send a note for every absence that your child has the day he/she returns back to school . A doctor's note is required for absences over 5 consecutive days for illness and must be received within 3 days of the child's return (including day back).

### Summer School

Summer School is available for all Bilingual/ESL students. More information is available from your child's teacher.

