



# The Crier

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## Social Emotional Literacy for Young Children

Focus on using literacy to develop and support the social emotional development of young children. Discover a variety of children's books that will assist in identifying strategies for supporting the development of friendship skills; building social emotional vocabulary in children and the importance of

providing opportunities for children to begin to understand their own, as well as others' emotions. Melanie Reese is an Early Education Specialist for Grant Wood Area Education Agency. **Meets CDA competency:** Positive Ways to Support Children's Social and Emotional Development

This session will take place on Wednesday, January 23, 2013 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Kirkwood Vinton Center, 111 West Third Street, Vinton, Iowa. **To register for this class contact Kirkwood at 319/472-2318.**

Maximum enrollment for this class is 25.

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## Just A Bite: Managing Food Allergies in Child Care

The incidence of food allergies is on the rise, increasing the chances that childcare providers will have a child with food allergies under their care. What are the most common food allergens? Learn the signs and symptoms of food allergies and common food allergens for children. Practice altering menus to

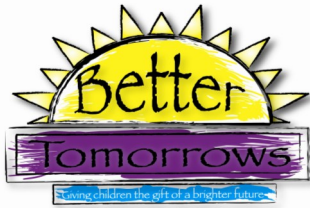
avoid food allergens and reading labels to identify food allergens. **Meets CDA Competency:** Planning a safe, healthy learning environment. Instructor is a registered dietitian from ISU Ext. TBA-to be announced.

This session will take place on Wednesday, February 20, 2013 from 7:00

p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Iowa State Extension Office, 203 W. High Street #1, Toledo, 641/484-2703. **To register for this class contact Kirkwood at 319/472-2318.**

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## Using Behavior Strategies With Young Children

Let's explore general behavior strategies to support young children. Discuss why children need to learn to control anger and handle disappointment and you will be able to identify strategies to teach anger management skills. You will understand the importance of teaching problem solving steps and how to teach them to young children. Melanie Reese is an Early Education Specialist for Grant Wood Area Education Agency. **Meets CDA Competency:** Positive ways to support /children's social emotional development

This session will take place on Wednesday, March 6, 2013 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Kirkwood Vinton Center, 111 West Third Street, Vinton, Iowa. **To register for this class contact Kirkwood at 319/472-2318.** Maximum enrollment for this class is 25.

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## Letting Go: How To Implement A Process Based Art Philosophy

Art is about the process of exploring and creating based on the interests and skills of the artists: to do develop those skills children need the opportunity to practice and explore using open ended materials to create drawings, paintings, sculptures, etc. Many times parents and teachers get caught up in the "cuteness" of crafts and forget the main learning objective is for the children to be exploring art processes, not creating a pre-determined end product. Participants will gain information on how to set up an art area for independent use, how to display artwork, and how to work with parents in understanding the importance of exploring art processes and not so much art This class meets CDA competency: Steps to advance children's physical and intellectual development. with Brenda O'Halloran, BA ECE

This session will take place on Wednesday, April 2, 2013 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Iowa State Extension Office, 203 W. High Street #1, Toledo, 641/484-2703. **To register for this class contact Kirkwood at 319/472-2318.** Maximum enrollment for this class is 25.

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