



Minding the Baby
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You Are Invited!

It's time for our Yearly Minding the Baby Reunion!

Where? The CT Children's Museum in New Haven

When? Thursday, March 31, 2011

What time? 10 am – 12 noon

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Loving to Learn: Help Your Child Have Fun Learning!

We are all born to learn and we keep learning new things throughout our lives. We enjoy different activities and ways of learning that may be different than other people do. If you have more than one child, you have probably noticed that each child learns in different ways and enjoys different things. We use our senses when we learn – sight, smell, sound, touch, and taste.



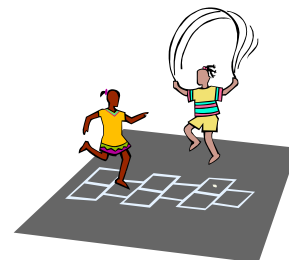
Here are a few of the ways we learn:

- Watching others
- Looking at pictures
- Trying it out
- Asking for help
- Making music and dancing
- Taking things apart
- Putting things together
- Counting
- Matching
- Writing
- Repeating something over and over again until we know it well
- Talking
- Pretending – dress up, doing what mommy does, playing with puppets or a dollhouse
- Reading and hearing stories about other people
- Looking things up on the internet or at the library
- Swinging, sliding, and running

- Walking outside and looking and listening to nature
- Doing an art activity

Studies show that children learn best when they can move about and explore. Great places like the Connecticut Children's Museum in New Haven (where the MTB reunion will be on the 31st!) are built so this can happen in a safe and fun way.

When you come to the reunion at the Children's Museum, watch your little one and see how she or he chooses to explore the museum! It may be different than you expect.



Turn over for free activities and Reunion Details!

Free Activities To Consider In New Haven

1) **The Peabody Museum:** Admission and parking are free on Thursday afternoons from 2-5 pm, September through June (not in the summer). The dinosaurs are popular! Plus, there are many other fun things to discover.

2) **The Public Library:** Your local library has wonderful free programs for you and your little one. Check out the Fair Haven Public Library on Tuesday mornings for Family Play Time! This is for children from newborn to 4 years old. There are many other free programs at the area libraries.

Did you know that you can check out free museum passes from some of the public libraries? They are usually “first come-first served” and they often have to be returned within a day or two, but many museums offer free or discounted admissions to area attractions through the library. Ask your local librarian today!

3) **Local Parks:** Many parks & beaches are free! There is so much to learn and enjoy outdoors, any time of year. Spring is full of fun and discovery. Take your child for a walk or a hike!



It's Reunion Time!

Please join us for our yearly get-together! The MTB reunion will be at the **Connecticut Children's Museum on Thursday, March 31st**. We will start at 10:00 am and end at 12:00 noon. Feel free to bring family members too!

Come and enjoy the museum with your kids! We really look forward to this time to see you. **We love to see you and your little (or not so little) ones!**

The Children's Museum is on **22 Wall Street in New Haven**, on the corner of Orange Street and Wall Street. See below for directions. **Parking is FREE!**

If you have questions, call 203-785-5589 or Denise Webb at 203-430-0975.

Directions...

From the Green and State Street: From Church Street, turn RIGHT onto ELM STREET. Turn LEFT onto STATE STREET/US-5 N. Turn LEFT onto WALL ST. The Connecticut Children's Museum is on the corner of Orange Street & Wall Street.

By Bus: Take Bus M.

By Trolley: Get off at the stop at the corner of Orange and Wall Streets.

For FREE Parking: Park in the Pro Park lot on Orange Street next to the museum. Bring your ticket to the reunion and the parking fee will be paid by the museum.



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Happy Spring from Minding the Baby!