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## WELCOME MONTY MARSH!

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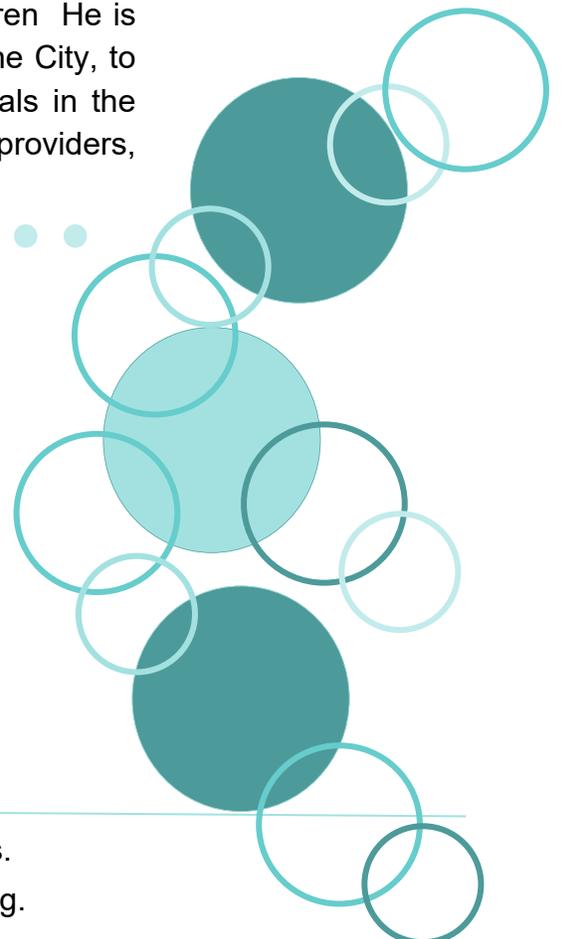
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Monty Marsh is excited to join the Child Care Unit as the Early Care and Education Manager in the Community Development Division. Monty previously worked at the Department of Children and Families managing projects for the Race to the Top Early Learning Challenge Grant, leading child care quality improvement initiatives and overseeing the Wisconsin Southern Regional Office of Child Care Licensing.

Monty has experience working for City Accredited child care programs in a variety of roles including teacher, site supervisor and camp director. Monty is passionate about the work of early childhood education and strives to do what is best for children. He is excited to be part of an amazing team at the City, to be working with so many great professionals in the field and is looking forward to supporting providers, children and families moving forward.



## CHILD SIZE MASKS

The Child Care Unit is again working to secure child sized masks. Keep an eye out for a sign up form with distribution details coming.

## UPDATE ON CLASSROOM OBSERVATION/ACCREDITATION

Given the surge in COVID-19 and the rise in the delta variant the Child Care Unit has suspended in person observations or meetings with programs until further notice. We want to remind you that your accreditation will not expire. We are eager to get back into programs and we miss all of you. Please know that your specialist is available for support and resources via phone or e-mail. Your specialist will continue to check in on programs regularly as we all continue to navigate through these challenging times.

We will be taking the following steps to determine which programs we will be visiting:

- ◆ Date of most recent accreditation
- ◆ Needs of the program
- ◆ Stability of the program and turnover rates
- ◆ Programs who were in the process of accreditation and were paused due to the pandemic

As a result of the pandemic the specialists need to reevaluate their work plans and caseloads.



## UPCOMING ENEWS



We would like to begin highlighting programs, classrooms, teachers or directors in our E-news. If your program has had or is having a special event, achievement or occurrence please let us know. If you want to recognize a staff member or director please contact us. If you or your program are embarking on changes, renovations, upgrades, redesign we would love to help you share this. If someone in your program is particularly talented in any area that involves ECE we would love to hear about it. (for example: room arrangement, family engagement, dramatic play, interest centers such as dramatic play, science, sensory and so on)



## THE IMPORTANCE OF SELF-CARE

Another school year is upon us. As we gather supplies, prepare classrooms and lesson plans let's not forget to check in with ourselves. There is a lot of discussion around the importance of self-care. But what does self-care look like?

Believe it or not, many of us are already doing self-care, we just don't call it that. Maybe you are taking down time for yourself or maybe you call it maintaining your sanity. But the things we do to ensure we are our best selves is part of self-care.

The picture below is an overview of some self-care types. You'll probably be pleasantly surprised to realize you are already doing these things. This is only an example of some options. The beauty of self-care is you can personalize it based on what works for you.



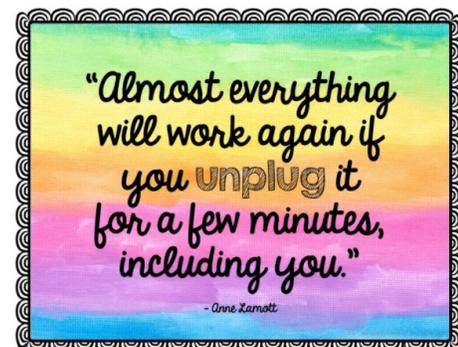
## SELF-CARE GUIDED PRACTICES

Mindfulness classes through UW Health

<https://www.uwhealth.org/services/mindfulness-based-stress-reduction/>

Grounding Information and Exercises

<https://www.cityofmadison.com/employee-assistance-program/documents/Grounding%20and%20Practical%20Tools%20Handout.pdf>



# BACK2SCHOOL BLOCK PARTY

Theresa Terrace Neighborhood Center will be hosting its 6th annual Back2School Block Party on Thursday, August 26 from 5-7 pm!

Free backpacks, supplies, food and entertainment for the family! Please consider the flier attached as your invitation. Please pass the invite along to your teams, clients, and families.



6th Annual  
**Back2School**  
**BLOCK PARTY**  
Thursday, August 26, 2021 5-7 p.m.

Backpack & Supply Giveaway for grades K-5

BBQ Meal  
Balloon Artist  
Airbrush Tattoo Artist  
Special Guest Appearances  
Kono Ice Truck  
Elotes Raspados Foodtruck

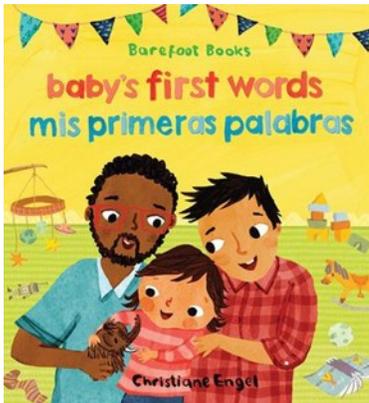
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## CHECK IT OUT!

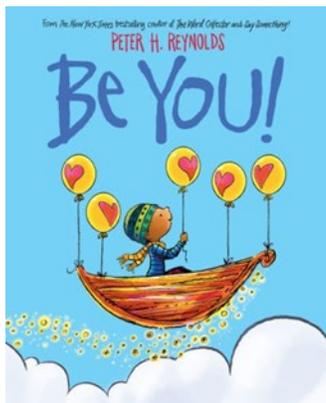
If you are interested in receiving a copy of one of the featured books below, please contact your childcare specialist.



baby's first words  
mis primeras palabras by Christiane Engel

Age Range: 3 months to 2+ years

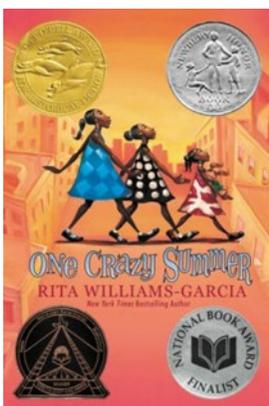
Spend the day with a busy baby and her two dads, and learn the words for things you do and see along the way! This bilingual first-words book features labels for objects, actions and sound effects, as well as a fun seek-and-find element.



Be You! by Peter H. Reynolds

Age Range: 4-8 years

Discover a joyful reminder of the ways that every child is unique and special.



One Crazy Summer by Rita Williams-Garcia

Age Range: 8+ years

Join three sisters as they travel to Oakland, California, in 1968 to meet the mother who abandoned them. When the sisters arrive from Brooklyn to spend the summer with their mother, Cecile is nothing like they imagined.



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## LOOKING FOR THINGS TO DO?

Enjoy the nice weather with these outdoor activities offered through Madison Parks and community organizations.

[Carts in the Park](#) Multiple dates

[Madison Parks Facebook Page](#)

[Warner Family Fun Night](#) Fall 2021 multiple dates

[Trucks & Treasures](#) September 18



## SUMMER CRAFT IDEAS

