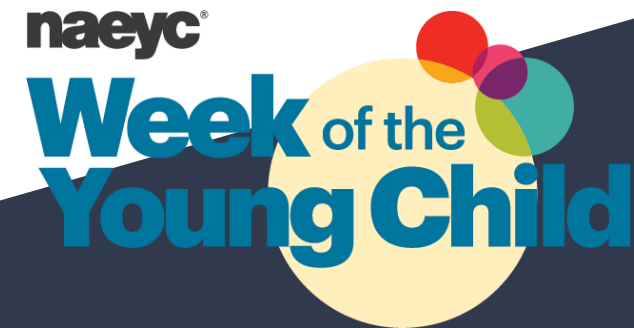


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Kick-Off Saturday – April 2



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To learn more about learning through play, take a look at these resources:

[Brain Science and Guided Play](#)

[It's Never "Just Play"](#)

[Support Learning with Play](#)

[Self-Directed Play](#)



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Music Monday – April 4

Through music, children develop math, language, and literacy skills—All while having fun and being active!

Try this!

[How to Use Music Throughout the Daily Routine - HighScope](#)

[Make Animal Music](#)

Try a “Listen and Move” [playlist](#), like one of [these](#).

[Create a Jingle Stick](#)



To learn more about why music is important for children, check out these articles:

[Why Making Music Matters: Music and Early Childhood Development](#)

[Sing With Me, Baby!](#)

[Playing with Music at Home](#)

[10 Ways Babies Learn When We Sing to Them](#)

Tasty Tuesday – April 5

Cooking together connects math with literacy skills, science, and more while encouraging healthy nutrition and fitness habits at home and in the classroom.

Try this!

[Taco Cookbook for Young Children](#), along with [Investigating a Taco Truck](#)

[14-Day Salad](#)

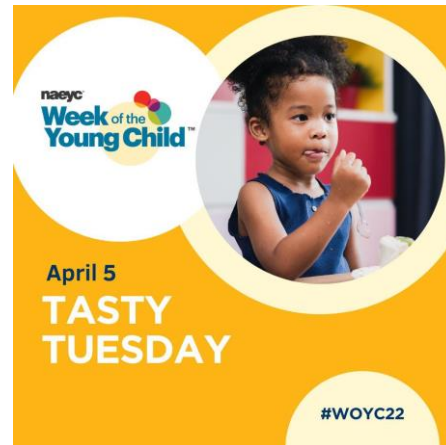
[Kid-Friendly Baking Recipes](#)

[Baking Math](#)

To learn more about the importance of involving children in cooking and eating new things:

[Cooking with a Tiny Helper](#)

[Sharing a Love of Food with Infants and Toddlers](#)



Work Together Wednesday – April 6

When children build together they explore math and science concepts and develop their social and early literacy skills.

Try this!

[Painted Branch Collaborative Art](#)

[Encouraging Collaborative Play](#)

Cook a meal together

Work on home projects together, like laundry or putting away groceries.

[Play a Collaborative Game](#)

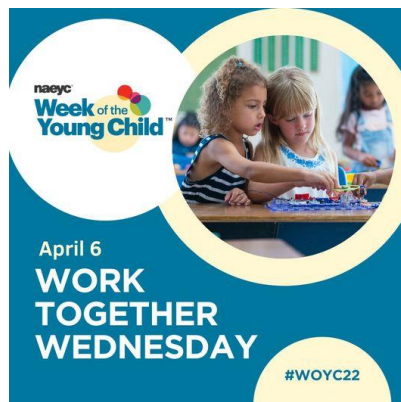
For more on why children should learn to work together:

[Children Must be Taught How to Collaborate](#)

[STREAM Education at Work - No, at Play!](#)

[Engineering in Preschool](#)

[Planting the Seeds for Research Skills](#)



Artsy Thursday – April 7

Children develop creativity, social skills and fine motor skills with open-ended art projects where they can make choices, use their imaginations, and create with their hands.

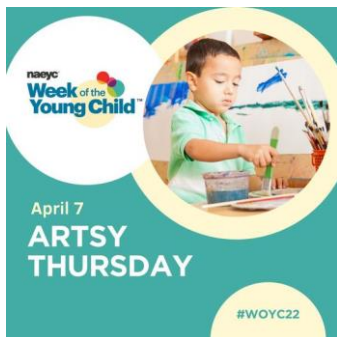
Try this!

[Surface Rubbings](#)

Paint rocks

[Use Chalk](#)

[Make Art with Mud](#)



More on the development of creativity and discovery through art:

[Supporting the Development of Creativity](#)

[Painting with Children](#)

[The Benefits of Collaborative and Individual Art Projects](#)

[How Process-Focused Art Experiences Support Preschoolers](#)

[Making an Art Museum](#)

Family Friday – April 8

Engaging and celebrating families is at the heart of supporting our little learners. We applaud family members' role as young children's first and most important teachers.

Try this!

Sit down for meal together, or go out for a treat!

Take a walk or ride through your neighborhood

Have a dance party!

Visit grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, and whoever else!

The important part is that you're spending time together as a family!

To learn more about the importance of connecting as a family, read these resources:

[Why the Family Meal is Important](#)

[The Importance of Spending Time Together](#)

[Quality Time](#)

[Tips for Spending Quality Time with Your Child](#)

