

NECN January/February 2012 Activities

Adult/Child Programs (Registration Required)

<p>Mondays; 9:30-11a Jan 23– Feb 27 NO CLASS Feb 20</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Hindi Playgroup (children birth-PreK with an adult)</p>	<p>Held in the Cole Center NECN Playroom. This 5-session playgroup is for caregivers with their children who speak Hindi and are interested in connecting with other Hindi speakers in Natick. Enjoy free play, crafts, circle time with story and songs and gross motor play! <u>Please bring a nut-free snack from home.</u></p>
<p>Tuesdays; 11:30-1p Jan 17– Feb 28 NO CLASS Feb 21</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Jeepers Creepers (children 6-12mo with an adult)</p>	<p>Held in the Cole Center NECN Playroom. A playgroup opportunity just for pre-walkers with a parent! Come explore the playroom in this 6-session group as your baby is growing more and more independent and interactive. Enjoy parent chats, quiet observation and stimulating activities for your little one. Bring a lunch from home—no peanut/nut products, please.</p>
<p>Tuesdays; 4-5:30p Jan 17– Feb 28 NO CLASS Feb 21</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Multi-Age Mania (children birth-Kindergarten with an adult)</p>	<p>Held in the Cole Center NECN Playroom. This 6-session play-to-learn group will have all the usual components of our groups (free play, craft, snack, circle time and some gross motor play). We hope the later time makes it possible for some of our working parents to enjoy a time set aside for play with their children, and to accommodate siblings, but the group is open to any Natick family! Please bring a snack from home (no peanut/nut products please). <i>Facilitated by NECN Program Coordinator, Lindsey Tarrant.</i></p>
<p>Wednesdays; 9:30-11a Jan 18– Feb 29 NO CLASS Feb 22</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Terrific Twos (children 24-36mo with an adult)</p>	<p>Held in the Cole Center NECN Playroom. Enjoy this 6-session playgroup opportunity just for “twos” with a grown-up! This is a great opportunity to connect with others and to discuss the terrible and terrific twos with those who really understand. Playgroup elements will include: free play, circle time with songs and fingerplays, multi-sensory activities and time to enjoy a snack brought from home- no peanut/nut products, please.</p>
<p>Wednesdays; 11:30-1p Jan 18– Feb 29 NO CLASS Feb 22</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Wonderful Ones (children 12-24mo with an adult)</p>	<p>Held in the Cole Center NECN Playroom. Enjoy this 6-session playgroup opportunity just for “ones” with a grown-up! Playgroup elements will include: free play, circle time with songs and fingerplays, multi-sensory activities and time to enjoy a lunch brought from home (no peanut/nut products, please).</p>
<p>Thursdays; 9:30-11:30a Jan 5– March 29</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>In Collaboration with Criterion Middlesex Early Intervention</i> Integrated Playgroup (children 18-30 mo with an adult)</p>	<p>Held in the Cole Center NECN Playroom. This 13-session group offers a play experience for 6 early intervention clients and 3 community children with their parents or caregivers. Each session includes free play, snack, circle time and other directed activities to promote fine and gross motor skills, language, and socialization. Children learn social skills like sharing and turn-taking, and enhance their ability to handle transitions. <i>Facilitated by Courtney Hogan, Developmental Specialist.</i></p>
<p>Fridays; 9:30-11a Jan 6– Feb 17</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Nuttin’ But Nannies (children birth-preK with an adult)</p>	<p>Held in the Cole Center NECN Playroom. Nannies play an important role in a child’s developmental life, so here is a group just for you! Join us for 7 weeks of free play, crafts, and a circle time with stories and songs. Natick nannies will have the opportunity to connect and share the joys and challenges involved when playing a rearing role in someone else’s child’s life. Enjoy a snack brought from home (no peanut/nut products, please).</p>

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Saturday Groups (Registration Required)

<p>Saturday; 10:30-12p January 28 & February 11</p>	<p><i>In Collaboration with Morse Institute Library.. .</i> Tots & Tales (children 2-6yrs old with an adult)</p>	<p>Held at the Morse Institute Library in the Lebowitz Meeting Hall. A wonderful way to share books with your toddler or preschooler! Participants engage in play, story, songs and creative craft activities centered on a book theme. Then, they receive a free copy of the featured book at each of the sessions to connect the experience at home! <i>Facilitated by Judy Dixon, educator and veteran NECN Coordinator.</i></p>
<p>Saturday; 10:30-12p January 7 & February 4</p>	<p><i>In Collaboration with Morse Institute Library.. .</i> Me & My Dad (children birth-PreK with father/male caregiver)</p>	<p>Held at the Morse Institute Library in the Lebowitz Meeting Hall. Fathers and children are invited to enjoy this special time set aside just for them. Come to enjoy free play, crafts, stories, musical circle time and morning snack with other Natick dads and kids. New and returning participants are always welcome to register! <i>Facilitated by Judy Dixon, educator and veteran NECN Coordinator.</i></p>

Parent Workshops (Registration Required)

<p>Tuesdays: 7-8:30p Jan 17- Feb 21</p>	<p>Intentional Parenting <i>(Sorry, no childcare available for this series)</i></p>	<p>Held at the Cole Center. This parent program is set up as a series, but sign up for any or all depending on your needs! Learn how to turn your automatic parenting reactions and techniques into intentional strategies for raising healthy, happy kids! Facilitated by Jill Vetstein,</p> <p>January 17th: Positive Discipline vs. Punishment-How to teach child right from wrong as apposed to teaching child to feel bad about themselves.</p> <p>January 24th: Modifying Your Child's Behaviors-How to understand testing and how to intervene and prevent behaviors</p> <p>January 31st: What Makes Your Child Tick? - Understand how children's environments shape their own behaviors. Learn how to adapt it.</p> <p>February 7th: Toddlers, Tantrums Preschoolers and Meltdowns Oh My!- How to understand, prevent and intervene tantrums.</p> <p>February 14th: Talking Time Outs- Learn what they are, and how and when they should be used.</p> <p>February 21st: Child's Play; Can't We All Get Along?- How to teach sharing, turn taking etc.</p>
<p>Thursday, January 26 7:00-8:30p</p>	<p>Raising a Bilingual Child: The Role of Parents <i>(Childcare available Upon Request)</i></p>	<p>Held at the Cole Center. Do you speak a language other than English with your child? Would you like to know how to foster your child's bilingualism? This workshop is designed to encourage bi- and trilingual families by offering strategies to foster multi-language development in young children. <i>Presented by Teresa Burke, M.A. (Applied Linguistics), Co-Founder/Co-Owner of Hola La and mother of one.</i></p>