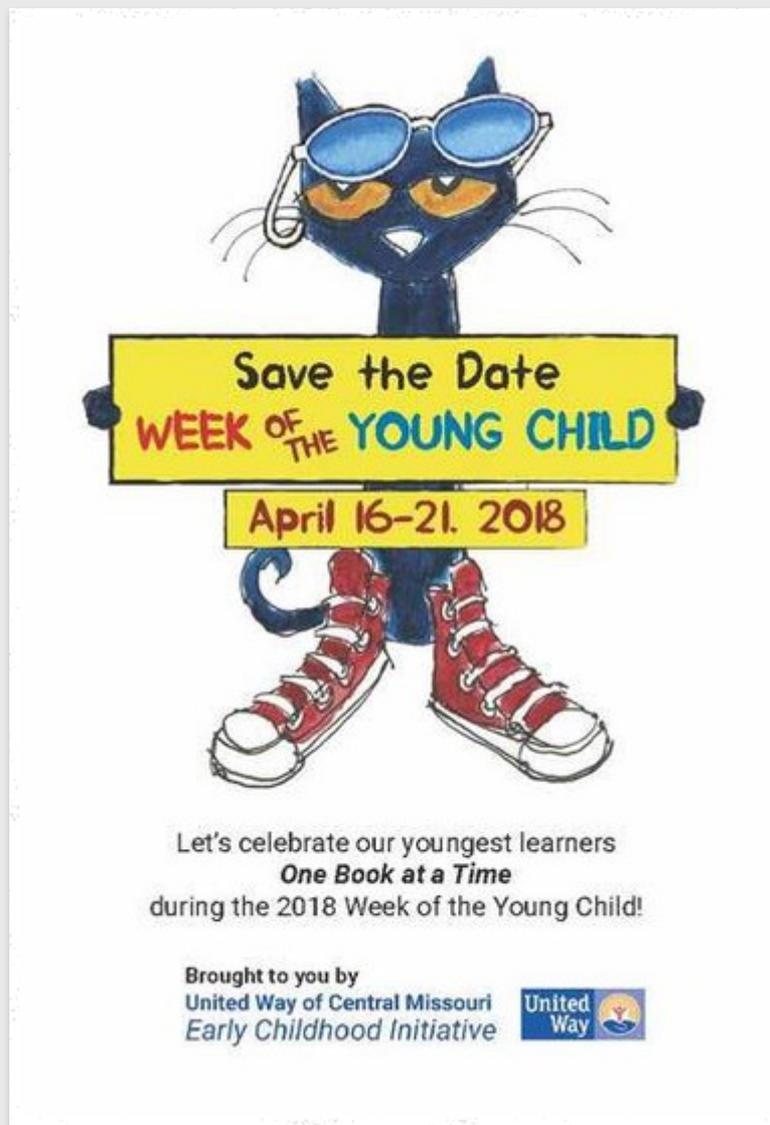


# JCPS PARENTS AS TEACHERS

WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD SPECIAL EDITION



**THE WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD IS AN ANNUAL EVENT HOSTED BY THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE EDUCATION OF YOUNG CHILDREN (NAEYC) CELEBRATING EARLY LEARNING, YOUNG CHILDREN, THEIR TEACHERS, AND FAMILIES.**

Locally, the United Way of Central Missouri's Early Childhood Initiative coordinates activities for local child care centers, homes, and families during this week. Families are invited to come together with early learning programs in fun, hands-on learning experiences. Don't forget to share the fun--use #WOYC18 on Facebook and Twitter! Check out the [JCPS PAT Facebook page](#) and [United Way of Central Missouri Facebook page](#) for special related posts all week long, and you can text WOYC to 51555 for updates and reminders about the Week of the Young Child.

### **Music Monday (April 16): Celebrate Young Children with Music**

Through music, children develop math, language, and literacy skills--all while having fun and being active! Make up and record your own unique version of a song or write your own. Need some new family-friendly songs? Check out <http://www.petethecatbooks.com/songs/>

### **Talented Tuesday (April 17): Create One-of-a-Kind Sunglasses**

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. Celebrate the joy and learning that children experience when engaged in creative art making using any materials that you'd like (crayons to paint, clay to crafts), or read "Pete the Cat and His Magic Sunglasses" (or [watch the video](#)), and then create your own special glasses to help you see the best in others! Seeing the best enables us to see hurtful behavior from a different point of view, the first step in transforming hurtful situations into helpful interactions. [Download the template here](#) and print on cardstock or other heavy paper. Cut out the glasses. Fold the tab on the side of the glasses in half and glue a popsicle stick between the folds of the tab (or cut the tab off, punch a hole in each side, and use pipe cleaners to create an "earpiece"). Decorate the glasses with crayons or markers, paint, stickers, glitter, sequins, etc.

### **Work Together Wednesday/ Wednesday (April 18): Connect With Someone Using "I Love You Rituals"**

Participate in a service learning activity by spending time with grandparents in our community (your children's own, or visit a local retirement home). This will be a great opportunity for the children to perform I Love You Rituals focusing on love, compassion and empathy. To learn more about Conscious Discipline and I love you rituals please visit [www.consciousdiscipline.com](http://www.consciousdiscipline.com) and/or watch the video below.

### **Thankful Thursday (April 19): Send a Thank You Note**

Let your child's teacher and/or PAT parent educator know how much you appreciate them. Send them a text or email, have your child draw a picture or make a card, jot a handwritten note, or give them a shout out on Facebook!

### **Fitness Friday (April 20): The Best Exercise for the Brain is Physical Exercise**

Spend time together in physical activity. Talk a walk, [explore a new-to-you or favorite park](#), or turn on some music and dance! Challenge your child to move different ways ("Can you move like a snake?" "How about a kangaroo?") or play games such as Simon Says and Red Light, Green Light that encourage listening skills, following directions, and self-regulation.

### **Social Saturday (April 21): Come to the Week of the Young Child Carnival**

Join your PAT parent educators and the United Way Early Childhood Initiative's Advisory Board at Memorial Park from 9:30-11:00 a.m. (Rain location, Knowles YMCA gym--watch [www.facebook.com/JCPSPAT](https://www.facebook.com/JCPSPAT) for announcements related to location change). All activities are free, including face painting, bounce houses, games, and crafts for families with children preschool age and younger.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F7P421Iqfdg>



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