



WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD

April 2-April 8, 2022

The purpose of the **Week of the Young Child®** is to focus public attention on the needs of young children and their families and to recognize the early childhood programs and services that meet those needs.

The Ohio Department of Education encourages all adults to engage in play with children. Play is how young children learn and when we play, we learn! These ideas are just the beginning! To see other ideas about how to support children in their development and school readiness, visit our [Early Learning webpages](#). **HAVE FUN!**

Celebrate our youngest learners with five fun-filled, themed days encouraging movement and healthy lifestyles through music, food and art!



MUSIC MONDAY

April 4

When children **sing, dance, and listen to music**, they **develop their language and early literacy skills** while being active and encouraging movement. Make up and record your own unique version of a song or write your own.



TASTY TUESDAY

April 5

This fun, food-themed day is about more than just cheese and crackers. **Cooking together connects math with literacy skills, science, and more.** With the rise in childhood obesity, you can **encourage healthy nutrition and fitness habits** at home and in the classroom.



WORK TOGETHER WEDNESDAY

April 6

When children **build together**, they **explore math and science concepts and develop their social and early literacy skills.** Children can use any building material—from a fort of branches on the playground to a block city in the classroom, or a hideaway made from couch pillows at home.



ARTSY THURSDAY

April 7

Think, problem solve, create! 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 children experience when engaged in creative art making.



FAMILY FRIDAY

April 8

Engaging and celebrating families is at the heart of supporting our youngest learners. NAEYC applauds family members' role as young children's **first and most important teachers.**

Share photos of your creations and celebrations at hashtag #WOYC22. For more information, visit [NAEYC Week of the Young Child](#).