

February RMDS Toddler Program at Monkey Bizness

On Friday, February 9th families and their toddlers met at Monkey Bizness in Parker and enjoyed a monkey birthday party that included lots of “monkeying” around!

We celebrated the humorous book, “Five Little Monkeys Bake a Birthday Cake” by Eileen Christelow. Families entered the room and were invited to a surprise birthday party! We helped decorate with balloons, party streamers and we all adorned birthday hats. After our story, we all had lots of fun role playing the monkey’s birthday party and then decorating our own birthday cupcakes, and placing a monkey face on top of each of our cupcakes! Our program theme this month centered around celebrations and ways for parents to expose their child to the concepts, vocabulary and language associated with a birthday party.

Stephanie shared her experience as a young child attending friends’ birthday parties and the challenges she faced with trying to navigate all of the communication and events of a party. Stephanie shared simple strategies for parents that included, discussing with your child what the party may look like, sharing photos of birthday parties, discussing who will be there and talking about the schedule of the party. For example, first you will say hello to everyone, play together, sing Happy Birthday, eat cake and icecream and then open presents.

Susie shared a fun language strategy for how to make a Birthday Box to help connect concepts, vocabulary and language specific to a party. The box was filled with all kinds of birthday decorations, objects to role play a birthday party and birthday books. Information was shared about developmental milestones for play and the importance of play for every child.

We then “monkeyed” around all of the play structures at Monkey Biz! We slid down slides, jumped in the jumping castle, climbed up and down the climbing wall, squeezed through tunnels and a rope maze and jumped on all of the monkeys on a lighted floor.

Stephanie and Susie want to thank all of the families who attended and to everyone who helps make this program a huge success!

We look forward to seeing everyone at our next RMDS Toddler Program on Friday, March 9th from 9:30-11:30 at the Denver Aquarium located at 700 Water Street, Denver CO 80211.

Please visit [our website](#) for upcoming events, story videos, resources, and pictures of our Toddler Group events!



