

## **Calling all children born in 2011...IMPACT is coming!**

A recent study held in Southeast Saskatchewan indicated that as many as 25% of children are not ready for Kindergarten. Did you know that 90% of brain development happens before the age of six? That's why **parents** are their children's first teachers! You have the most opportunity to enhance your child's development.

**IMPACT** is a fun event for the whole family! This year's theme ~ **JUNGLE** ~ is sure to appeal to both girls and boys! Parents and children circulate through different stations, in whichever order they choose, at their own pace. Each station offers a fun activity geared to enhance a specific area of your child's development. Families can do the activity together and then receive an item to continue the learning at home. By the time they circulate through all ten stations, families will leave with a gift bag valued at \$40.

Children need to learn how to play with others, take turns, care about others and feel good about themselves. Our **Monkeying Around** and **Crocodile Hop** stations focus on play, turn-taking and good old-fashioned fun!

Children learn best when they are well-rested and well-fed. Active children develop their large (gross) muscles by running, jumping and playing. Grasping crayons and picking up small objects helps develop their small (fine) muscles. Our **Monkey Gear** and **Safari Snack** stations focus on fine muscle development, which will help your child with such tasks as holding a pencil.

Bring language, books and numbers to life! One of the best ways parents can prepare children for school is to read to them, right from when they are babies! Relate the stories to children's lives and experiences. Explore numbers together at our **Number Monkey** station! Have fun sorting at our **Early Elephant Math** Station.

Play is children's work. It's how they learn about world, and parents are essential partners in their play. Encourage your child to explore the world by encouraging them to play with many different toys and materials – clay, leaves, beads, etc. Have some fun at our **Jungle Play Dough** station.

This year's IMPACT event will be held on (**Date, Time, Place**). All children turning 4 in 2015 (born in 2011) are invited to this year's IMPACT event. This includes children from (**names of communities**). Watch for your invitation!! If you don't receive one and have a child born in 2011, please contact (**name and number**). We hope to see you there!