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## Keeping UW-Madison Families Informed

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Thank you for reading! Our monthly Parent Newsletter is designed to keep UW-Madison parents connected and informed with happenings and resources on campus. I will include parenting tips, ideas, events, etc! Please send me any information that you think other families would enjoy seeing in our new sletter!

### Family Tip of the Month



### Nurture Your Child's Inner Artist

When children are very young, art is all about discovering what these cool things called crayons and markers are and what they can do.

There are three basic stages of drawing, starting with scribbles at 15 months all the way through drawing a picture by age 5. Don't be surprised if your child shows some of these skills early, and others late. That's just how children grow. The key is offering lots of chances to play with art and drawing materials, starting in the early years.

Stage 1: Random Scribbling  
Stage 2: Controlled Scribbling  
Stage 3: Pictures of Objects or People

So what can you do to nurture early art experiences?

1. Make art a regular part of playtime
2. Ditch the instructions
3. Experiment with art materials
4. Use art to help your child express strong feelings

For more information about his topic, read the [full article](#) here!

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### Celebrate Your Child's Strengths



Your child is amazing! Every day brings something new to celebrate. From his first goofy grin to his first word. From her first "no hands" steps to her first full-out run.

Babies are great at practicing new skills as they learn to walk and talk. Babies are also great at bouncing back from initial failures to try again: Imagine falling on your bottom and then standing right up again to try walking one more time! This resilience, or willingness to try again, is a key skill that parents can nurture as children grow. It turns out that some ways of offering praise are better than others when it comes to developing resilience.

[CLICK HERE](#) to read the article!

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### Helpful Links for Family Fun This SUMMER!!!

[Madison Area Guide to Splash Parks and Beaches](#)

[Madison Area Guide to Berry Farms](#)

[Madison Area Summer Bucket List](#)

## A KID'S CONCEPT OF



## A PARENT'S PERSONAL SPACE

[Madison Area Summer Festival Roundup](#)

[Guide to Biking and Running Trails](#)

## Shake the Lake

June 29, 2019  
5:00-11:00pm  
John Nolen Drive

Free Admission!  
Music, food, and fireworks!



Check out this page to find all of your options to watch fireworks this 4th of July!

[\*Guide to 4th of July fireworks in the Madison Area\*](#)

100 ways to have fun with your kids.  
This month's idea is to...

fly kites.



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