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WELCOME!

A healthy environment means healthy kids! This book offers fun, easy activities for you and your child that will provide healthy alternatives to everything from cleaning to eating to playing.

So what are you waiting for? Let's get moving!

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Get up, get out and move around.
Take a walk in the park or explore your town.
Visit a friend, but don't take the bus.
Ride a bike, power walk or push the baby in a cart!

These are ways to stay healthy
and reduce stress.
So your mind and body
will be at their best!
Little children love to play. They get dirty in a lot of ways. Like food in their hair or picking up worms, things like these spread lots of germs!

The trick to keeping them healthy and clean is to wash them up right at the scene. With a little warm water and regular soap, you’ll show those germs just where to go!
Create Change!

Draw a line from the words below to the pictures that they describe.

• Don’t Litter

• Recycle

• Volunteer
Build a Community Garden!
Parents, did you know that simple household items like baking soda and vinegar combined into a paste can be used to clean bathrooms or using a slightly damp cloth to wipe down furniture can help prevent dust from getting in the air we breathe?
See if you can find a few of the different items you can use to safely clean your home in this fun word find puzzle.

Enjoy!

word search

c t e w z t j q s
i l i l m t q x r
f p e n m d w m e
e g n a s o a p t
n a i m n k i u a
d o g r e e n x w
y d k l e m o n t

clean  wipe  soap
green  water  lemon
Fresh air is good for you and for your child. So try these tips, they’re fragrant and mild. Four great ways to stay healthy and keep your air pollutant free!

PARENT TIP

• Boil some lemons to freshen the air.
• Open a window on a cool summer day.
• Change the filter on your AC unit.
• Throw those cigarettes AWAY!
NO SMOKING
Parents, help your child unscramble these delicious words!

Copy the letters in the spaces above the numbers to the spaces at the bottom with the same numbers.

Fruits and veggies are good for you, so at every meal, you should eat a few. Beans and nuts are good for your heart. They’ll help you grow big and strong and smart!

LAPPE __ __ __ __ __
LUPM __ __ __ __
TUSN __ __ __ __
FUITR __ __ __ __ __
RONC __ __ __ __
BASNE __ __ __ __ __
SAEP __ __ __ __

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Eat fresh!
Make Your Own Fruit Salad

This is a simple fruit salad with fresh berries, mango, banana, and orange. Add yogurt and honey for extra flavor.

Ingredients:
1 small orange, peeled and diced
1/2 mango, diced
1/2 cup fresh blueberries
1/2 cup fresh strawberries, sliced
1/2 cup fresh raspberries
1/2 small banana, sliced
2 tablespoons plain yogurt
1 tablespoon honey (optional)

Directions:
1. Get your child involved by allowing them to break the banana into small pieces with their hands, peel the orange and scoop in the other fruit and yogurt.
2. Toss orange, mango, blueberries, strawberries, raspberries, and banana in a large bowl. Stir yogurt and honey into the mixture to coat evenly. Stir to serve.

Parent Tip

Studies show that the more often families eat together, the less likely kids are to smoke, drink, do drugs, get depressed, develop eating disorders or suffer from other emotional and social disorders. Instead, they are more likely to do well in school, eat healthier meals, maintain a healthy weight, communicate more with you and experience less stress and tension.
Parents, do you get confused about which plastics are safe and which ones are harmful? Ever wish there was an easy way to remember? Well now there is; before buying that plastic container, check the bottom for one of these numbers and follow this rule of thumb:

1 and 2 are less harmful to some, but number 3 is BAD for everyone!
4 and 5 are pretty okay, but 6 and 7 – STAY AWAY!
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