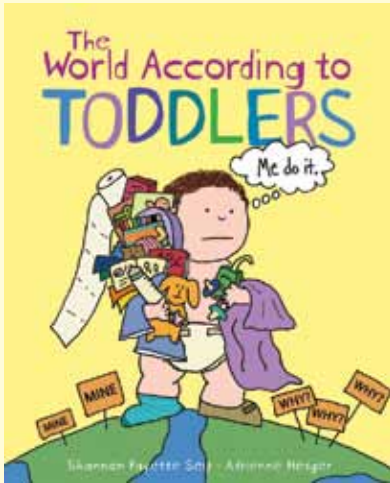


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Hilarious Twos

In their book, *The World According to Toddlers*, authors Shannon Payette Seip and Adrienne Hedger offer comic insights into the world of dramatic tantrums, beloved blankets and inexplicable wardrobe choices. The colorfully illustrated book is loaded with stories, cartoons, diagrams and more to help parents through the entertaining and often exhausting ways of toddlers.

Caring for Kids

Washington, D.C., ranks highest in the rate of child abuse per capita in the nation. Safe Shores—The DC Children's Advocacy Center—provides intervention, hope and healing for children and families in the District who are affected by abuse, trauma and violence. For information, including ways to help and volunteer, visit safeshores.org. Stewards of Children, the curriculum used by Safe Shores, is a revolutionary, interactive, evidence-based child sexual abuse prevention training program developed by Darkness to Light, a national child sexual abuse prevention organization. The program educates adults to take simple, proactive steps to protect children from sexual abuse, including how to prevent, recognize and react responsibly. If your organization or agency is interested in receiving the Stewards of Children training, visit stewardsofchildren@safeshores.org.

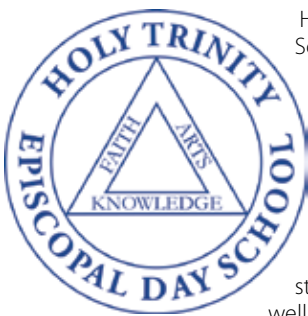


Tot Terrific

Clap your hands for Little Tots Summer Fun, a free interactive entertainment series for toddlers, preschoolers and their parents or caregivers. Little Tots features some of the area's top children's performers and includes musical performances, educational activities, merchant specials and much more.

Find Little Tots Summer Fun at Washingtonian Center (Gaithersburg: WashingtonianCenter.com), Downtown Silver Spring (Silver Spring: DowntownSilverSpring.com), Fairfax Corner (Fairfax: FairfaxCorner.com) and Virginia Gateway (Gainesville: VAGateway.com).

Off to the Right Start



Holy Trinity Episcopal Day School, in Glenn Dale, Md., which serves preschool to 8th grade, offers academically challenging classes and up-to-date technology for its students. They recently introduced the Brightlink interactive projector to actively engage students and use iTouch as well. Teachers of literature and math download applications to enhance classroom material and the students love them. Last year's 8th graders downloaded material on a Sherlock Holmes novel and interacted with the plot, characters and themes. These interactive technological applications compliment in-class writing assignments and prepare students for the ever-changing world of technology. htrinity.org

Upcycling Recycling

It's time to start packing lunches again. With individual snack packs for chips and cookies, packing lunch is easy, but surprisingly, it can also be green. Through free fundraising programs, TerraCycle collects difficult-to-recycle food packaging for recycling and upcycling. Kids start a TerraCycle Brigade to collect trash, send it in, and earn cash for their school—just by saving the wrappers from their lunches. Students send in their used wrappers for free, and for every piece of packaging TerraCycle receives, the Brigade will be awarded two points, which can be put toward buying a specific charity gift, or converted to money and used for a charity or the school. TerraCycle turns the wrappers into eco-friendly lunchboxes, backpacks, pencils and notebooks for students. terracycle.net

