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* Book bag for every child (first visit each school year)
* New books every time you come
* Fun activities for you and your child

We could not have done this alone! We are very grateful to the **Dennis and Phyllis Washington Foundation and Polson School District** for their funding and encouragement and for the support of our community partners! |  |  |

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| ELM- Early Learning MattersAbout UsThe mission of our Early Learning Matters (ELM) project is to partner with parents and the community to prepare children from birth to age five to succeed in school. Contact UsPhone: 406-883-6333 Web: <http://gateway.polson.k12.mt.us/> |
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| Early Learning Matters Because parents are their children's first, best teachers The Polson School District has long maintained that parents are their children’s first, best teachers. The goal of our Early Learning Matters (ELM) project is to empower parents to create a language-rich environment at home and make learning fun and effective for their young children starting at birth. We do this by providing parents with hands-on interactive fun shops in which we demonstrate age-appropriate activities and effective techniques for parent-child interaction, as well as giving parents information about child development. Certified teachers lead the fun shops in which each child receives age-appropriate children’s books, educational toys, and ideas for activities to do.  |  |  |  “ELM gave me some great ideas to help get my kids ready for kindergarten. We also got a great dinner and I didn’t have to do dishes. What a great deal.” Katrina **A Fun Evening for families with children from 0 to 5****First Tuesday of every month****(November – May)****Cherry Valley Elementary 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.****Dinner provided** **Activities and ideas are for parents and children to help with school readiness.****Come and enjoy new friends, your children, and go home with ideas and supplies to use at home.**Please call Bonnie @ 883-6333 ext. or Trude’ @ 883-6229 Ext.. |  |  | Schedule5:00-5:45 Dinner and clean-up5:45 -6:40 Children activities and Parent forum6:40- 7:00 Parent and Child activities“Children need the freedom and time to play.  Play is not a luxury.  Play is a necessity.  ~Kay Redfield Jamison |