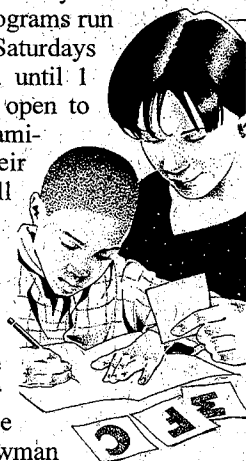


SUNY Cortland's Children's Museum begins its fall programs on Saturday

CORTLAND — Children's educational programs on celebrating families, fire safety, art and the upcoming elections will be highlighted during the Fall 2008 Children's Museum season starting Saturday.

The Children's Museum offers interactive, hands-on educational experiences in an environment where Cortland community parents, grandparents, caregivers, teachers, college students, youth and young children can be inspired to play and learn together.

Presented by faculty and students in SUNY Cortland's Department of Childhood and Early Childhood Education, the programs run on selected Saturdays from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. and are open to community families and their children. All programs will take place at the Children's Museum, located on the ground floor of the O'Heron Newman



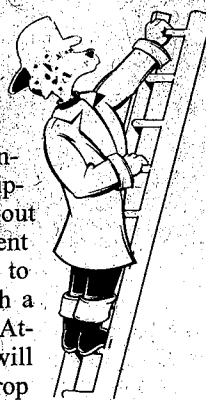
Hall at 8 Calvert St. in Cortland. Admission is free but donations are gladly accepted.

The fall's programs are:

- **Saturday:** Emilie Kudela, SUNY Cortland associate professor of childhood and early childhood education, and students preparing for early childhood education certification will lead participants in activities that focus on the family in celebration of national family day.

- **Sept. 27:** Captain Edward Beebe from the Cortland Fire Department will help children become more aware of what a fire-fighter does. He will demonstrate fire equipment, talk about how to prevent fires and what to do if faced with a fire emergency. Attendees also will practice stop, drop and roll.

- **Oct. 18:** Two SUNY Cortland childhood and early childhood education faculty members, Lin Lin and Susana Davidenko, and Lin's daughter,



Ruohan Zhang, an eighth-grader in the Cortland City School District, will help attendees learn about the oldest Chinese puzzle, Tangram, and the traditional Japanese art of paper folding, origami. Children will discover shapes, create shapes of their own and make three-dimensional ornaments.

- **Oct. 25:** Lecturer Karen Hempson will oversee the 17th annual Education Club Halloween Party. The event is open to community children ages 1 to 10. The activities will include face painting, story telling, games and crafts. Doughnuts and other treats will be served and prizes awarded for games.

- **Nov. 1:** In the spirit of the upcoming presidential election, participants can learn what it means to be a good citizen. Katrina Sayers-Walker, assistant professor, and students from the Kappa Delta Pi Honor Society, will host activities about understanding why democracy, leadership and voting are all necessary to be a good citizen.



- **Nov. 8:** Professor Cynthia Benton and students in a course on fine arts and early learning will provide a variety of artistic experiences integrated with fun and learning.

- **Nov. 22:** Lecturer Judith Schillo will offer "Paint! Paint! Paint!" The children will explore the different painting styles of famous illustrators of children's books and play with paint to create pictures like they do. They will make and take with them samples of their favorite styles.

To reach the museum entrance, follow the O'Heron Newman Hall's driveway. Parking is not permitted in the driveway but is available in the parking lot of the Dowd Fine Arts Center on the corner of Prospect Terrace and Graham Avenue.

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