



Pre-K Press

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Happy New Year!

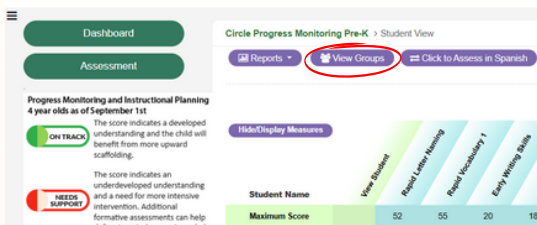
Oh my gosh, Y'all! it is 2025! Can you believe it?
I hope your Christmas break provided you a little rest and relaxation among the hustle and bustle, and I hope you are refreshed and ready for the 2nd semester!

MOY Progress Monitoring

Reminder: It is now a State requirement that all Pre-K students are assessed at MOY using your assessment tool from the Commissioner's approved list. Check out TEA's [24-25 PK Progress Monitoring Requirements and Recommendations](#) infographic. It provides overall assessment "windows," the 5 required domains, and a list of recommendations and best practices.

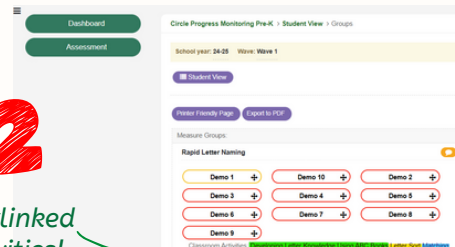
Remember to use your data for small group instruction! **For C-PM users:** Once you've completed assessments, click on **View Groups** to find the small groups generated by students' scores. The BEST part is the **hyperlinked activities** found directly under each small group! These quick, easy, focused activities focus directly on the domain the group needs additional support and practice. Click the link, print the activity, and you're ready for small groups!

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hyperlinked activities!



Lessons from LaRoux

We all know that our students' behaviors rarely tell their whole story. Their verbal and physical actions often serve as clues pointing to deeper needs, emotions, and desires. In his book, [Lessons from LaRoux: How Needs Shape Behavior in Developing Brains](#), Dan St. Romain addresses 15 key areas the developing brain needs in order to acquire the behavior skills necessary for healthy learning and growth.

★★ This is an online, self-paced book study course within Canvas.

You will have until **MAY 16th** to complete all assignments needed to receive your **10 CPE hours**.

★★★ There are **22 books available**. (If you received a book from ATYC and would like to join for CPE credit, email carey.peacock@esc15.net.)

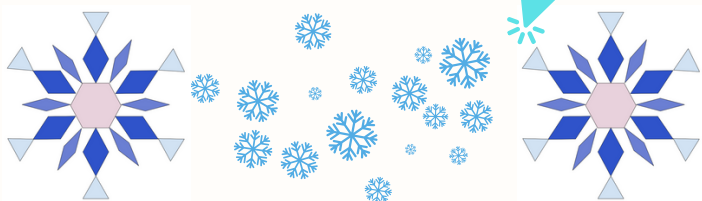


Math/Fine Motor

Snowflake Geometry

While we don't see many snowflakes in West Texas, students can work on math skills by creating snowflakes with pattern blocks! This activity includes a page of cool-colored paper pattern blocks to print and cut for children to use. Also included are 5 snowflake patterns. Each pattern is provided in the wintery color palette and black and white if you would like them to use the manipulatives you have on hand.

* Don't miss the family engagement ideas in the instructions! This could be a fun activity for families! Click on the snowflakes to download.

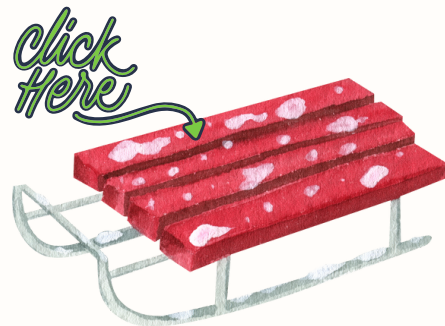


Phonological Awareness

Red Sled Rhyming

Here is a rhyming game to play after reading the book **Red Sled**. [Check it out in the Book Nook below.] The game includes groups of 3 rhyming picture cards and 2 ways to play! Using the upwards scaffolds, you have 4 ways to play, and if you use your imagination, you can always come up with more!

Click the **red sled** below to access the game, download it, print it, and slide into some fun rhyming practice!



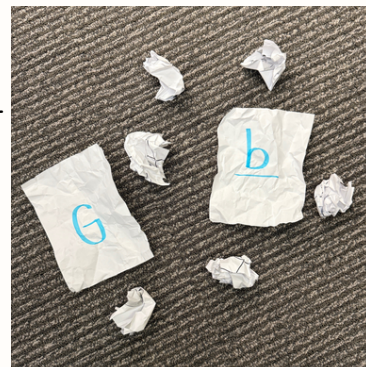
Letter Knowledge and MORE!

Snowball Letter Toss

This activity is **so** easy to make, easy to play, and has **so** many opportunities to change up and keep it fun! Simply write about 4 letters per sheet of paper and wad them up. (This is a great size for those little hands.) Play some fun instrumental music and let children toss the "snowballs" around the room. As they toss, have them pick up the closest one and toss it again. ****Be intentional and teach what it means to toss before you begin!** Once the music stops, have students pick up the snowball closest to them. Call one student at a time and ask them to open their snowball, name the letter they have, and show it to their friends. If playing in a small group, have students wad them up, toss them around, and name a new snowball letter. If playing in whole group, you can allow each student to name their letter, wad their snowball back up, place it in a container, and have a seat until everyone has had their turn.

Change it up!

- * Have the right amount of upper- and lower-case letters so that students can find their letter match once they open their snowball. (Notice I drew a line under the **b** to help students know which way to look at that letter.)
- * Have students name the **sound** the letter on their snowball represents. (Take it a step further and ask for a word that begins with that sound.)
- * Write numbers, shapes, student names, etc. on the snowballs to make the activity fresh and new.

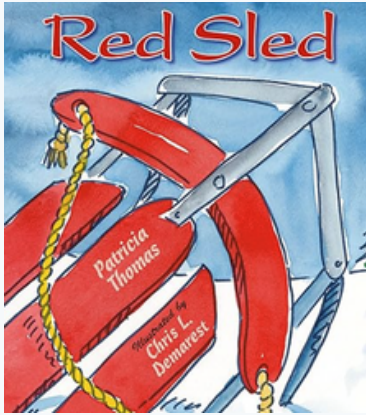




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Red Sled



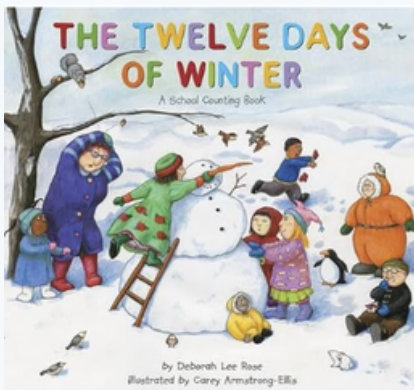
Told with the utmost simplicity using two rhyming words at a time, this book is an **amazing** opportunity for students to practice rhyming. It's also a great way for children to "read" with you as you read it again and again! A boy and his father share a winter night of sledding. Outside, the crescent moon is shining brightly and the world is covered with snow. Inside, a boy and his father feel sad. So they put on their hats and coats and climb a hill, pulling a red sled. Father and son climb aboard and zoom down the hill under a starlit sky. With their spirits lifted high, they return home for a mug of hot chocolate. Then it's time for bed.

The Most Perfect Snowman



Drift was a very plain snowman. Every day he dreamed of wearing a stylish hat, a scarf, and mittens just like the other snowmen - and, most of all, having a pointy orange carrot nose. Then, he knew, he would finally be perfect - and he would finally belong. Until one special, snowy day, Drift's deepest dreams come true. But when dark clouds roll in and a terrible blizzard begins to blow, can Drift face giving up what he loves most and become the most perfect snowman of all?

The Twelve Days of Winter



It's wintertime! That means it's the season for mittens, snow, and twelve days of surprises. In this high-energy, school-loving class, the teacher introduces a new winter activity every day.

As the teacher's gifts add up and the days get colder, the classroom is transformed into wintry chaos. Are all the winter surprises still inside? Count along with the class to find out.

Let's
Read



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**Our team wishes you a bright and blessed 2025!
We couldn't do what we do if it weren't
for amazing teachers like the ones we
have here in Region 15!**

Quite simply...



**THERE'S
SNOWBODY
LIKE
YOU!**

