



Pre-K Press

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World Kindness Day - February 17th!

What better way to celebrate the importance of kindness than writing your own class book?! That's right! Continue teaching your young scholars the value of kindness **and** the value of becoming a published author and illustrator at the same time! Visit [Studenttreasures Publishing](https://www.studenttreasurespublishing.com) to see how you can create and publish a **FREE classroom book!** This will become a class treasure that students will love reading over and over in the Library Center! (Additional ideas include a book about the 100th Day of School and "This Once Was a Heart.") ***Remember**, Pre-K students' writing won't look like these samples. It's more about their drawing and telling the story while you dictate.

***Families can order a copy for their child to keep, as well!**

Check out these sample books to see what a completed publication looks like.



DON'T MISS OUT!

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 me at: carey.peacock@esc15.net.**



IMPORTANT

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.

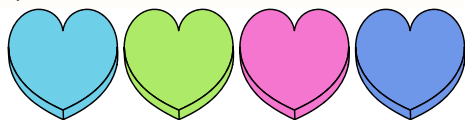
Check out TEA's [24-25 PK Progress Monitoring Requirements and Recommendations](#) infographic. It provides overall assessment "windows," the 5 required domains, and a list of recommendations and best practices.

Math & Science

Conversation Hearts

Use the most well-known Valentine candy to support science and math concepts! Here are some great ways to use those in fun, hands-on ways:

- **Sink or Float?** Click here for [Candy Heart Science: Sink or Float](#) details and materials. Guide children through the process of making predictions and carrying out an investigation - including documenting their findings!
- **Grouping/Counting Sets.** Click on [Candy Heart Math Activities](#) for all of the instructions and handouts needed to practice grouping according to attribute, creating sets, counting sets, cardinality, and graphing. This is easily 2-3 days of small group math activities!
- **Patterns.** Prepare bags of hearts with **2 colors**. Help students create AB or ABB patterns.



Letter Knowledge

I Have... Who Has...?

This game is timeless! It is a great way to practice letter names and letter sounds (depending on the way you play). The cards I created also support correct letter formation if you take it a step further and have students finger-trace the letter when they say the name of the letter they have. Besides letter knowledge, this game helps students practice listening skills, taking turns, manners, sustaining attention, and participating in group activities and games. Simply click below to print the game and get to playing!



I Have! Who Has?

ABC

Game

Gross Motor, Social Emotional, and MORE!

Indoor Recess

I know, I know... Just reading that sends a cold chill down your spine, right? However, it IS Texas, so 'tis the season! If you incorporate **movement** and **game-playing**, you and your students may end up liking "Indoor Recess" a little more! [Let's be honest... kids sitting - even if they start off standing - in front of a screen with "music & movement" or yoga often ends up driving you **and** the students crazy! Of course, if you keep the yoga to a short 7-10 minutes, that's great!]

Let's bring back "old school" games that let students use gross and fine motor skills while practicing important Social Emotional skills like self-regulation, self-awareness, following rules and routines, sustaining attention, remaining focused, interacting with peers, demonstrating an understanding that others have perspectives and feelings that are similar/different, and **more!** Here are some games to play in the classroom to keep kids thinking, moving, and interacting (rather than going into zombie mode):

- Duck, Duck Goose
- Mother, May I?
- Simon Says
- Hot Potato
- Red Light, Green Light
- Doggie, Doggie, Where's Your Bone?
- Hop Scotch (w/ painter's tape)
- Tunnel Ball



PRE-K BOOK NOOK



Kindness Grows

It all starts with a crack that we can hardly see,
It happens when we shout or if we disagree.
But with every kindness that we care to show,
Something good and magical then begins to grow...

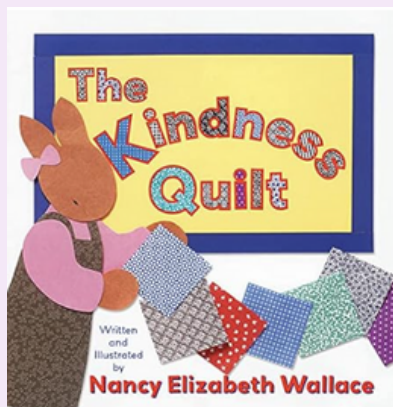
Angry words cause a crack to open up, but find out what happens when kindness begins to blossom in this thought-provoking book by award-winning illustrator Britta Teckentrup.



Be Kind

When Tanisha spills grape juice all over her new dress, her classmate wants to make her feel better, wondering: What does it mean to be kind? From asking the new girl to play to standing up for someone being bullied, this moving story explores what kindness is, and how any act, big or small, can make a difference - or at least help a friend.

Be Kind is an unforgettable story about how two simple words can change the world.



The Kindness Quilt

Minna and her classmates have been asked by their teacher, Mrs. Bloom, to work on a Kindness Project. Mrs. Bloom wants them to do and draw and share an act of kindness. Minna and her family do lots of kind things, but Minna can't decide which one is right for her project. Then she starts writing and drawing and cutting, and an idea for a paper quilt picturing many acts of kindness begins to take shape!

****What a great way to start your class kindness book to submit to Studenttreasures Publishing!**



Let's
Read



NEVER
STOP
READING

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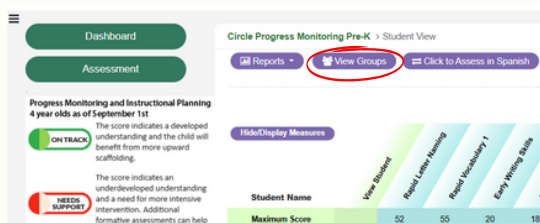
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Small Group Instruction

Remember to use your data for small group instruction!

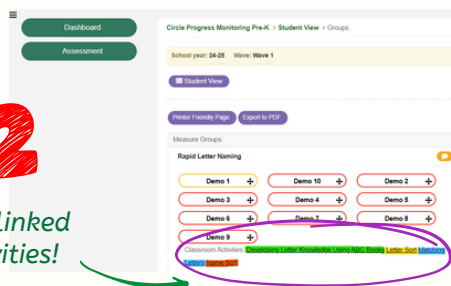
For C-PM users: Once you've completed assessments, click on **View Groups** to find the small groups generated by students' scores. The **BEST** part is the **hyperlinked activities** found directly under each small group! These quick, easy, focused activities focus directly on the domain the group needs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

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hyperlinked activities!



Acts of Kindness Classroom Bingo



In creating a culture of kindness, help students understand that **even the small things matter**. Use a kindness bingo board (poster-sized) to motivate, spark ideas, and show them what kindness looks like in our every-day lives. This board is an example of simple ideas/prompts to complete each day. Stick a heart cut-out on each item as someone in class exhibits the behavior. Have a small celebration once the Kindness Board is full!