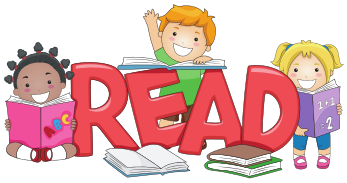
Pre-K Press

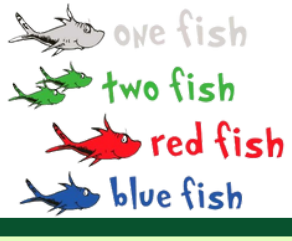
March 2024

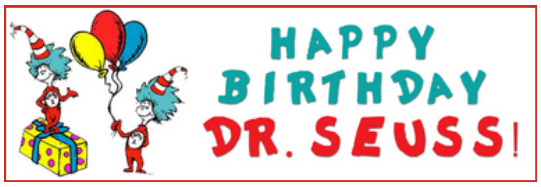
Read Across America & Dr. Seuss's Birthday!

Join the nation's classrooms largest celebration of reading! Since Read Across America Day falls on **Saturday, March 2nd**, send home a good book for students to share with families, or record yourself reading a class favorite so all children can access a good read aloud on that day. Keep the momentum during **Read Across America Week** (through March 8th) as you dedicate time to reading with your students and cultivate a true love of reading!



March 2nd is also the 120th birthday of Dr. Seuss! What a great time to practice phonological awareness skills (particularly rhyming) with nonsense words and silliness galore! Read, giggle, and make up your own nonsensical rhymes on this wacky day!

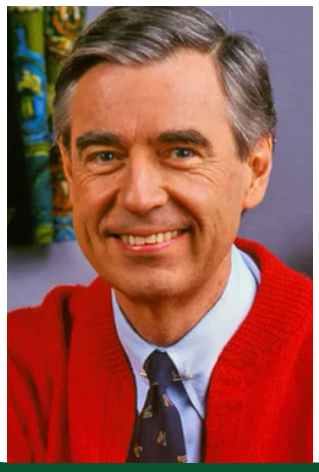




Won't You Be My Neighbor Day

Mr. Rogers left a legacy of kindness and helping children and families believe see that "It's a beautiful day in the neighborhood." To honor him and continue spreading kindness and love in the world, **Won't You Be My Neighbor Day** was started. Check out the link and plan how you and your class can spread love and kindness in your own neighborhood!

(Sidewalk chalk is always a fun idea!) Snap a picture of your celebration, click below, and add it to the map!



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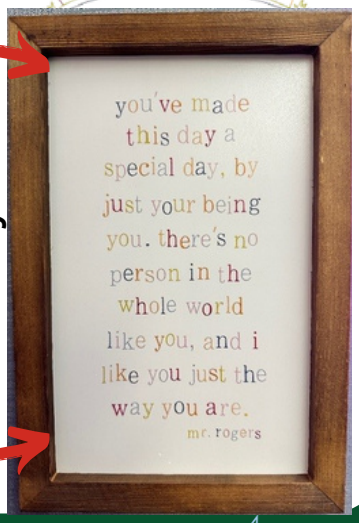

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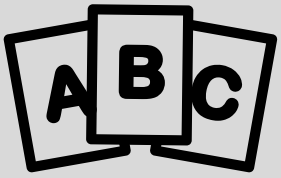
DEVELOPMENTALLY APPROPRIATE PRACTICES

Letter Knowledge

Wiggle Worms

Straight out of the CIRCLE Activity Collection from CLI Engage, Wiggle Worms is a fun and interactive way to practice letter knowledge! If you have an account with CLI, click on **Wiggle Worms** to open the activity. If you don't have an account (YET), click **HERE** for a PDF copy of the activity, and click **HERE** for letter cards and worm cards to print.

During this activity, children pull cards from a container/bag. If they pull a letter, have them say the letter name and sound it represents. Upward scaffold by asking them to name something that begins with that letter sound.



Math

Coin Cup Counting

Known as Penny Cup Counting in the CIRCLE Activity Collection, this counting activity supports children's understanding of cardinality by communicating that the last number indicates the number of items in a set. Children will identify the numeral drawn on a card and count to that number aloud while dropping "gold coins" in a cup. They should count each coin as they hear it drop into the cup - one at a time. Help students communicate the number of coins in the cup by naming the last number counted in the set.

Click the cauldron for a PDF copy of the activity.

You will need, cups/cauldrons, coins/pennies, and numeral cards.

Discovery Bin

Lucky Names

Create a discovery bin based on children's names! Have children help by painting rocks black so all you need to do is write letters using a white (or gold) paint pen. Create some March-themed name tags (or simply use their center name tags) for children to use to help them create their names and friends' names in a fun hands-on way!

Discovery Bin Credit: PLAY TO LEARN PRESCHOOL

Gross Motor Skills

Spring Movement

During whole group or as a way to transition between settings/activities, use this **Spring Movement Cube** to get students moving! After creating the cube, practice rolling and moving according to how the cube lands. Then use it as a transition by having a student roll to see how they will move from one activity/area of the room to the next! As students get familiar with the movements, have them help you make a list of other ways to move like animals and insects we find in the Spring.

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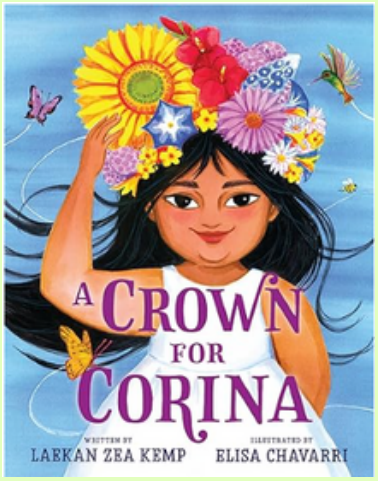
PRE-K BOOK NOOK



A Crown for Corina*

It is Corina's birthday, and she's excited to wear the biggest crown with the most beautiful flowers picked from her abuela's garden.
Each flower tells a special story about all the ways Corina is rooted in the family she loves. With elegant and eye-catching illustrations, this charming story shares a beloved family tradition through one girl's journey of self-discovery as she learns about the symbolism behind the Mexican flower crown.

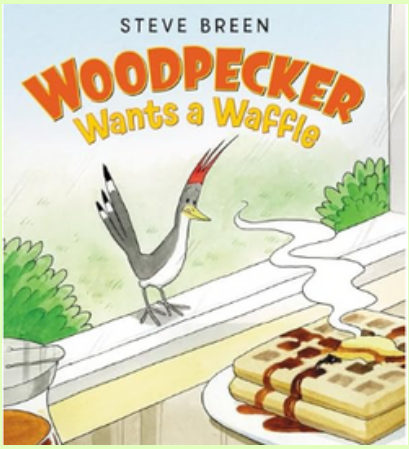
*The National Education Association's Read Across America Book for March 2024!

Sylvia's Spinach

Sylvia Spivens always says no to spinach. But one day Sylvia's teacher gives her a packet of spinach seeds to plant for the school garden. Overcoming her initial reluctance and giving the seeds a little love and patience, Sylvia discovers the joy of growing food and the pleasure of tasting something new..

Educators will understand the magic and rewards of school gardens. Best of all, young readers will celebrate Sylvia's strong will, curiosity, and, maybe, her love of spinach.

Woodpecker Wants a Waffle



One day Benny the woodpecker awakens to the best tummy-rumbling smell ever and discovers it's something called waffles. He must taste them!
He pecks on the door of the waffle house, but he gets the boot.
He tries to sneak in, but he gets swept away.
Each time Benny tries, he just can't seem to get to those delicious waffles. The other forest animals laugh at him: "Woodpeckers don't eat waffles!" they say. But Benny has a brilliant plan. . . .

Perfect read for International Waffle Day on March 25th!

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PD OPPORTUNITIES

"What to Do?"

Virtual Lunch & Learn Series presented by ESC 15's Mental Health Department
Sessions will run January - May, with 2 dates for each session:

What to do about...

- **Everything! (Helpful Cognitive-Behavioral Tools)**
  3/7/24 (#304313)
- **Grief & Trauma**
  3/22/24 (#304439) ***or*** 5/2/24 (#304446)
- **Addictive Behaviors**
  3/28/24 (#304306)
- **Suicide Intervention**
  4/12/24 (#304310)
- **Anxiety**
  4/18/24 (#304288)
- **Challenging Behaviors**
  4/25/24 (#304293) **repeat of 2/2/24*

Each session is from 12:00 - 1:00. Come to any or all sessions that fit your needs and schedule.
Click the session # to register.

THE POWER OF WORDS... EVEN WHEN THERE ARE NONE

Wordless picture books can have a profound impact on language development, critical thinking, and creativity in our young scholars. Let's embark on a path where every child's voice is heard, even when there are no words.

SESSION #: 312931 DATE: 6/21/24

ROOM: RIO GRANDE TIME: 9:00 - 4:00

For more information, contact:
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REGISTER NOW

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SUMMER DATE ADDED!

What's in a Name?

Teaching Letter Knowledge and Literacy Skills in Meaningful Ways

Did you know that almost every language skill necessary for learning to read can be introduced using children's names? Let's take advantage of children's personal and emotional connection to names as we teach letter knowledge and literacy skills with meaning!

HELLO MY NAME IS Letter Knowledge

Summer date added!

July 18th, 9:00–4:00
Session #310937
Rio Grande

HELLO MY NAME IS Literacy Skills

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PD OPPORTUNITIES

CONFIDENTIAL

What's the Secret Code? Integrating Tech in Pre-K, Kinder and 1st

TOP SECRET

June 24, 2024
#298455
9:00-4:00

Ready to rock your students' world with tech and coding?
Don't worry, we won't ask you to decipher
any secret government algorithms.

Learn to use BeeBots and more
to get your little ones problem solving.
Think your students can't possibly use tech?
Did you say coding???
Learn the secret....code!

JOIN the ADVENTURE!

Registration is now OPEN!

July 10th – 12th
ESC17 in Lubbock

ATYC

ESC 17

Register for ATYC 2024 and choose breakouts at the following link:
https://bit.ly/ATYC2024

ATYC
Where the ADVENTURE Begins

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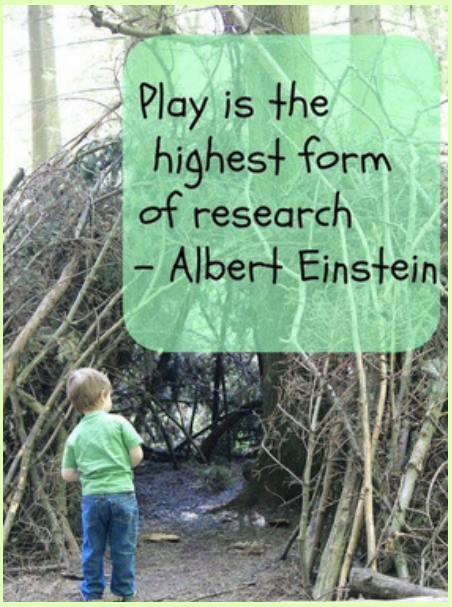

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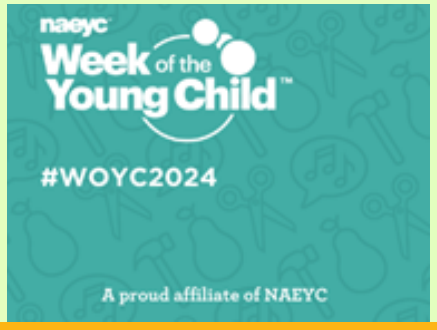
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