



Pre-K Press

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EOY Wrap-Up!

Time to wrap up those EOY assessments because the window closes soon! Please make sure you complete assessments in all **5 required domains** so ECDS submissions meet the Progress Monitoring Component of HQPK.

As a reminder, here are the required domains:

1. Emergent Literacy: Language and Communication [**Rapid Vocabulary Naming**]
2. Emergent Literacy: Reading [**Rapid Letter Naming**]
3. Emergent Literacy: Writing [**Early Writing Skills (checklist)**]
4. Mathematics [**Mathematics**]
5. Health and Wellness (Social and Emotional)
[**5 checklists under Social and Emotional Behaviors**]

Please assess all **phonological awareness items to gather solid data for Kindergarten readiness!*

****Items in orange are CIRCLE Progress Monitoring items that assess each domain. If you need guidance/support, please reach out to Carey Peacock.**

PRE-K ASSESSMENT: "TELL ME A WORD THAT RHYMES WITH DOG."



"RAINBOW"



If you are an **ECSE** teacher or **SPED** certified and interested in attending ATYC, be on the look-out for an opportunity to have your travel expenses covered!
(More info to come after 5/19/25.)

ATYC Registration is now OPEN!

That's right!
It's time to sign up for the **BEST** early child conference in Texas!
Join us **July 9th - 11th** at Crestview Church in Midland.

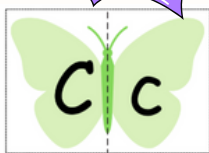
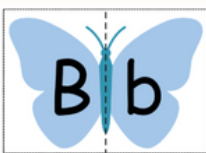
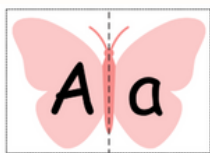
Register via **ESC 18**. You will need to create an account to register. If you need help with the registration process, check our our **Registration Walkthrough**. You can also visit our **ATYC website** or **Facebook page** for the latest information.

Letter Knowledge

Butterfly Letter Match

Play with letters by matching upper case wings to lower case wings to create a beautiful butterfly! This is a fun and easy way to practice letter naming, matching upper- and lower-case letters, practicing letter-sound correspondence, and even getting in a little writing practice! This is a great game for small group (particularly for those needing additional support), and it can then be moved seamlessly to the ABC/Writing Center for continued play. These are also great to add to "Busy Boxes" for morning arrival! There are multiple ways to play, so you can differentiate according to your students' needs.

Just click, print, cut, and play!



Math

Playdoh Counting Garden

Practice fine motor skills and math skills while creating a beautiful garden! Have students roll out a "snake" to create a stem and roll a ball to flatten for the flower's center. Use a numeral stamp to press the numeral into the playdoh ball used for the center. (You may want to have balls pre-rolled and ready to go.) After numerals are stamped, encourage students to name the numeral and create the correct number of petals for that flower. (If you don't have number stamps, you can roll super skinny "snakes" to form the numeral and place it on the center.)



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Exploration & Discovery Using Natural Art

Painting with Nature

Have children gather natural objects to create paint brushes from nature! Go on a nature walk and collect sturdy sticks, leaves, flowers, weeds, feathers, etc. Use small elastic bands or yarn/twine to attach the items to the top of the sticks to create natural paint brushes. Provide large pieces of construction paper or hang bulletin board paper on a vertical surface, and let children paint away! Use this opportunity for oral language, observation, predicting, creating hypotheses, and experimenting. Ask questions to get students thinking as they make those predictions and follow-up discussing how the paint brushes worked.



- Which paint brush are you excited to use? Why?
- Which items worked well as a paint brush?
- Which items did not?
- Why do you think some worked and some did not?
- Which paint brush did you like best? Why?



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PRE-K BOOK NOOK



Goodbye Friend, Hello Friend

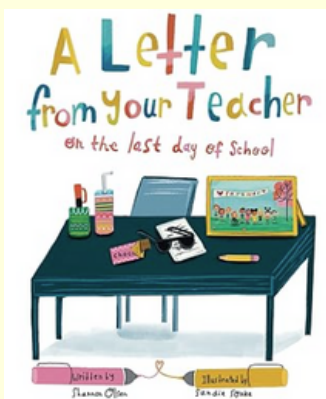


Change and transitions are hard, but this book demonstrates how, when one experience ends, it opens the door for another to begin. It follows two best friends as they say goodbye to snowmen, and hello to stomping in puddles. They say goodbye to long walks, butterflies, and the sun...and hello to long evening talks, fireflies, and the stars. But the hardest goodbye of all comes when one of the friends has to move away. Feeling alone isn't easy, and sometimes new beginnings take time. But even the hardest days come to an end, and you never know what tomorrow will bring.

And Then Comes Summer



When the days stretch out like a slow yawn, and the cheerful faces of Johnny-jump-ups jump up... then it's time to get ready for summer! From flip-flops and hide-and-seek to fireworks and ice-cream trucks, from lemonade stands and late bedtimes to swimming in the lake and toasting marshmallows, there's something for everyone in this bright and buoyant celebration of the sunny season.



A Letter From Your Teacher: On the Last Day of School

Through a letter written from the teacher's point of view, the class is invited to reflect back on memories made, connections formed, and challenges met. The letter expresses how proud their teacher is of them, and how much they will be missed. Students will also leave on that last day knowing that their teacher is cheering them on for all of the exciting things to come in the future.

Let's
Read



NEVER
STOP
READING



Pre-K PD Sessions Summer 2025



- **Building Young Thinkers in Social Studies**

Building thinkers is about asking questions, making discoveries, and connecting the past to their world. Discover fun ways to use primary sources, artifacts, and stories to make history come alive. Join us to inspire your students to explore, think critically, and develop a love for history!

6/9/25 - Session #366350



- **Beyond Counting & Bugs: There's More to Pre-K Math & Science!**

Move beyond basic counting and nature activities with hands-on, inquiry-based strategies for teaching math and science in Pre-K. This session will explore playful, developmentally appropriate ways to spark curiosity, build problem-solving skills, and integrate STEM learning into daily routines.

6/11/25 - Session #366159



- **Write for the Right Reasons in Early Childhood**

This workshop explores developmentally appropriate writing practices in early childhood, emphasizing how to nurture emergent writing through play, storytelling, and meaningful experiences. Participants will discover strategies to encourage writing that aligns with children's developmental stages, fostering creativity, confidence, and a love for writing in the Pre-K classroom.

6/18/24 - Session #366153



- **The Power of Words... Even When There are None**
(Wordless Picture Books in Early Childhood)

Unlock the potential of wordless picture books in your early childhood classroom! This session will be an illuminating exploration into the world of visual storytelling and its 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.

6/24/25 - Session #39722



- **Empowering Early Literacy in Pre-K**

This workshop equips early childhood educators with TPG-aligned strategies in order to build a strong literacy foundation in preparation for Kindergarten and beyond. Participants will engage in hands-on activities that support oral language, phonological awareness, letter knowledge, and read-alouds. The session highlights developmentally appropriate practices and ways to differentiate instruction to support all learners and empower their early literacy skills.

6/26/24 - Session #364938



Questions? Contact **Carey Peacock!**



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BYE
SCHOOL
HELLO
POOL

