Lennox School District State Preschool Program

Early Childhood Education Newsletter

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Teaching Children How To Read Starts Early

By National Education Association



Read Across America is celebrated on March 2 every year. The National Education Association shares twenty activities that parents can do to help raise readers. We are sharing ten of the activities on the list to get started.

Raising Readers: What Parents Can Do

Learning to read takes practice. Loving to read takes enthusiasm. Read with your child often and create a sense of enjoyment, wonder, and a passion for reading.

1. Read together every day. You can read the morning news at breakfast, share a story after supper, or cuddle up for a book at bedtime. A daily reading routine is something everyone can look forward to.
2. Talk and build vocabulary. Interesting conversations build vocabulary, language skills, and knowledge about the world. Talk is a child's best source of exposure to new words and ideas.
3. Model reading. Kids want to do what the grownups do. Make sure your kids get to see you reading and hear you talk about it.
4. Point out print. Read and talk about the words you see in the world around you. There's lots to read—signs, recipes, cereal boxes, instruction manuals, bus schedules, news, maps, and menus.
5. Visit the library. Take advantage of all the books, materials, story times, programs, and resources your local library has to offer.
6. Create a reading-rich home. Find books at the bookstore or yard sales. Provide a special shelf or basket for kids to keep their own books and one for library books. Make sure there are quiet, comfortable places to read.
7. Encourage your child's reading. Praise the efforts of a soon-to-be or beginning

reader. Make sure schedules of older readers include time for reading for pleasure.

8. Keep books handy. Stash books in your bag to read aloud when you travel or have to wait at restaurants or for appointments. Or keep eBooks on your phone.
9. Start reading traditions. Beyond bedtime stories, consider a special birthday book, holiday favorites, or a regular family read aloud night.
10. Let kids choose books. Offer titles that explore your child's interests, expand horizons, and offer exposure to different kinds of writing. Show them there are books where they can see themselves and books where they can see the worlds of others.

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Experience and Training of Program Staff

By Nellie Ríos-Parra, Director of State Preschool and Ana Rosales, State Preschool Teacher

We invite you to get to know our staff. Each week we will feature a different staff member in this section titled, *Experience and Training of Program Staff*. This week we are highlighting Ms. Ana Rosales who is a State Preschool Teacher at Felton State Preschool. She was hired into her current position in March 2003.



Ms. Ana Luisa Rosales is a former Lennox School District student who went to Buford Elementary School, Felton Junior High School and Lennox Middle School when it first opened. She became a Preschool Teacher for the Lennox District in 1996. She has 30 years of experience working with children and holds a Preschool Teacher permit from the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing.

Prior to working with preschool age children, she served as a Teaching Assistant who worked with at-risk students at Buford Elementary School. She worked along with the students' teachers, administrators, and psychologists. While working as an Teaching Assistant, she began her college education at El Camino Community College where she

took courses in Child Development. After two years, she began her preschool career working with preschool children in 1993 as a Preschool Assistant at Buford elementary and at Whelan Elementary School, now known as Dolores Huerta Elementary School.

She actively participated in the annual Cinco de Mayo parade, an annual event in which families of the Lennox community and local schools come together as one in a multicultural gathering.

Ms. Ana continues to become proficient in her field, as she attends professional teacher development training to acquire new skills and enhance existing skills in the areas of math along with UCLA Math Project, science training with Lakeshore trainers, as well as reading, writing and technology with the district. These trainings benefit and help guide her as she prepares students for the future and sparks their love for learning.

The developers from ClassDojo, a school communication platform for teachers, students and families, recognize her as a school mentor. She looks forward to continuing her studies and being up to date with new ways of learning and teaching in the early childhood field. This school year, she received her special pin for the 30 years of dedicated service to the Lennox students and staff. Ms. Ana loves Starbucks coffee and the Dodgers.

UPCOMING EVENTS

***** EVERY Tuesday, please return the READ WITH ME books to school. *****

March 4 - 8 is National School Breakfast Week, thank the Child Nutrition Services staff.

March is Women's History Month and March 8 is Women's International Day.

March is Arts Education month.

Thursday, March 7 - School Spring Pictures @ Whelan

Friday, March 8 - Did your child attend school everyday this week? Celebrate!

Sunday, March 10 - Daylight Savings, Spring Forward, move your clock(s) to an hour ahead beginning at 2:00 AM

Tuesday, March 12 - Return the READ WITH ME books to the classroom teacher.

Wednesday, March 13, 3:15 PM, Parent Advisory Council Meeting via Zoom.
https://lennoxk12-org.zoom.us/j/82746928883?pwd=N3RSazcwOER0M1VQeFJESFJQb2E1UT09
Meeting ID: 827 4692 8883 Passcode: 906153

Thursday, March 14 - Happy Birthday State Preschool Teacher Ms. Mosqueda!



Friday, March 15 - National Preschool Teachers Appreciation Day

Friday, March 8 - Did your child attend school everyday this week? Celebrate!



Monday, March 18 - Drop, Hold, Cover Evacuation

Tuesday, March 19 - Return the READ WITH ME books to the classroom teacher.

Thursday, March 21 - World Down Syndrome Day - Rock Your Socks!

Friday, March 22 - Turn in the MARCH Attendance Calendar to your child's teacher. Kudos to all children who had perfect attendance in March.

Friday, March 22 - Spring Break Calendar of Activities goes home.



Monday, March 25 - Friday, April 5 - Spring Break, no classes.

Monday , April 8 - **Classes Resume**

Monday , April 8 - APRIL Attendance Calendar goes home. Aim for daily attendance.

Tuesday, April 9-11 - Lil' libros Fair @ State Preschool Administrative Office, all are welcome

Tuesday, April 9 - Return the READ WITH ME books to the classroom teacher.



Thursday, April 11 - Happy Birthday State Preschool Teacher Mrs. Zapata!

Tuesday, April 16 - Return the READ WITH ME books to the classroom teacher.

Wednesday, April 17 - Open House

Wednesday, April 17, 3:15 PM, Parent Advisory Council Meeting via Zoom.
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Friday, April 19 - Happy Birthday Program Provider Mrs. Guardado!



Sabado, April 20 - Happy Birthday State Preschool Teacher Mrs. Gonzalez!

Monday, April 22- Friday April 26 - Spring Bogo Book Fair at JSP

Tuesday, April 23 - Happy Birthday to the Lennox State Preschool Director Mrs. Rios-Parra!

Tuesday, April 23 - Return the READ WITH ME books to the classroom teacher.

Thursday, April 25 - Jog-a-thon

Tuesday, April 30 - Turn in the April Attendance Calendar.



Wednesday, May 1 - First Day of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month

Monday, May 6 - Happy Birthday State Preschool Teacher Mrs. Morales!

Wednesday, May 8 - Hearing and Vision Test @ **WSP** "Southern California Sensory Screening"

Friday, May 10 - Hearing and Vision Test @ **FSP** "Southern California Sensory Screening"



Sunday, May 12 - Happy Mother's Day!

Tuesday, May 14 - Board Meeting

Thursday, May 16 - Happy Birthday State Preschool Site Supervisor Mrs. Salcedo!

Friday, May 17 - Super Hero Julian Roque Day, Wear your favorite superhero costume

Monday, May 20 - Happy Birthday State Preschool Teacher Ms. Maciel!



Thursday, May 23 - Trike-a-thon

Monday, May 27 - Happy Memorial Day, No classes

Wednesday, May 29 - Happy Birthday State Preschool Teacher Mrs. Cortez!



Thursday, June 6 - Last day of read with me backpack distribution

Tuesday, June 11 - Collect ALL RWM Backpacks

Tuesday, June 1 - Happy Birthday State Preschool Secretary Betsy McLaurin!

Sunday, June 16 - Happy Father's Day!

Wednesday, June 19 - Juneteenth, No class, Preschool Office will be closed.

Friday, June 21 - Last day of school, have a great summer break!

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LENNOX SCHOOL DISTRICT

STATE PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

Enroll your child NOW!

- **Children 3 and 4 years of age**
- **Potty trained <u>not required</u>**
- **Income based eligibility**
- **Dual Language instruction (English/Spanish)**
- **Permits granted to LA County residents**
- **Classes offered Monday-Friday 7:50-10:50AM or 12-3PM**

LOCATIONS:

<u>Buford State Preschool</u>
10915 Felton Avenue
Inglewood, CA 90304
#192006405

<u>Felton State Preschool</u>
10417 Felton Avenue
Inglewood, CA 90304
#197409130

<u>Jefferson State Preschool</u>
10203 Firmona Avenue
Inglewood, CA 90304
#197417494

<u>Moffett State Preschool</u>
11050 Larch Avenue
Inglewood, CA 90304
#192006499

<u>Whelan State Preschool</u>
4125 W 104th Street
Inglewood, CA 90304
#197414587 *Located at Dolores Huerta*

Lennox State Preschool Program
Administration Office
10203 Firmona Avenue
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Office Hours: Monday – Friday
7:30AM – 4:00PM



Enrollment Website



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