



Pre-K Press

May 2023



EOY Alphabet Celebration!

Celebrate all your young scholars have learned this year by throwing an **End-of-Year Alphabet Celebration!** Plan a day that revolves around the alphabet so that your tasks, activities, small gifts from the teacher, and (of course) **snacks** make them think of each and every letter! Click the preview list below for the full alphabet!



End of Year Alphabet Celebration	
A - Apples (Apple Slices), ABC Bingo	O - Outside Centers (Set up centers outside! Water table, chalk, sand table, shadow drawing, painting w/ water, etc.)
B - Brownie Bites, Bubbles (Give each child a mini bottle of bubbles. "You blew me away this year!")	P - Pre-K & Kindergarten - Same & Different, Pencils (Everyone needs a fun pencil to be ready for Kindergarten!)
C - Cheese Cubes, Crackers	
D - Donuts/Donut Holes	
E - Erasers	

CIRCLE Progress Monitoring

The **EOY Window** is quickly coming to a close! Make sure you have **all 5 domains** assessed and data is ready to be uploaded into ECDS. (Data must be submitted by 6/22/23.)

ECDS Domain	C-PM Measure to Assess
Language & Communication	Rapid Vocabulary Naming
Emergent Literacy: Reading	Rapid Letter Naming, Phonological Awareness, & <i>Optional Phonological Awareness*</i> (enter the <i>composite</i> score for ECDS)
Emergent Literacy: Writing	Early Writing Skills (checklist)
Mathematics	Mathematics & <i>Optional Mathematics*</i> (enter the <i>composite</i> score for ECDS)
Health & Wellness	Social & Emotional (checklist) that includes 5 subsections: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Positive Social Behaviors Classroom Community & Safety Emotion & Behavior Regulation Self-Care Approaches to Learning



**The items in italics are highly recommended by TEA but not required. The Optional PA items are helpful because they measure the understanding of larger ("easier") parts of PA with Listening & Words in a Sentence, and it also assesses higher level PA with the expressive piece in Rhyming II.*



C-PM Reports for Parents

Be sure to generate those amazing **Student Reports for Parents** in CLI so that parents know where their child is at the end of their Pre-K year and what activities they can work on during the summer as the get ready to move up to Kindergarten!

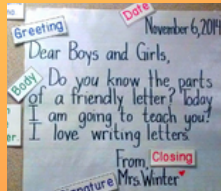
DAP CENTRAL

DEVELOPMENTALLY APPROPRIATE PRACTICES

Writing

Letter to Pre-K 2023

As a class, write a letter to the incoming Pre-K class of 2023. Ask students to think of important things to tell students who will be new to Pre-K in the fall. Start by creating a list of things they would like to tell the students. Turn the list into a letter on chart paper! Talk about the letters you are writing to make up words, the spaces between words, punctuation, return-sweep, etc. Don't forget to have each child sign the letter at the bottom! Read it a few times between now and the end of the year to practice important print-awareness skills. Use it as a transition by asking a child to find a certain letter before moving to the next activity.



Dear Class of 2023,

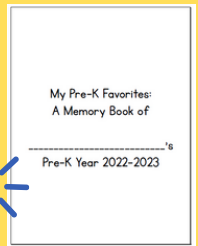
Emergent Literacy

My Favorite... of Pre-K

Help students create a personal memory book to capture their Pre-K year. Using a sentence stem, have students draw a picture of a favorite for each page. Take some dictation on each page to help complete the story of their favorites and/or encourage them to write some on their own. Complete a page a day and have them create a decorative book cover.

"My Favorites" from Pre-K Ideas:

- Center
- Snack
- Friends to play with
- Book



Click the page to download some prepared pages that are ready to go!

Social Emotional/Fine Arts

I Am Proud of...

Help students understand how proud they should be of what they accomplished this year. Remind them of all of the wonderful things they have learned. Write a sentence stem (*I am proud of myself because in Pre-K I learned...*) and help them decide what they are most proud of, write it out, and have them sign it.

Help them create a Pre-K graduate with their features, and attach their proud take-away from their Pre-K year.



Math

Playdoh Counting Garden

Practice Number Sense with these flower math mats. Simply click on the picture or title, print the mats, and laminate. Grab some playdoh, number stamps, dry or wet erase markers, and maybe even a die. There are several ways to play (see instructions when you open the file).

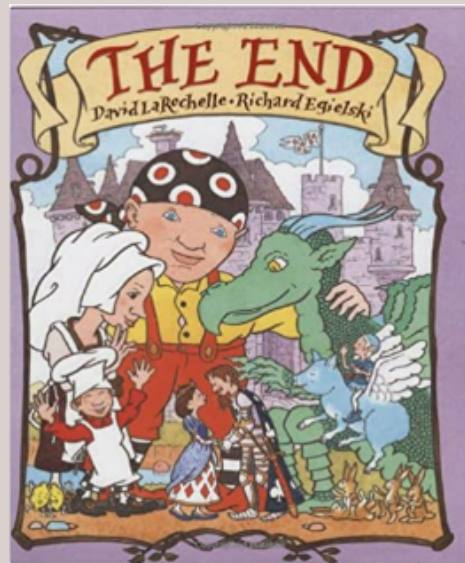


PRE-K BOOK NOOK



Last Day Blues

What do teachers do for summer vacation? Mrs. Hartwell's students worry that their teacher will miss them while they are gone for the summer. The class comes up with a way to make sure Mrs. Hartwell won't be too sad. But Mrs. Hartwell and the other teachers have some plans of their own. Last Day Blues reminds everyone that teachers and students are more alike than we sometimes think.



The End

"...And they lived happily ever after."

So begins this wacky original fairy tale, which traces the courtship of a handsome knight and a beautiful princess . . . backwards! Before you reach the beginning, you'll meet a temperamental giant, a beleaguered cook, a dragon who's scared of bunny rabbits, an oversized tomato, and an impish figure on a flying pig who just might be the cause of all the madness. It's a conventionally perfect and perfectly unconventional take on the fairy tale -- guaranteed to convert the Grimmest reader to giggles.



The Knowing Book

In this inspiring story, a young rabbit travels through the wide world, experiencing joy and sorrow and wonder. Along the way he chooses a path and explores the unknown. And at the end of his journey, braver and more confident, he returns home—a place he can always count on. This picture book is a celebration of life and the perfect way to mark any milestone!



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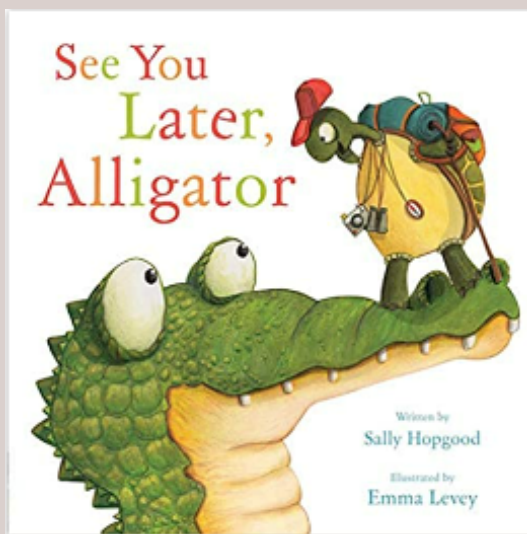
The End is Just the Beginning

Starting a book at the end may seem confusing. But the end of one thing is just the beginning of something new in this innovative and heartfelt book. With beautiful and inspiring illustrations, this story is ideal for helping kids understand how to meet life's challenges with optimism and hope. A timely message of hope and comfort, this stunning picture book is the perfect treasure to share with anyone trying to navigate these uncertain times—or any life transition!



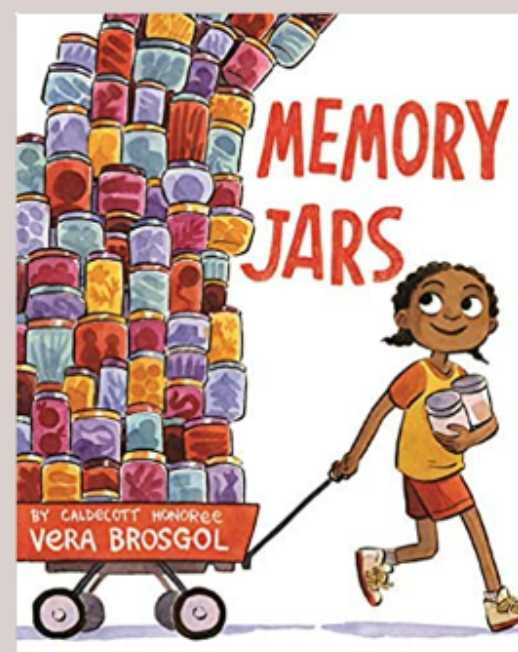
See You Later, Alligator

A departing tortoise has his bags packed and is almost ready to set out on an adventure, but he can't leave until he says good-bye to each of his animal friends. The tortoise stops for every last timid mouse and bumblebee, shouting his rhyming good-byes, making you wonder if, perhaps, he's stalling the start of his trip. With each farewell, the tortoise's good-byes get sillier and more creative. When will the good-byes end and the adventure begin?

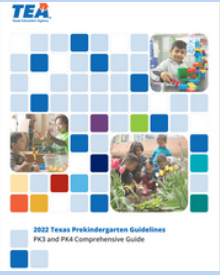


Memory Jars

Freda is devastated when she can't eat all the delicious blueberries she's picked. She has to wait a whole year before they're back, and she doesn't want to lose them! Then Gran reminds her that they can save blueberries in a jar, as jam. So Freda begins to save all her favorite things. But it turns out that saving everything also means she can't enjoy anything, and Freda realizes that some things are best saved as memories.



PD OPPORTUNITIES



2022 Texas Pre-K Guidelines Training Dates:

- Thursday, May 4th (**almost full**)
 - **Session #269311**
- Monday, June 5th
 - **Session #272367**

*****Participants will receive a copy of the PK3 & PK4 Comprehensive Guide!*****

Move It or Lose It

If you don't want your students to lose it, have them move it... **appropriately!** Movement is essential to development, & it's more than "getting the wiggles out" or changing positions in the classroom. Learn to be purposeful in the movements you have your students make to increase learning.



When: Monday, June 19th
Session: #269528

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



June 29, 2023
#270862
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!



Studies: Meaningful Experiences for Authentic Learning

Children come to us with diverse interests, experiences, prior knowledge, and have a natural curiosity about the world around them. Join us as we explore ways to foster authentic learning through inventing and solving problems, sharing solutions, and exploring content through hands-on activities.

When: Monday, July 17th

Session: #270699

Early Identification of Learning Differences



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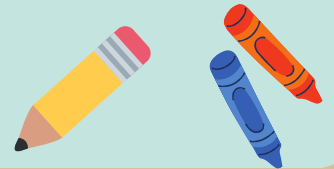
We have all heard "the sooner, the better" regarding interventions to help struggling children. When it comes to learning differences, this isn't trite; it's critical. This workshop will help you capture those soft signs of learning differences before they become beacons. The workshop will also leave you with immediate action items for intervention. It's a win-win!

When: Wednesday, June 7th Session # **270766**
Where: West Texas Training Center

Write Where? Across Content Areas PK - 2

Experience different writing opportunities to help your students grow as independent writers. Learn the stages of writing our young scholars go through and explore how writing can be developed through the content areas of math, science, and social studies.

When: Tuesday, June 20th
Session: #272576



Write Where? Across Content Areas PK - 2

This session will also be offered in Brownwood on Wednesday, June 21st.

Session: #272578

CIRCLE Pre-K Foundations Training

The CIRCLE Pre-K Foundations Training provides a comprehensive look at Pre-K instruction to support kindergarten readiness. This **2-day training** includes 7 modules developed to target key areas of Pre-K learning and instruction. During training, teachers will experience multiple demonstration lessons and will have numerous opportunities to practice these lessons and activities, which can be immediately implemented in the classroom.

When: Thursday, July 6th - Friday, July 7th

Session: #270784



***Click the Session # to register for a session above!**



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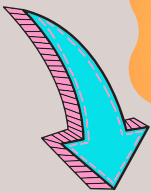
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Get the 2022
Texas Pre-K
Guidelines at the
links below!

2022 Texas Pre-K Guidelines

The new 2022 TPGs are available! There are multiple ways to access them:

- TPG Comprehensive PK3 & PK4 (English)
- TPG Comprehensive PK3 & PK4 (Spanish)
- PK4 Streamlined
- PK3 Streamlined
- PK4 Side-by-Side Comparison
- PK3 Side-by-Side Comparison

Don't Forget!!

The 25th Annual
Academy for Teachers
of Young Children



July 12th – 14th
ESC 17 in Lubbock

FMI: Check out our ATYC
Website or register at:
bit.ly/ATYCRegister

Enjoy your
Summer!

