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City School District



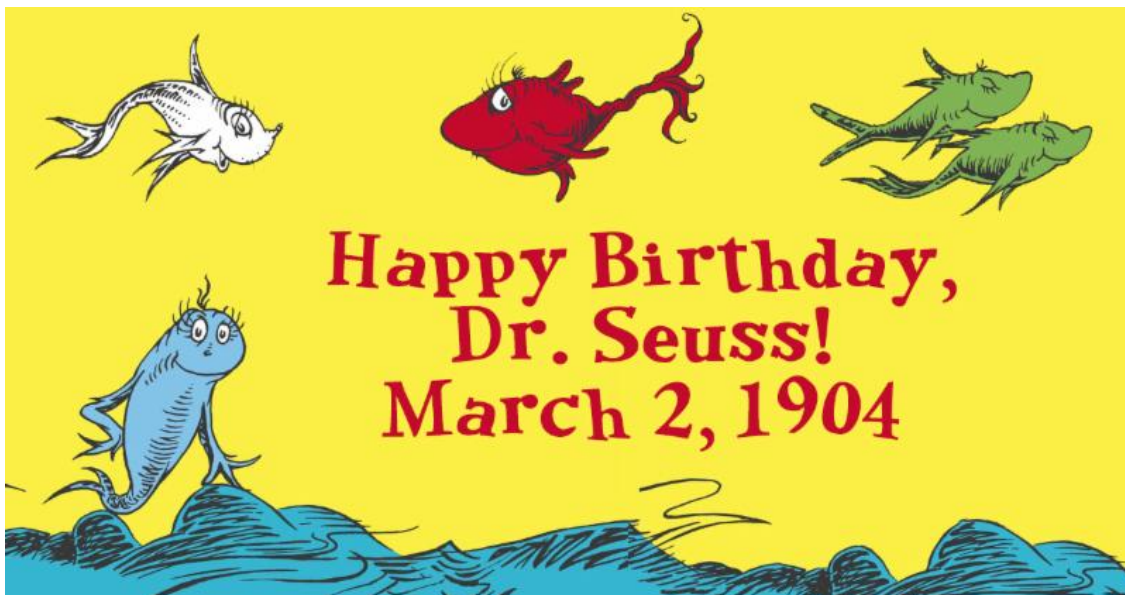
March 1st, 2019

Greetings!

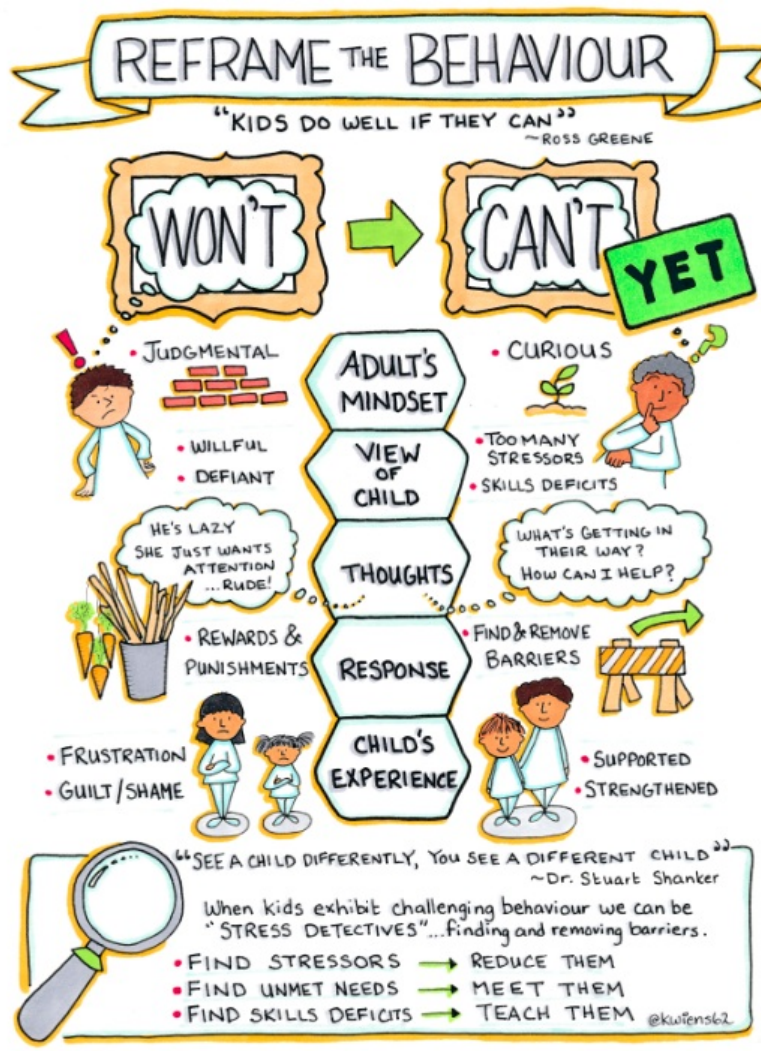
Welcome to March!

*In this edition of the Early Childhood Newsletter, you will find an update on our Reading is Fundamental program and see special **guest readers** in action! You will find **child explorations** at Peterson in early childhood classroom 4, as well as information about **summer camp** in the Huntington Beach City School District.*

*We hope that you spend additional time **reading** with your child this month as we celebrate the birthday of Dr. Seuss (Theodore Geisel) on March 2nd.*



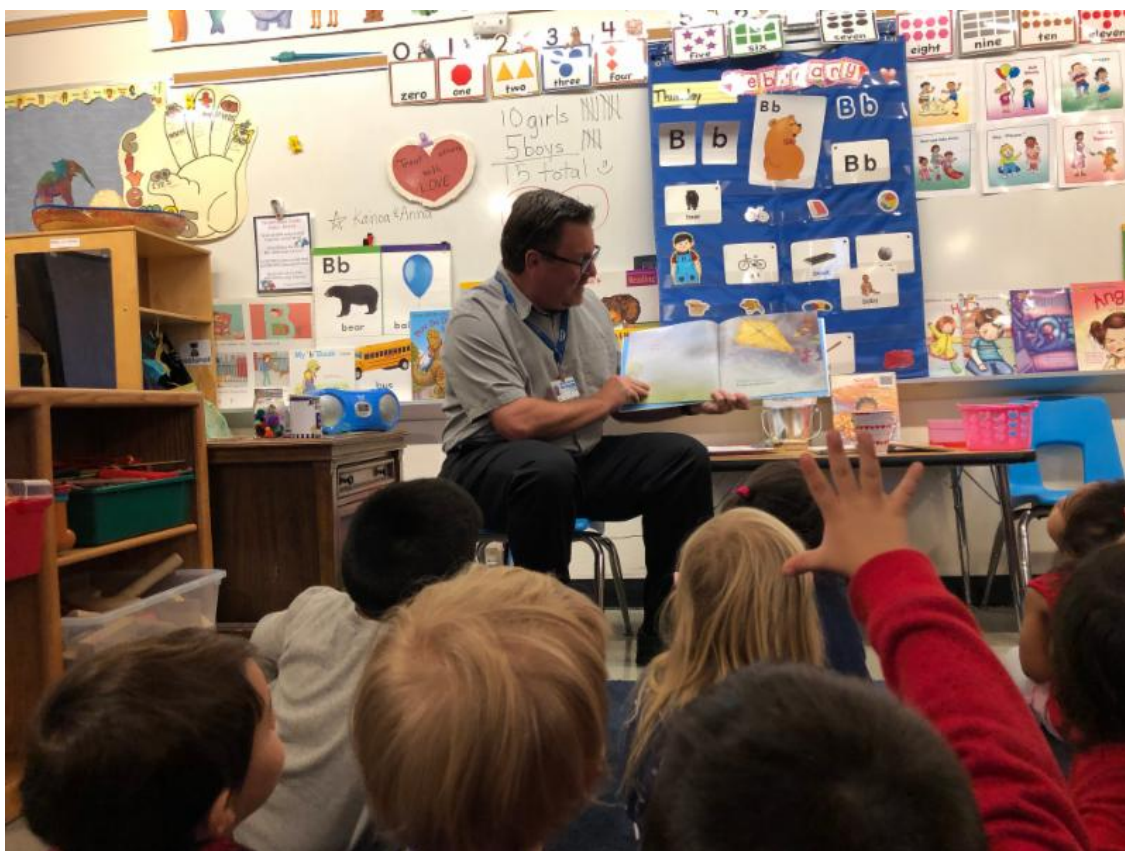
We look forward to connecting with you again in April! As always, please feel free to forward this on to friends and family or unsubscribe using the buttons at the bottom of this e-mail.



Reading is Fundamental: February 14th, 2019

Our Preschool Academy welcomed special guests to the Reading is Fundamental program on February 14th.

Superintendent Gregg Hauk selected Kite Day, by Will Hillenbrand to read at Perry Elementary, in preschool classrooms 7 and 11.



Jimmy Lambos, Assistant to the Superintendent, read Brown Bear, Brown Bear, by Eric Carle in preschool classroom 1 at Perry.



Thank you to our special guests!

What's New in Our Early Learning Programs? Peterson, Room 4

Room 4 at Peterson Preschool has been busy studying winter, the Arctic and Antarctica. We explored the weather, the animals along with ice and its properties.



As we moved along into February we talked about being kind, loving and helpful. We worked on leaving "heart prints" behind when we do kind and helpful things for other people.



We also got to meet some community helpers who help us and our community.



It has been a fun and busy few months!



Summer Camp in the Huntington Beach City School District



Build, Think & Play

HBCSD Preschool Academy proudly presents Summer Camp 2019

Designed specifically for children 3 to 5 years of age, our Summer Camp will actively support each child in activities aligned with the California Foundations and Frameworks, the pre-cursor to Common Core Standards. Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics experiences will be presented daily and are designed to engage your child as they build, think and play! Woven through each day are language and literacy components designed to strengthen their love of learning.

Perry Elementary (License #304370262)
Monday thru Thursday, 9 am – 1pm (snack provided)
July 15—18; July 22—25; and July 29—Aug 1
Registration now open!



Information: www.hbcds.us/preschoolacademy
Contact us: earlychildhood@hbcds.us or 714-962-3348 extension 2335

Join us for an exciting summer of exploration and discovery!

Enroll for 1, 2 or 3 weeks of summer camp

Week 1: **July 15-18, 2019** Week 2: **July 22-25, 2019** Week 3: **July 29—Aug 1, 2019**

\$165 per week per child \$25 annual non refundable summer camp registration fee

This program is limited to the first 24 children enrolled for each week based on a first come—first served basis. A waiting list will be formed for all children after the 24th child is enrolled. Program availability is based on a minimum enrollment of children per session per week. Should a week not meet minimum enrollment, you will be notified and a refund for that week will be issued. Please return your registration form and fee to secure your enrollment. The registration form is available online at hbcds.us/preschoolacademy (then select summer camp) or at Perry Elementary and the HBCSD District Office. Mail in registration is welcome.

For more program registration information please contact:


Earlychildhood@hbcds.us **714-962-3348 extension 2335**

Read Aloud


Parents, it's up to you!

The first few years of life are critical in your child's brain development. Make the most of this window. If you wait, it's too late.

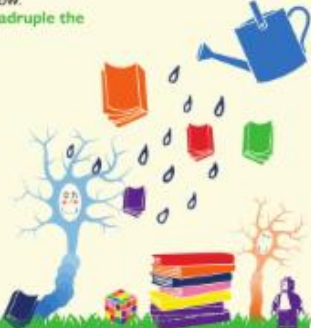
- Your baby's brain is making literally **trillions of connections** during the first few years, the fastest it will ever grow.
- Children are rapidly learning language. They often **quadruple the number of words they know** between ages 1-2.
- Babies learn best through interactions. **There is no substitute for YOU.**



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Babies are born with about 100 billion neurons; by age 3 there will be about 1,000 trillion connections between them.



The stakes could not be higher

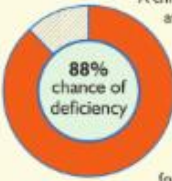
Dodge the word gap

Some children will hear 30 million fewer words than their peers before age 4. Studies have shown the number of words a child knows when entering kindergarten is predictive of future learning success. Hart and Risley 2003




Avoid the slippery slope

A child not reading at grade level by the end of first grade has an **88% chance of not reading at grade level** by the end of fourth grade.



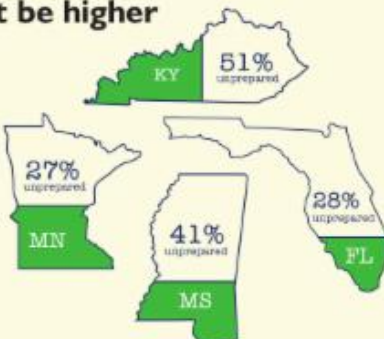
Those not reading proficiently by third grade are four times more likely to drop out of school.




Get ready to learn

Too many children in the U.S. are **not prepared to learn** when they enter kindergarten. Studies show that those who fall behind are likely to stay that way.

Kentucky.com | FloridaEarlyLearning.com | Education.state.nm.us | tedcount.org/misare.edu | Shockoff and Phelps 2003 | Carnegie Foundation 1991




Light up your child's brain!




Read aloud 15 MINUTES every day from birth to:

- Grow vocabulary and knowledge
- Bond and provide enriching engagement
- Foster a love of books and learning

You are your child's first and most important teacher. Read Aloud every day, from birth, for **at least 15 MINUTES** and light up your child's brain.




If you wait, it's too late.



Every child. Every parent. Every day.

Learn more at OCREADS.ORG



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Resource of the Month!

40 Meaningful Ways to Share Encouraging Words for Kids

When focused in the eight areas of the research-based, positive youth development model, *The Compass Advantage*, encouraging words help children understand themselves and how each ability drives their success.



1. Thank you for your kindness.
2. What you did was very generous.
3. I appreciate how you put yourself in someone else's shoes.
4. Your thoughtfulness is one of your greatest strengths.
5. I'm so proud of how you honor and accept other kids' differences.

6. I like how you pursue new ideas!
7. Your open-mindedness is such an asset.
8. I love your sense of skepticism!
9. You just showed what it means to be a critical thinker!
10. Your desire to learn helped you grow from this setback.



11. Thank you for cooperating; it's such an important skill.
12. I appreciate what a good listener you are.
13. I like how you use words to describe your feelings.
14. You've been a good friend to ____ because...
15. Thank you for respecting my thinking.

16. You showed enormous strength in handling this challenge.
17. Your determination helped you overcome this obstacle.
18. Thank you for persevering to solve this problem.
19. It's a joy to see your self-confidence shine through!
20. Your flexibility and grit helped you grow from this adversity.



21. I appreciate how self-reflective you are.
22. I admire your vulnerability.
23. Your optimism is contagious.
24. It's great to see that you believe in yourself.
25. I trust you will find your own meaning from this experience.

26. It takes courage to stand up for what you believe in.
27. I appreciate your respect of others.
28. Your honesty serves as a role model to me.
29. I admire your values, like...
30. None of us is perfect; learning integrity takes practice.



31. I'm so glad you asked for your teacher's help.
32. It's nice to see you focus on the process, not just the result.
33. You analyzed the problem, then devised a great solution!
34. You achieved your goal with a lot of hard work..
35. I'm proud of you for being a collaborator.

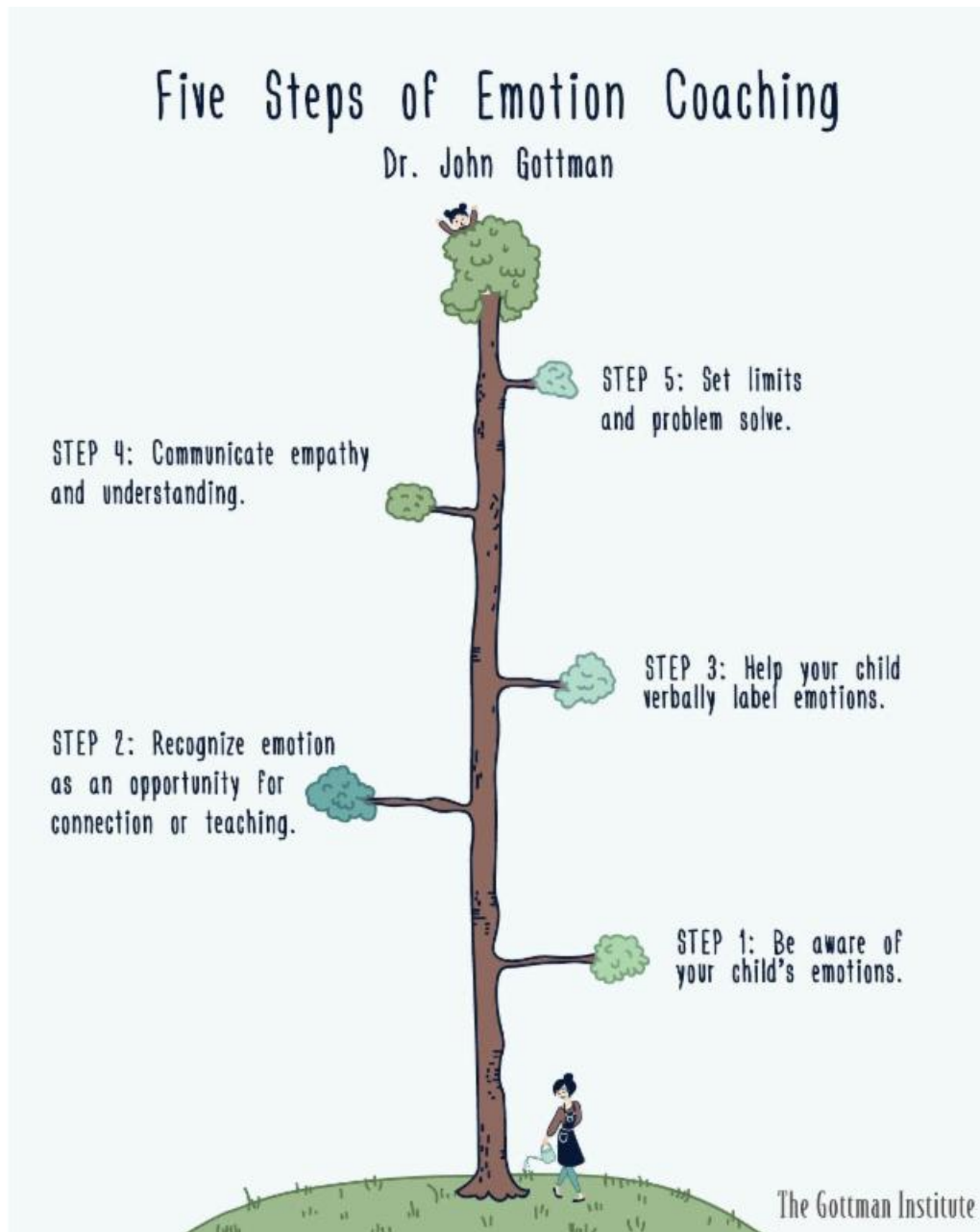
36. I love your sense of humor!
37. Your imagination is awesome!
38. Thank you for reminding me how fun it is to be playful.
39. Your ideas are wonderfully creative.
40. Your connection to nature brings me joy.



Information Source:


<https://www.rootsofaction.com/encouraging-words-for-kids/>

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