



**Early Childhood Connection  
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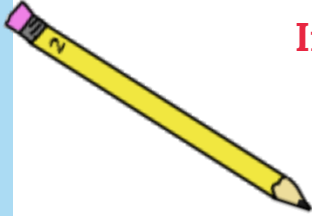
# **A Network Update**

**We have been working hard all summer to prepare for a great school year ahead! Keeping the mission of the network in mind, we have been intentional in our efforts. We are ready to make sure all children, birth to 5 years old, have access to a high quality educational setting where they can thrive each day.**

**For the 2023-2024 school year, TPSD has expanded seats for 4 year olds to attend public Pre-K by adding five additional classrooms across the parish. Ready Start Terrebonne expanded seats at two Type III Early Learning Centers through grant funding. Additionally, Head Start has reopened their Church Street location after repairs from Hurricane Ida.**

**As our little learners return to the classrooms for the new school year, all educators should be prepared to meet the needs of all students everyday. We are excited to be laying the foundation for their academic success!**

# Dates to Remember

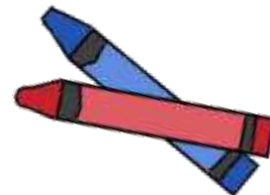


**August 24th**  
**Infant/Toddler PLC Meeting**  
**West Park Federal**

**August 25th**  
**3's and 4's PLC Meeting**  
**West Park Federal**

**August 30th**  
**PreK and Centers**  
**CLASS Observations Schedules Due**

**September 4th**  
**Office Closed**  
**Labor Day**



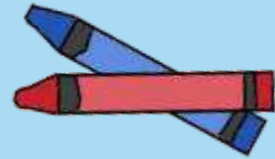
**September 5th**  
**Network Meeting #1**  
**West Park Federal**

**October 18th**  
**PreK - Fall TS GOLD Checkpoint**  
**October 31st**  
**EC Centers - Fall TS GOLD Checkpoint**

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# Library Outreach

Ms. Lillie Brunet and Ms. Emily Elliott, the outreach team at the Terrebonne Parish Library, provided early childhood workshops this summer. The topics covered early literacy, emotional development, social emotional techniques, and classroom management techniques.





# The State of Early Childhood in Our Community

Gracie Detiveaux, the Act III Facilitator, spoke at the Houma Rotary luncheon on July 12, 2023. She informed the audience about access and quality of early childhood education at the local and state level.

The audience was interested in how federal funding for early childhood was making an impact in our local community. The support of community stakeholders is valuable to the success of our programs. Thank you to Matt Armand for creating this opportunity for the network.



# Welcome to PREK in TPSD

TPSD hosted a new Teacher Conference for all new hires in the district in July at HLB. It was three days full of useful information to assist new teachers with our district's curriculum, assessments, and administrative tasks. Michele Olsen, PreK Coordinator said, "This was an excellent opportunity for collaboration amongst our new teachers. We were able to inform them about schedules, phonemic awareness, TS GOLD, and the ASQ Screener."





# PREK PD

## A Dive Into Frog Street



# SPLASH CONFERENCE



PreK teachers from Upper Little Calliou, Montegut, and Gibson attended the Frog Street conference this summer in preparation for implementation of the new curriculum. Our teachers attended make and take sessions, listened to inspiration from Weston Kieschnick, learned yogapalooza from Bari Koral, and sang along with Don Monopoli. We enjoyed gathering info from Jill Molli, Conscious Discipline expert, and listened to Kristy Pinkney discuss intentional play activities during center time.



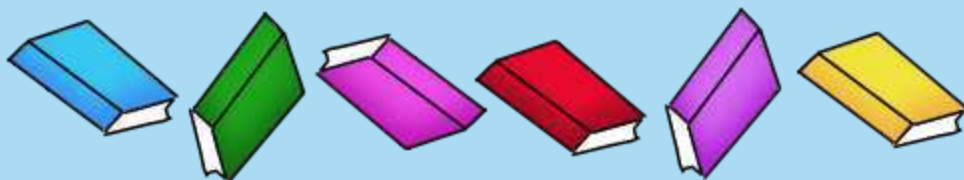


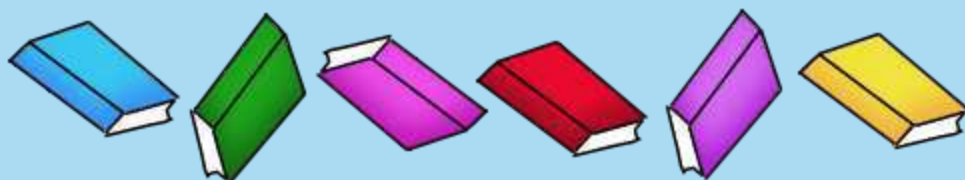




# Circle Time with Toddlers

Sheryl, from Teaching 2 and 3 year olds, has some great suggestions at how to begin circle time with toddlers and three year olds. Keeping it simple is key to getting a good routine going. As the year progresses, teachers can then add more to address social emotional and language skills. Click to the link to her blog post for prop printables and check out the good morning songs links!







# Teaching Mama

The mission of Teaching Mama is to help teachers meet the needs of all their little learners. Her latest blog posts share visual sequence cards for washing hands, name activities, and carpet sitting position choices. Check out these great resources at the link.



## Say a Friend's Name

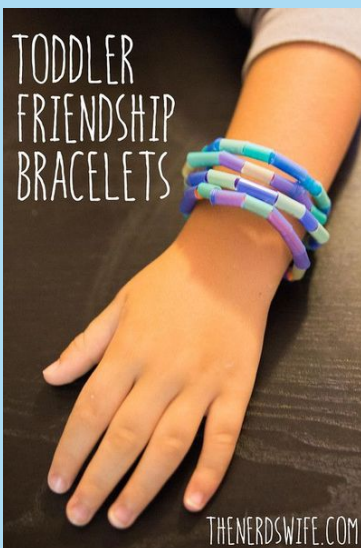
*Tune: Are You Sleeping?*

Say a friend's name,  
Say a friend's name,  
After me,  
After me,  
Saying names is so much fun,  
Especially saying this one,  
(child's name),  
(child's name).

A large red heart in the center, surrounded by a ring of smaller hearts in various colors (blue, pink, orange, yellow, green, purple).

# School Family

Conscious Discipline encourages becoming a school family to create a positive climate that helps children regulate their emotions. Check out this greeting circle song that can be used during back to school time.







# Naptime PLC

"INTENTIONAL TEACHING PRACTICES"

1 PATHWAY CLOCK HOUR

August 24th - Infant/Toddler Teachers

August 25th - Threes/Fours Teachers

12:15-1:15

West Park Federal Building

Bayou Terrebonne Meeting Room



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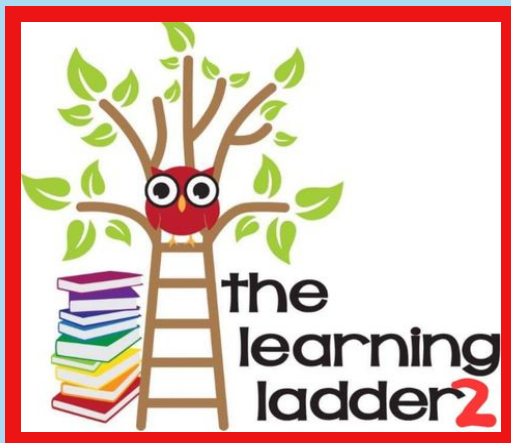
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# A Sneak Peek

Ready Start Terrebonne was awarded a grant to expand seats in our local community. We are excited to announce a new early learning center is ready to serve children in our parish! The Learning Ladder 2 is located on S. Van Ave. and will be opening soon!





**The staff of The Learning Ladder 2 have been working hard all summer to carefully plan out their brand new classrooms!**





# CDA Ceremony

Our first CDA celebration was held at the Main Library in May. It was an honor to recognize our teachers who completed their Child Development Associate credential. Ready Start Terrebonne would like to thank the PD specialists, Mrs. Diana Constant and Mrs. Danielle Davis, for their support. We are so proud of these ladies for completing the coursework to enhance their knowledge about early childhood education.










# Back to school fun at Country Kids Learning Academy!





# Readers are leaders at Treasure the Moment!





*The*  
INFLUENCE  
OF A  
*teacher*  
CAN NEVER BE  
ERASED