



# Early Childhood Education

## PRESCHOOL ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

Early Childhood Education is often a child's first exposure to a classroom learning environment and to working with unfamiliar adults and peers. Research shows that these experiences support development in all littles. Specifically, the Huntington Beach City School District (HBCSD) has been offering Early Childhood Programming since 2002 that includes: School Readiness Programs, Preschool Classrooms, & Transitional Kindergarten Classrooms. This newsletter will serve to share what the HBCSD littles are up to, important programming information, and exciting upcoming events and activities.

Program	3-5 Years Old			5th Birthday		
	3-4 Years Old*	On or before 9/1/22	Between 9/1/22-9/1/23	Between 9/1/23-2/1/23	After 2/1/23	
Preschool Academics (Fee Based)**	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
State Preschool Program (CSPP)		✓			✓	✓
Full Day Kindergarten		✓			✓	
Transitional Kindergarten (TK)					✓	
ECE Summer Camp (Fee Based)**	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

\* California State Preschool Program is free for eligible students.  
\*\* Based on available space.

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### HIGHLIGHTS



**Twilight Presentation:** The Preschool Academy partners with the Twilight Education Project run by the Boys and Girls Club on the campus of Golden West College. This project supports low-income English Language Learner families in acquiring the language, life, and occupational skills necessary to access and succeed in society. As a partner, HBCSD TOSAs provided this demographic with a parent education workshop identifying the importance and steps to support early literacy. Families were also provided additional literature and books to take home. This was a successful and exciting event with over 25 families in attendance.



**UCI Vision Screenings:** On March 30th, the Preschool Academy welcomed the UCI Eye Mobile onto their campuses to provide students with vision screening using a handheld photo screener by a qualified technician. Following each screening, families are provided a report of findings to better understand and support their child's needs. For underserved communities where children are referred for further examination, the Eye Mobile can provide comprehensive eye exams and glasses.

**P-3 Alignment Meeting:** On March 16th, multiple HBCSD early child personnel gathered to discuss supporting the implementation of the State of California's P-3 Alignment. This alignment has developed following research identifying learning gaps as students transition to each grade level from preschool to third grade. As a result, the state has identified the need for educational systems reform. This reformation involves aligned instructional tools and learning environments and a common language and vocabulary that supports continuity across every grade level. HBCSD understand the importance of this alignment, and is making every effort to support its implementation.

**Preschool Academy's Board Presentation:** On March 7th, the Preschool Academy students and teachers presented our program's curriculum and common early childhood activities that are confirmed by research to support development in young children to the HBCSD Board of Trustees. More specifically, Director Jason C. Reyes highlighted the implementation of the New Art and Science of Teach (NASOT) strategies developed by Dr. Robert Marzano through the use of a Kindness Tree in all seven (7) classrooms. Students ended the presentation with some music and movement for all in attendance to enjoy.

# PARENTING TIP 101: SUPPORTING EARLY LITERACY

HBCSD Literacy TOSAs have developed the six (6) *Building Blocks of Reading*. Research from the National Reading Panel supports that all components are essential for literacy success. For preschool-aged students, concepts of print and phonological awareness are age appropriate to focus on.

## Supporting Concepts of Print

Parts of a Book

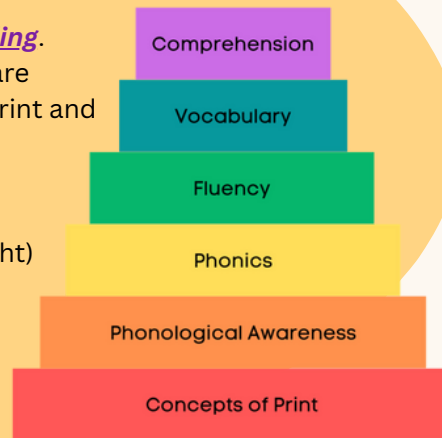
Using a finger to emphasize the directionality of the print (Left to Right)

## Supporting Phonological Awareness

Labeling items to develop vocabulary

Modeling full sentence structures

Encouraging children to use language to express themselves



## SAVE THE DATES

### April 3-7, 2023

- Week of the Young Child
- April 5th- *Lunch with a Loved One*

### April 7, 2023

- *Learning Link*
- *Session 1: 9:30 AM- 10:30 AM, Session 2: 11 AM- 12 PM*

### April 7, 2023

- *Parent Ed Workshop- Helping Your Child Reach Their Potential*
  - *Perry Campus @ 12PM*

### April 10-14, 2023

- *Spring Break- No Instruction*

### April 21, 2023

- *Learning Link*
- *Session 1: 9:30 AM- 10:30 AM, Session 2: 11 AM- 12 PM*

### April 21, 2023

- *Parent Ed Workshop- Toilet Training*
  - *Perry Campus @12PM*

### April 27, 2023

- *Open House*
- *Time TBD*



## RESOURCES

### 2023 Preschool Summer Camp

**WEEK 1: LIFE CYCLE OF A BUTTERFLY**

**WEEK 2: OCEAN ANIMALS**

**WEEK 3: INSECTS**

**WEEK 4: FARM ANIMALS**

**WEEK 5: COMMUNITY HELPERS**

### 2023/24 Preschool Academy

**\$215/WEEK**  
**5 WEEKS**

**Half-Day**

9 AM - 1 PM

**Eader Elementary**

**Full-Day**

9 AM - 4 PM

**Perry Campus**

### Tuition Rates (Monthly)

Days of Service	Half-Day Eader Elementary	Full-Day Perry Campus
5 Days	\$928	\$1,150
3 Days	\$596	\$739
2 Days	\$432	\$535