



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 too, important programming information, and exciting upcoming events and activities.

Program	3-5 Years Old		5th Birthday			
	3-4 Years Old*	5 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

Holiday Read Aloud: For several weeks leading up to the winter break, our littles at Eader Elementary were treated to holiday/thematic stories presented by their family members. Our teachers welcomed all to sign up, and our students were often observed showing excitement as they hung on to every word. This was an absolute treat for all!

Preschool's Night Out: On December 12th, Perry's Pizza hosted our third community event of this academic year. Due to colder temperatures, many of our families elected for takeout this time around. Nonetheless, we had a great turnout making \$200 to support additional enrichment opportunities for our littles.

Cultural Competence: This year, our academy has made a conscious effort to create culturally competent learning environments where all our students feel welcomed and successful. Specifically, Ms. Molly Kiefer has exposed her students to Christmas, Hanukkah, and Kwanzaa during this holiday season!



Winter Pajama Day: On December 22nd & 23rd, the Preschool Academy celebrated the commencement of the winter break with two festive pajama days. Students arrived on campus with multiple designs on their clothing that they were eager to share with their teachers and peers.

Winter Performance: Our students enrolled in Ms. Molly Kiefer's class performed multiple winter songs and poems in front of their families and friends on December 21st. This was the first time since the commencement of the COVID-19 Pandemic that families were allowed back into our classrooms to observe such an event.

HEALTH SCREENING

As a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic, The Preschool Academy is asking families to complete a health screening prior to entering our school campuses each day of attendance. We appreciate families taking time out of their busy mornings to complete such a task and in doing so, ensuring that the HBCSD is providing children and staff with safe learning environments.



The Health Screening can be accessed using the purple QR-Code.

SAVE THE DATES

December 24-January 8, 2023

- *Winter Break*

January 13, 2023

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

January 13, 2023

- *Parent Ed Workshop- Mealtime Problems*
 - *Perry Campus @ 12PM*

January 19, 2023

- ***Preschool's Night Out***
 - ***BJ's Restaraunt***
 - *3 PM- 11 PM*

January 27, 2023

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

January 27, 2023

- *Parent Ed Workshop- Managing Fighting & Aggression*
 - *Perry Campus @ 12PM*



RESOURCES

- **[Monthly Parent Workshops](#)**
- *Social Emotional Developmental Milestones*
 - [0-1.5 years old](#)
 - [1.5-3 years old](#)
 - [3.5-5 years old](#)
 - [5-12 years old](#)