

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.

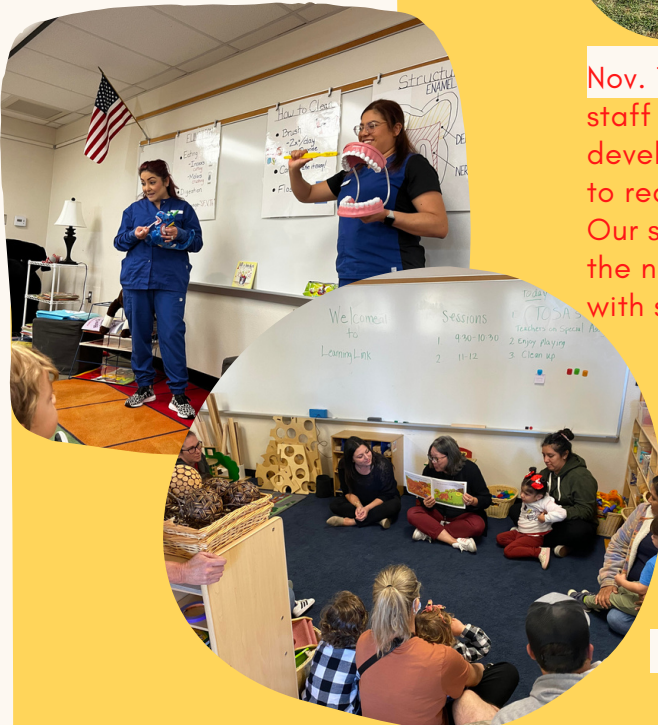
Program	3-5 Years Old		5th Birthday			
	3-4 Years Old*	3-4 Years Old*	On or before 9/1/22	Between 7/1/22-9/1/22	Between 9/1/22-2/1/23	After 2/1/23
Preschool Academics (Fee Based)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
State Preschool Program (CARE)		✓				✓
Full Day Kindergarten			✓			✓
Transitional Kindergarten (TK)					✓	✓
ECE Summer Camp (Fee Based)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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

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HIGHLIGHTS



Thematic Learning Activities: During the Month of November, our classes aligned learning targets with themes associated with this time of year. On the Perry Campus, Ms. Nora & Ms. Gloria introduced their students to the Thankful Turkey where families supported their students in identifying what they are most thankful for. Their messages were placed on a feather and added to the classroom turkey.

On the Eader Campus, Ms. Molly and her students transformed their dramatic play area into a pumpkin patch and hot cocoa bar. Engaging in the dramatic play area allows students to gain skills that can translate to real life scenarios.

Nov. 1st Professional Dev. Day: On November 1st, all of our staff members participated in a pupil-free professional development training regarding evidence-based strategies to reduce behaviors and increase learning in the classroom. Our staff reflected on the various strategies that can benefit the needs of our students as our goal is to provide all littles with support in their Least Restrictive Environment (LRE).

Preschool's Night Out: On November 9th, Mamas on 39 hosted our monthly community event. This organization presented a contribution to our program totaling 30% of all sales that will fund our littles' educational assemblies and field trips. We are grateful for the immense support from our district colleagues and our families.

Learning Link: On November 4th, we welcomed Newport Pediatric Dentistry onto our campus to provide families with information regarding proper oral care for their littles. All families were provided with a take-home oral care kit to support healthy habits at home. On November 18th, we welcomed our district's Literacy TOSAs into our Learning Link where they led a structured read aloud for all participants. During this read aloud, they highlighted strategies to support in early literacy development. All families were gifted an age-appropriate book.

Fun Run: On the Eader Campus, Preschool Academy students participated in the site's annual Fun Run PTA Fundraiser. Our students helped the organization and school raise over \$30,000 to be used to bring more fun, educational activities to them. In addition, this event exposed our students to inclusive environments as they ran alongside other students enrolled in the school.

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 2, 2022

- Learning Link #4
 - Visit from Moms Club of HB
 - Session 1: 9:30 AM- 10:30 AM & Session 2: 11 AM- 12 PM



December 12, 2022

- Preschool's Night Out
 - Perry's Pizza
 - 21411 Brookhurst Street, HB, CA 92646
 - 11AM-8PM

December 16, 2022

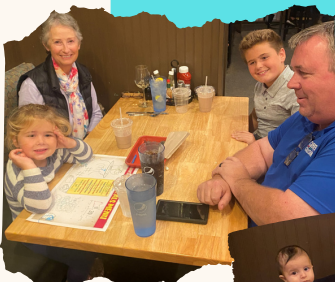
- Learning Link # 5
 - Visit from Thrivent Insurance Co.- Making Child ID's for students in attendance
 - Session 1: 9:30 AM- 10:30 AM & Session 2: 11 AM- 12 PM

December 26, 2022- January 6, 2022

- Winter Recess- No Instruction

December 30, 2022

- Happy Birthday Ms. Angie Castaneda!



RESOURCES

[Evidence-Based Reading Strategies to Support Early Literacy](#)

[Development](#)