



## Early Learning Coalition Treasure Chest

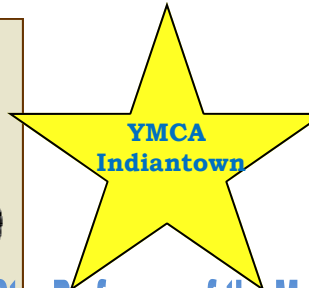
# MLK Day January 2011



Visit our website: [www.elcirno.org](http://www.elcirno.org)

Join us for a statewide initiative for Literacy Week on January 26th at 9:30 am by reading to your VPK classes

**Brown Bear Brown Bear**  
By Eric Carle



Star Performer of the Month

### From Your Assessment Specialists:

Please note a recent UPDATE on the ITERS-R by the authors of the Environment Rating Scales concerning the use of TV. Since the American Academy of Pediatrics states that children under the age of two should not be allowed to view television, the age listed in that indicator has been changed from 12 months to 24 months. The additional notes for clarification can be found on their website: [www.ers.fpg.unc.edu](http://www.ers.fpg.unc.edu). We will enforce this change with the upcoming assessments beginning in January. Any questions, please call Karen or Patricia, 772-223-3856, or 3841.

Happy New Year!

### From your Resource Coordinators:

We hope you had a wonderful holiday season.

Make the best of the cold weather and have the children do science experiments with ice. Let them put some ice in a bowl inside and outside the classroom. They can decide which water is colder. Older children can graph the temperature of the water for a week. Put winter clothing in dramatic play - scarves, mittens and boots. Have fun!

Happy New Year!

### Professional Child Care Providers and Parents

#### January 2011 Trainings

Indian River - 1/12/11  
"Lesson Planning (0-5)"  
6-8 pm @ United Way

Okeechobee - 1/12/11  
"Let's Get Moving"  
6:30-8:00 pm @ Okee Ofc.

Okeechobee & Martin County  
Classroom Management—  
"Teaching Tools for Young Children with Challenging Behavior"  
by Lori Miranda—FAU TATS

1/11/11, 6:30-8:00 pm  
Okee American Red Cross

1/26/11, 6:00-8:00 pm  
MC ELC Conf. Rm.

#### Provider & Advisory Council Meetings

Indian River - 1/11/11  
Provider Meeting @ 12:30 pm.  
Advisory Meeting @ 2:00 pm  
United Way of IRC

Martin County - 1/19/11  
Provider Meeting @ 12:30 pm  
Advisory Council @ 1:30 pm  
Children's Services Council of  
Martin County

Okeechobee - 1/12/11  
Provider Meeting @ 12:00 noon  
Advisory Council @ 1:00 pm  
American Red Cross

2009-2010 Kindergarten Readiness Rates: In December, 2010, school districts began receiving electronic FLKRS reports for children who attended a VPK program in 2009-2010 and were assessed during the first 30 days of kindergarten 2010. VPK Providers should have received a letter from the FL Dept. of Education sometime in December with regard to the release of the readiness rates and the expected time lines. Tentative dates are as follows, subject to change:

Provider verification of matched data process. Allows providers a 2-week time frame to verify that the data information is correct.	January 3-17, 2011
DOE releases preliminary readiness rate.	February 1, 2011
Readiness Rate Dispute Process - Allows providers a 2-week time frame to dispute the readiness rate.	February 1-15, 2011
DOE releases final readiness rate subject to State Board approval.	March 3, 2011





## January, 2011

### PARENT INVOLVEMENT FAMILY FUN CALENDAR

**Sunday**

**Monday**

**Tuesday**

**Wednesday**

**Thursday**

**Friday**

**Saturday**

# Happy New Year!

**1**  
**New Year's Day!**  
Help your child to make a New Year's Resolution and draw a picture of it.

**2**  
Take the kids to the park and play on the playground.

**3**  
Is it cold? Make ice cubes – you can add food coloring for fun.

**4**  
Put on some lively music and dance with your kids. It's a great way to stay warm!

**5**  
**National Bird Day**  
Go outside and count the birds you see. Check out [nationalbirdday.com](http://nationalbirdday.com) -take the bird quiz.

**6**  
Take your kids to the grocery store. Let them choose one **healthy** food item.

**7**  
**Fabulous Friday** – watch a favorite TV show together with text on.

**8**  
Take a nature walk or bike ride. Look for signs of winter in your neighborhood.

**9**  
Make a special Sunday breakfast with your child. Let him help.

**10**  
Sit down with your child while he or she draws a picture for the teacher.

**11**  
**Terrific Tuesday.** Think of words that start with **T**.



**12**  
**Wacky Wednesday!** Think of words that start with **W**.



**13**  
Ask your child to set the table for dinner.



**14**  
Cuddle up with hot chocolate and read a favorite book.



**15**  
**Dr. Martin Luther King's Birthday** – plan to join a march in your community or sing freedom songs.

**16**  
Sing "Freedom, freedom, let it ring, Let it ring says Dr. King" to the tune of Twinkle, twinkle. \*(see words below)

**17**  
**Holiday for Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday.** Sing "Happy Birthday" to Dr. King.

**18**  
Make grilled cheese sandwiches together.



**19**  
Ask your child to tell you her favorite thing that she did in school today.

**20**  
Make up a story about your child's stuffed animal.



**21**  
Have a pajama party. Watch a favorite movie and talk about it together.

**22**  
**sssSilly sssSaturday!** Think of words that **sssstart** with **sssss**.



**23**  
This is **Celebrate Literacy Week, Florida** – read to your child each day!

**24**  
Look for restaurant signs as you drive or ride the bus. Notice the letters on the signs.

**25**  
Help your child to count the number of buttons on his or her jacket or sweater.

**26**  
Have breakfast at school with your child.

**27**  
Sit down at the table to eat dinner together. Talk about the colors of your food.

**28**  
**Fabulous Friday!** Think of words that begin with **F**.

**29**  
Take your child to a museum or art gallery.

**30** Take the kids to the library – find books about winter (ask the librarian to help.)

**31** The last day of the month...remember that resolution you made on Jan 1...how are you doing?

\*Freedom, freedom let it ring, Let it ring says Dr King. We should live in harmony, Peace and love for you and me. Freedom, freedom let it ring, Let it ring says Dr King.

# Family Fun Facts



## Did you know?

- ❖ **Children who eat dinner around the table with their families do better in school.**
- ❖ **Children who take family trips do better in school. Simple free trips to the park or library are as good as expensive trips away from home.**
- ❖ **Children who are read to frequently read earlier and better.**
- ❖ **Children who see their parents read regularly are likely to read more themselves.**
- ❖ **Spending 30 minutes a day with your child can help them to achieve better grades in school.**
- ❖ **Children love to spend time with their parents!**

(Facts from Harvard Family Research Project, [www.hfrp.org](http://www.hfrp.org))

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***for parents who want to learn more about helping their child succeed in school, and for educators who want to support children's learning and families' involvement in education. Check our website for:***

***tip sheets with ideas to support learning,  
workshops for parents and educators,  
information on *Parents as Teachers*, a home visiting program,  
news on upcoming conferences.***

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## Enero de 2011

### CALENDARIO DE DIVERSIÓN FAMILIAR PARA LA PARTICIPACIÓN DE LOS PADRES

Domingo	Lunes	Martes	Miércoles	Jueves	Viernes	Sábado
<h1>¡Feliz Año Nuevo!</h1>						<b>1</b> <b>¡Día de Año Nuevo!</b> Ayude a su niño a hacer un compromiso para el Año Nuevo y que lo dibuje.
<b>2</b> Lleve a sus niños al parque y diviértanse en el área de juego.	<b>3</b> ¿Hace frío? Hagan cubitos de hielo – añádanle colorantes de alimentos para divertirse.	<b>4</b> Lleve a sus niños al mercado. Deje que escojan un producto <b>saludable</b> .	<b>5</b> <b>Día Nacional de las Aves</b> Salgan afuera y cuenten las aves que vean. Entren al sitio <a href="http://nationalbirdday.com">nationalbirdday.com</a> Respondan el acertijo.	<b>6</b> <b>Jueves Juvenil!</b> Piensen en palabras que comienzan con la letra <b>J</b> .	<b>7</b> <b>Viernes Valioso –</b> vean un programa de TV favorito con texto de subtítulos.	<b>8</b> Paseen o monten bicicleta al aire libre. Busquen símbolos del invierno en su vecindario.
<b>9</b> Haga un desayuno especial de domingo junto con su niño. Deje que le ayude.	<b>10</b> Siéntese con su niño mientras él/ella hace un dibujo para regalar a su maestra.	<b>11</b> <b>Martes Magnífico.</b> Piensen en palabras que comiencen con <b>M</b> .	<b>12</b> Ponga música movida y baile con sus niños. ¡Es una buena forma de mantenerse caliente!	<b>13</b> Pida a su niño que prepare la mesa para la cena.	<b>14</b> Acurrúquense, tomen chocolate caliente, y lean un libro favorito.	<b>15</b> <b>Cumpleaños del Dr. Martin Luther King –</b> únense a una marcha en la comunidad o canten canciones sobre la libertad.
<b>16</b> Cante "Freedom, freedom, let it ring..." con la melodía de "Brilla, brilla, estrellita." (*Ver las palabras abajo)	<b>17</b> <b>Celebración del cumpleaños del Dr. Martin Luther King.</b> Cántenle "Feliz cumpleaños" al Dr. King.	<b>18</b> Hagan juntos emparedados de queso.	<b>19</b> Pídale a su niño que le diga qué fue lo que más le gustó hacer hoy en la escuela.	<b>20</b> Inventen un cuento sobre el animal de peluche de su niño.	<b>21</b> Hagan una fiesta de pijama. Vean una película favorita y hablen juntos sobre ella.	<b>22</b> <b>sssSábado sssSencillo!</b> Piensen en palabras que comiencen con <b>sssss</b> .
<b>23</b> Esta es la <b>Semana de Celebración de la Educación en Florida</b> – iléale cada día a su niño!	<b>24</b> Al viajar en el carro o el autobús, busquen letreros de restaurantes. Fijense en las letras en el cartel.	<b>25</b> Ayude a su niño a contar los botones de su abrigo.	<b>26</b> Tome el desayuno con su niño en la escuela.	<b>27</b> Siéntense todos a la mesa para cenar juntos. Hablen sobre los colores de sus comidas.	<b>28</b> <b>¡Viernes Vivo!</b> Piensen en palabras que comiencen con <b>V</b> .	<b>29</b> Lleve a su niño a un museo o una galería de arte.
<b>30</b> Lleve a los niños a la biblioteca – busquen unos libros sobre el invierno (pida ayuda al bibliotecario).		<b>31</b> Último día del mes...recuerde la promesa que hizo el día 1 de este mes... ¿cómo la está cumpliendo?		*"Freedom, freedom let it ring, Let it ring says Dr. King. We should live in harmony. Peace and love for you and me. Freedom, freedom let it ring, Let it ring says Dr. King."		

# Datos divertidos para las familias



## Sabía usted?

- ❖ Los niños que cenan en la mesa con su familia tienen mejores resultados en la escuela.
- ❖ Los niños que salen a pasear con su familia tienen mejores resultados en la escuela. Salidas sencillas y económicas al parque o a la biblioteca son tan buenas como los viajes costosos lejos del hogar.
- ❖ Los niños a los que se les lee, con frecuencia aprenden a leer más temprano y leen mejor.
- ❖ Los niños que ven a sus padres leer regularmente, son más propensos a leer más ellos mismos.
- ❖ Dedicar 30 minutos diarios con su niño puede ayudarle a lograr mejores calificaciones en la escuela.
- ❖ ¡A los niños les encanta pasar tiempo con sus padres!

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***para padres que quieran conocer más sobre cómo ayudar a que su niño tenga éxito en la escuela, y para educadores que quieran apoyar el aprendizaje de los niños y la participación de los padres en la educación. Entren a nuestro sitio electrónico para conocer sobre:***

**ideas para apoyar el aprendizaje,  
talleres para padres y educadores,  
información sobre *Padres como maestros*, un programa de visitas al hogar,  
noticias sobre próximas reuniones.**

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