

**“I touch
the future.
I teach.”**

CHRISTA McAULIFFE

WELCOME PROVIDERS!

JANUARY 2026

INDIAN RIVER 1/20
MARTIN 1/21
OKEECHOBEE 1/28



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AGENDA



Guest Speaker

- Indian River- SDIRC Kindergarten Registration Jill Monroe
- Martin- Kayla Morehouse, Treasure Coast Children's Museum
- Okeechobee- Maria Lizbeth Gonzalez, Helping People Succeed

DCF Representative

- Indian River Sherry McGahee, Martin Kristen Jones, Okeechobee Avida Rosa

Program Quality

Finance

Family Services

Early Childhood Specialists

Board Reps

*a teacher
TAKES A
hand
OPENS A
mind
& TOUCHES A
heart*



Outreaches

- Space Adventure**
- Human Body**
- Art Adventure**
- Outdoor Kids**
- Planetarium**
- Mad Scientist**
- Percussion Play**
- Pirate Stem**
- Dino Dig**



**We also Offer VPK Field Trips!
Play Based Learning!
Child-Led Exploration!**

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF INDIAN RIVER

Jill Monroe, PreK Resource Teacher

 The School District of Indian River County

Showcase of Schools

At the Showcase of Schools, families can explore academic programs, innovative opportunities, and pathways that lead students to success.

Highlights for Families



Explore Programs Demonstrations and Showcases Meet Ambassadors Apply for 2026-2027 School Year

Join us to experience why the SDIRC is one of Florida's Top 5 School Districts!

Date: Saturday, January 10, 2026
Time: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Location: Gifford Middle School
4530 28th Court,
Vero Beach, FL 32967

Where Every Path Leads to Possibility.
<https://www.indianriverschools.org/>

Follow us for the latest updates:
 School District Indian River Co
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HELPING PEOPLE SUCCEED

Maria Lizbeth Gonzalez

Help Me Behave
Okeechobee



DCF



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT
OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

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Indian River: Sherry McGahee, Counselor

Martin: Kristen Jones, Counselor

Okeechobee: Avida Rosa, Regional Supervisor

THE WONDER YEARS

Early Education Conference

Come together to

- Expand your expertise on best practices in early childhood education
- Learn about the most up to date research & innovative teaching techniques
- Receive director tips and make connections with local organizations and agencies!



Keynote Speaker
Cari Miller

Chancellor of Early Learning

KARLEY JUSTICE, OPERATIONS MANAGER



PROGRAM QUALITY

Quality Specialist

Program Assessments

PM 2 Star Quality Assurance Checks

PM2 Data Analysis and Data-based Instruction

DCF Updates

VPK Reminders

VPK Rule Updates- 70% removed, FCCPC course updates

Literacy Week



INDIAN RIVER QUALITY SPECIALIST

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Starting Monday, 1/26/26!

Stay tuned for introductory visits
and updates to school
assignments

PROGRAM ASSESSMENTS



Mocks- Reach out to Quality Specialist

4 Cycle Notes

Update QPS: age level, language, CLASS tool, staffing, phone numbers, contact Jill directly via email with ANY changes

Not yet assessed yet? Reach out to Jill to confirm.

Transition to 2nd Edition CLASS

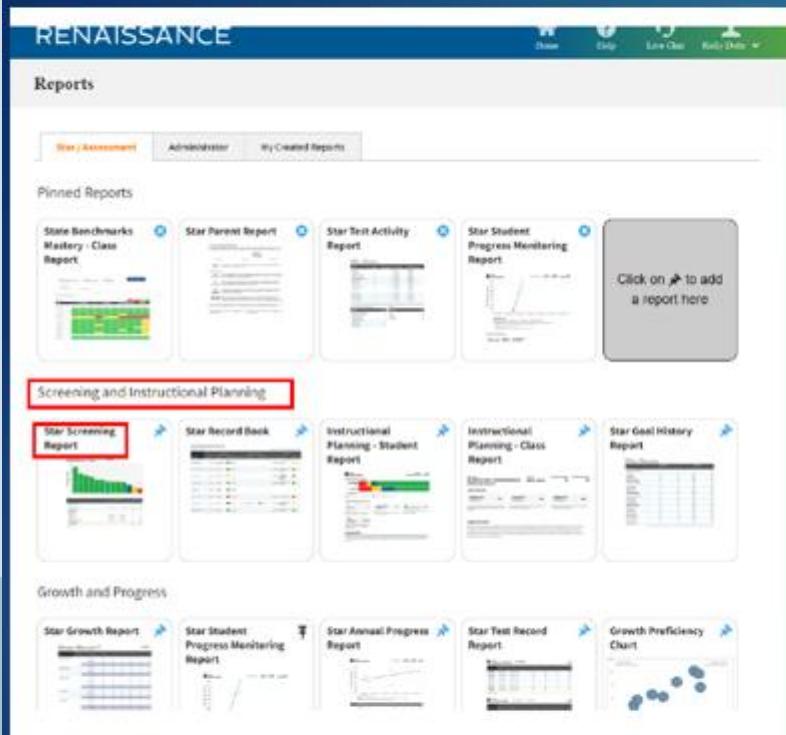
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STAR EARLY LITERACY PM 2 REMINDERS



- While in ratio, best practice is:
 - Take child to quiet room (limit distractions)
 - Skip headphones so child and teacher can hear instructions
 - Only guidance may be provided (pay attention, listen, click the bunny, wait for the bunny, etc.) NOT related to the question
- Parent Letter MUST be physically sent home within 7 days of testing date (different for every child). This letter CAN be printed in Spanish.
- **Window dates are critical!**

Star Screening Report- Custom PM



RENAISSANCE

Reports

Star Assessment Administrator My Created Reports

Pinned Reports

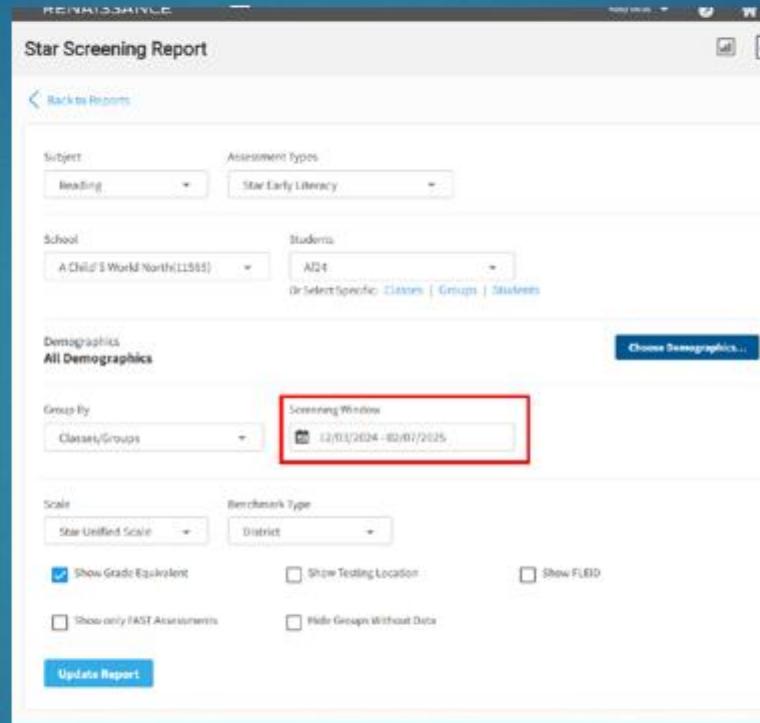
State Benchmarks Mastery - Class Report Star Parent Report Star Test Activity Report Star Student Progress Monitoring Report Click on + to add a report here

Screening and Instructional Planning

Star Screening Report Star Record Book Instructional Planning - Student Report Instructional Planning - Class Report Star Goal History Report

Growth and Progress

Star Growth Report Star Student Progress Monitoring Report Star Annual Progress Report Star Test Record Report Growth Proficiency Chart



RENAISSANCE

Star Screening Report

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Subject: Reading Assessment types: Star Early Literacy

School: A Child's World North(11585) Students: A24

Or Select Specific Classes | Groups | Students

Demographics All Demographics Choose Demographics...

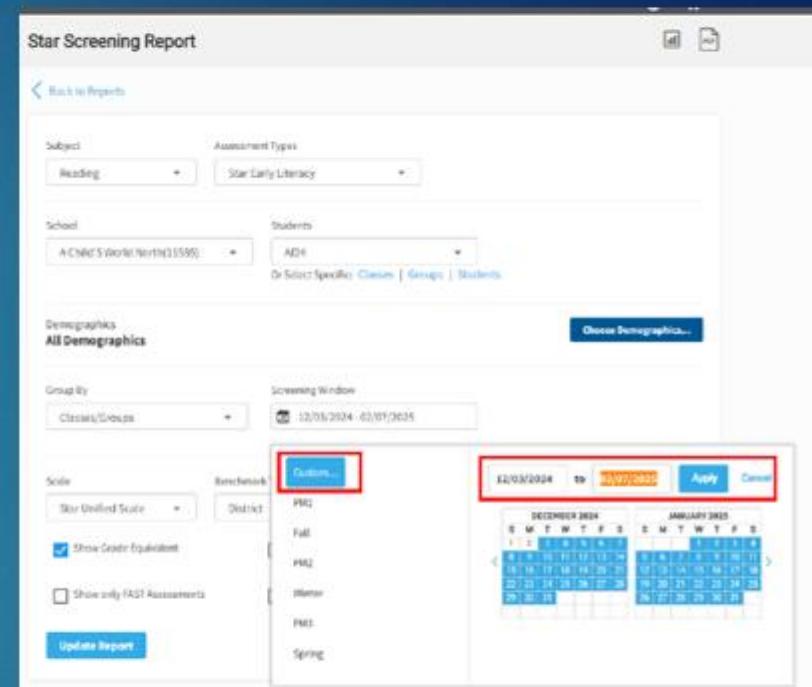
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Scale: Star Unified Scale Benchmark Type: District

Show Grade Equivalent Show Testing Location Show FLEID

Show only FAST Assessments Hide Groups Without Data

Update Report



Star Screening Report

Back to Reports

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School: A Child's World North(11585) Students: A24

Or Select Specific Classes | Groups | Students

Demographics All Demographics Choose Demographics...

Group By: Classes/Groups Screening Window: 12/03/2024 - 02/01/2025

Scale: Star Unified Scale Benchmark: District

Show Grade Equivalent Show only FAST Assessments

Hide Groups Without Data

Update Report

Screening window: Custom... 12/03/2024 19/01/2025 Apply Cancel

DECEMBER 2024 JANUARY 2025

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31											

Reports:

- Screening and instructional planning
- Star Screening Report

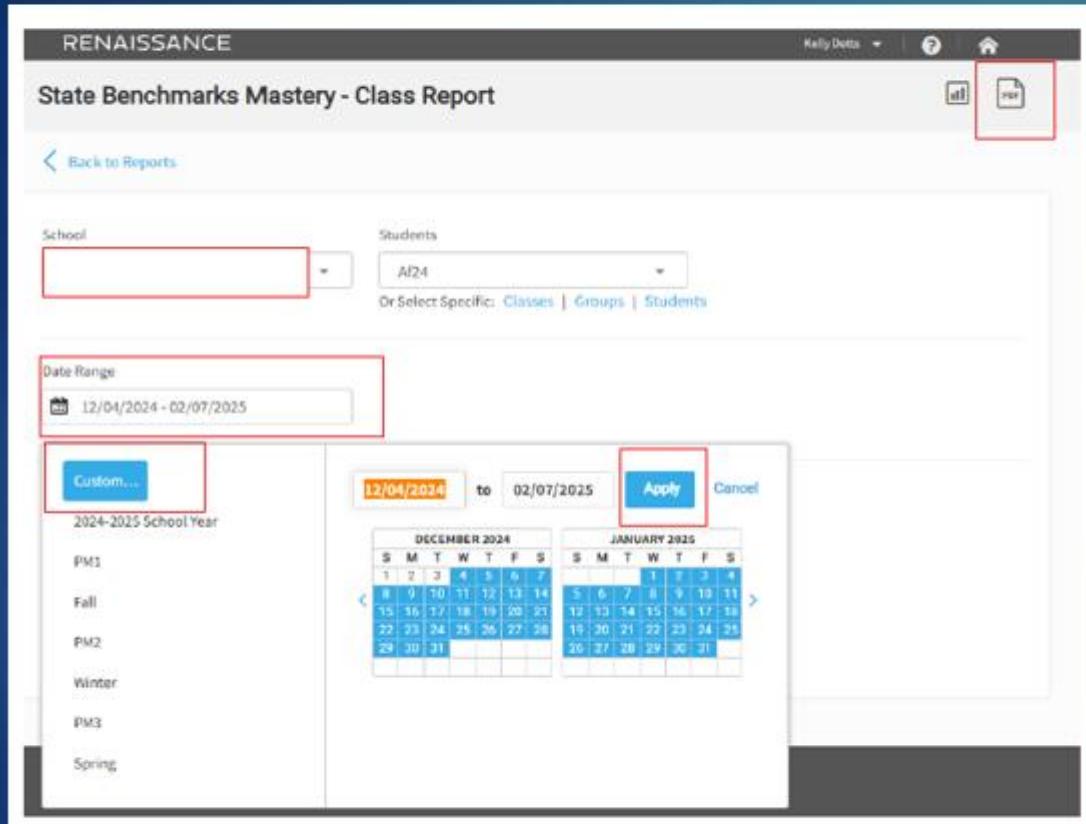
Star screening report:

- All Demographics
- Screening window

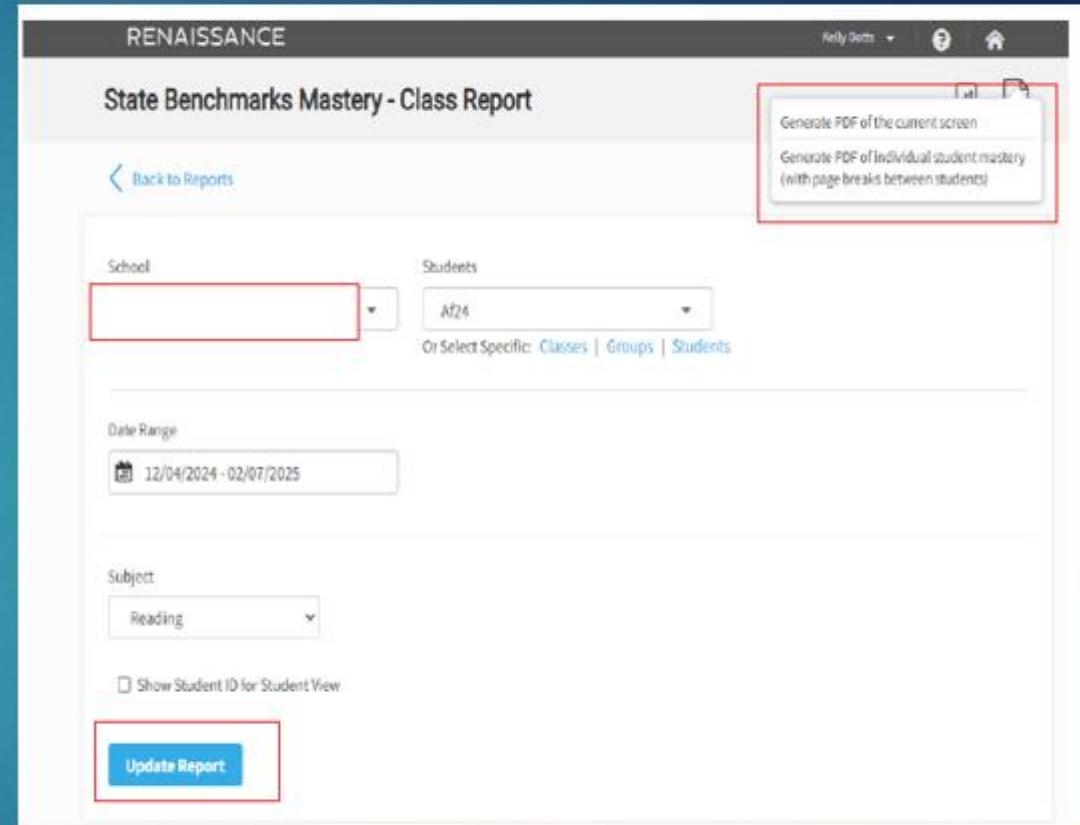
Screening window:

- Custom dates - PM2
- Kelly Dotts- windows

How to print the Star Literacy FAST Reports



The screenshot shows the 'State Benchmarks Mastery - Class Report' page. At the top, there are 'School' and 'Students' dropdown menus, and a 'PDF' button highlighted with a red box. Below these are 'Date Range' and 'Custom...' buttons. A date range dialog is open, showing '12/04/2024 - 02/07/2025' in the input field. The dialog includes a 'Custom...' button, a date range selector with '12/04/2024' and '02/07/2025' fields, and an 'Apply' button highlighted with a red box. To the right of the date range are buttons for 'Cancel' and 'Close'. On the left side of the main page, there are seasonal markers: '2024-2025 School Year' (Fall, PM1), 'Winter', 'PM2', 'Spring', and 'PM3'.



The screenshot shows the 'State Benchmarks Mastery - Class Report' page with a different configuration. The 'School' and 'Students' dropdowns are present, along with the 'PDF' button. The 'Date Range' field shows '12/04/2024 - 02/07/2025'. The 'Subject' dropdown is set to 'Reading'. A checkbox for 'Show Student ID for Student View' is unchecked. At the bottom is a large 'Update Report' button highlighted with a red box. On the right side, there are two options in a box: 'Generate PDF of the current screen' and 'Generate PDF of individual student mastery (with page breaks between students)', with the first option being the one highlighted with a red box.

After you have selected the report, you'd like to use you will, put in your custom dates according to your PM window dates. Use the update report button at the bottom left of the screen. Once that is done, you'll select the PDF button at the top right-hand corner. There will be two options, generate PDF of the current screen, or generate PDF of individual student mastery. We suggest the PDF of the current screen, that way you are able to view the whole class for instructional purposes.

Star Literacy FAST Report

This will be what the report looks like as a PDF.

Students name will be on the left-hand side of the box (they are blocked out for confidentiality purposes.)

RENAISSANCE® State Benchmarks Mastery - Class Report
Reading (English)

Generated Feb 17, 2025, 7:44 AM

School Class Date Range Af24 12/04/2024–02/07/2025

Report for Students in Pre-K

Beginning 0-59% Developing 60-79% Secure 80+

Language and Literacy

Strands	Vocabulary								Emergent Reading	
Benchmarks	Demonstrates understanding of age-appropriate vocabulary across many topic areas and demonstrates a wide variety of words and their meanings within each area (e.g., word knowledge, names of body parts and feelings)	Demonstrates understanding of functional and organizational language (e.g., same and different, in front of and behind, next to, opposite, below) in multiple environments	Understands or knows the meaning of many thousands of words including subject area words (e.g., science, social studies, math and literacy), many more than he or she routinely uses (receptive language)	Uses increased vocabulary to describe objects, actions and events (expressive)	Uses a large speaking vocabulary, adding new words weekly (e.g., repeats words and uses them appropriately in context) (typically has a vocabulary of more than 1,500 words)	Uses a variety of word-meaning relationships (e.g., part-whole, object-function, object-location)	Identifies unfamiliar words asking for clarification	Uses words in multiple contexts, with the understanding that some words have multiple meanings	Shows motivation for and appreciation of reading	
	78	78	53	54	54	54	54	57	50	56
	91	91	76	77	77	77	77	79	74	79
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	100	100	99	99	99	99	99	99	99	99
	99	99	97	97	97	97	97	97	96	97
	88	88	70	71	70	71	70	73	67	72



FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

FLORIDA CENTER FOR READING RESEARCH



Pre-Kindergarten
Student Center Activities

TEACHER RESOURCE GUIDE

ALPHABET KNOWLEDGE

PHONOLOGICAL AWARENESS

LANGUAGE & VOCABULARY

60 activities
aligned with
Florida Early
Learning
Standards

<https://fcrr.org/student-center-activities/pre-kindergarten>

DCF ONLINE PORTAL

Verification Required

A verification code has been sent to your email address:
*****486@yahoo.com

If you don't see the email, check your spam or junk folder before contacting the Child Care Training Information Center for assistance.

Please enter the 6-digit code below:

000000

Verify **Resend Code**

Should have received an automated email to reset password

Go to login, "Forgot Password"

You'll receive a code to enter (see below) then be prompted to reset password with new requirements.

Please email this information to your providers.

SAFETY



Lock Front Door

**Someone At Front or Locked Door and
Phone with Assigned Staff member**

Ratios

Handwashing

Bottle Feeding

Routine Cleaning with Checklists

VPK REQUIREMENT REMINDERS

- Ratios during VPK hours
- Lead Teacher must be present during all VPK hours
- “Specials” during VPK hours
- Meals/Outside Time
- CLASS observations

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MarcoPolo Learning

Adyana Basto, Partner Success Manager | MarcoPolo Learning
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Q What are you looking for?

< All Arctic Dinosaurs Emotions Food Forest Human Body Insects Inventions Music ... >

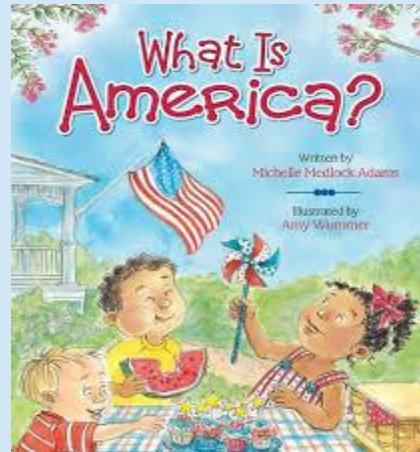
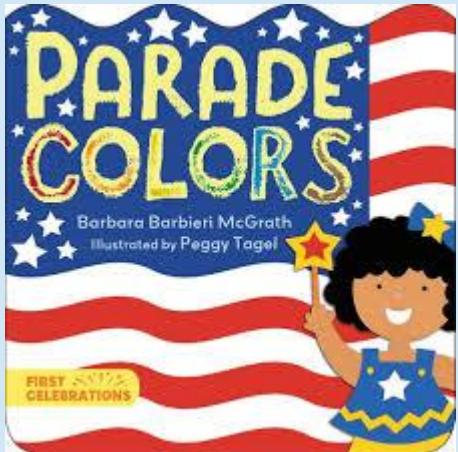
Subject Area Curriculum and Framework

Black Panther	Black Rhinoceros	Blizzard	Blue Morpho Butterfly	Blue Whale
Bones	Bottlenose Dolphin	Braille	Bread From Around the Wo...	Breathing
Breeds of Cats	Broken Bones	Bruises	Bulldozer	Bullying

CELEBRATE LITERACY WEEK

JAN. 26-JAN. 30TH

SIMULTANEOUS READ 1/28 AT 10:00 AM



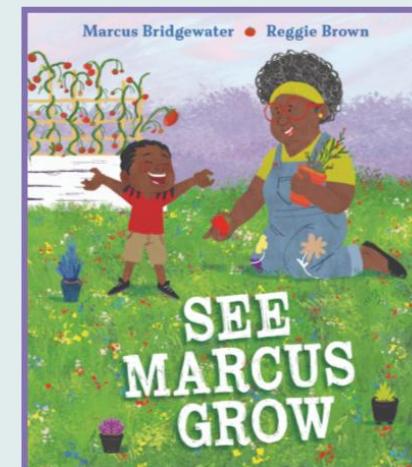
<https://wwwfldoe.org/academics/standards/justread-fl/celebrateliteracyweek/>





READ FOR THE RECORD

- 20 Year Anniversary
- Simultaneous Read 9am 2/26/26
- Submit Your Participation Here:
<https://www.jstart.org/read-for-the-record/record-your-participation/>



MICHELLE ALKIRE

CHILD SCREENING AND REFERRAL SPECIALIST (INCLUSION)

- **Supports:**
 - Referral initiation and follow up
 - ASQs
 - Behavior Strategies
 - Early Intervention
 - Parent Conferences
 - And more!



Florida Diagnostic & Learning
RESOURCES SYSTEM

February Parent and Family Learning Opportunities

Sensory Island for Families 2/12/2026 at 5:00pm

Join us for a parent learning opportunity to assist your child who may exhibit sensory integration difficulties. You will leave with an understanding of sensory systems and how they may impact your child's learning and behaviors. Finally, you will learn multiple ways to address sensory needs in the home setting.

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89150917905?pwd=MoREBjKEbgBhYeBtjRlnZPLKAWoIef.1>

Behavior Strategies in the Home 2/12/2026 6:15pm

Join us for a quick journey on The Road to Behavior Strategies: Tips and Tools for Families and Caregivers. We will learn how to examine challenging behaviors and utilize behavior strategies to help your children at home

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87354009962?pwd=1XpoMY2tDbkeQ1kGdYJNuVH80ASrDx.1>

Executive Functioning for Families 2/18/2026 12:00pm

Join us for a research-based professional learning opportunity focusing on how students with executive functioning needs can be supported in all learning environments. Examples are how to get organized, take notes, etc.

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86734223729?pwd=2pAs9d1CbEeS4KKggyosdB366vj0fz.1>

Using Visuals Supports at Home 2/18/2026 1:00pm

Join us for a training for parents on Using Visuals at home. We will learn how to use visuals to support language and behaviors at home.

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86862661504?pwd=sasR00WauQXFmJSAEtlo49AfHY0sgk>

Finance Updates

The Provider Profile update and Cost of Care survey for 2026-27 opened on January 1st. Both the profile update and the survey must be completed by all School Readiness and VPK providers by Friday, March 27, 2026, to initiate your contract renewal process.

We'll be emailing FAQs and a flyer with Profile Update Tips to help you complete updates—our goal is 100% completion by

May 31.

2026 Provider Profile Update

 DIVISION OF
Early Learning
LEARN EARLY. LEARN FOR LIFE.

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR!

It is time for child care providers to update their profiles in Florida's Early Learning Provider Portal.

Every year hundreds of thousands of families are served by Florida's 30 early learning coalitions' Child Care Resource and Referral services. When providers participate in the annual provider update, CCR&Rs are able to:

- Inform communities about child care and the cost of care.
- Offer customized child care listings to families based on their needs.
- Provide a FREE marketing tool for ALL legally operating child care providers in Florida.



To complete your 2026 provider profile update and be included in child care listings to families:

1. Log on to your Provider Portal account.
2. Choose year 2026 on the top right hand side.
3. Click each tab and review the information. Make any necessary updates and verify accuracy of information.
4. Submit your profile for coalition review.
5. Periodically check for correspondence and the coalition's approval.

Thank you for participating in the annual provider update!

<http://providerservices.floridaearlylearning.com>



SEARCH

Type to filter Type (8 items)

- Enrollment Payment Certificate 3/20/2025
- Excuse Notes etc 3/20/2025
- Proof of Parent Co-Payment 3/20/2025
- RWA BG1 Tracking Log 3/20/2025
- Sign-Ins-out Sheets 3/20/2025
- Transportation Log 3/20/2025

VPK: Fiscal Year 2024-2025
5/14/2024

> VPK Certificates > VPK Short Forms > VPK Sign In & Out Sheets

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

DEADLINE: 3RD BUSINESS DAY OF EACH MONTH BY 5:00 PM
SIGN-IN SHEETS: MUST BE SUBMITTED IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER, MATCHING THE PORTAL RECORDS. THIS WILL HELP US PROCESS ATTENDANCE RECORDS FASTER AND MORE EFFICIENTLY

ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS MUST BE UPLOADED TO THE DESIGNATED FOLDER TO BE ABLE TO REVIEW YOUR MONTHLY ATTENDANCE ROSTER.



•Statutory Penalties (s. 1002.91(5) F.S.)

•A 5-year ban from contracting with ELCs for providers or their leadership convicted of public assistance fraud.

What Constitutes Fraud

Repeated non-compliance after TA

Knowingly reporting inaccurate attendance or data

Failure to correct documented issues

Patterns of inaccurate reporting

Pros of Compliance

Protects providers from fraud investigations

Ensures continued eligibility for federal and state funding

Builds trust with families and the Coalition

Reduces audit findings and corrective actions

Demonstrates accountability and program integrity

Why Diligence Matters

Although compliance requirements may feel cumbersome, accuracy and fidelity are essential. Federal oversight is increasing, and even unintentional errors can lead to funding recoupment, sanctions, or legal consequences.

Provider Fraud Prevention Federal Early Learning Funds Under Scrutiny:

Federal Early Learning (ELC) dollars are currently under increased scrutiny. The Coalition is responsible for ensuring that federal and state funds are distributed appropriately and in compliance with all regulations.

Provider Responsibilities: Providers must be diligent in:

Maintaining accurate and complete records

Ensuring **SISO data matches attendance records**

Verifying daily attendance accuracy

Correcting errors promptly

Following guidance provided through Technical Assistance (TA)

Repeated inaccuracies, especially after Technical Assistance has been provided, may be reported and processed as **fraud**.

We understand this can be cumbersome, but you must be diligent to ensure accuracy and fidelity. Please report any suspected fraud to [CEO Marsha Powers](#) immediately. [Any questions, please contact CFO Sean Lewis](#) slewis@elcirmo.org



FAMILY SERVICES

VPK registration is now open for the year 2026-2027. Families can apply online via the Florida Early Learning Family Portal.

<https://familyservices.floridaearlylearning.com/>



- ❖ Submit VPK and School Readiness terminations promptly – do not wait until attendance rosters are due.
- ❖ VPK enrollment requests should be submitted prior to a child starting in a VPK class.
- ❖ Remind families of upcoming School Readiness deadlines (redeterminations, updates, etc.)



EARLY CHILDHOOD SPECIALIST UPDATES

INcredible opportunity for Indian River Teachers:

Phonological Awareness Curriculum

Writing Curriculum

Big Books for Shared Reading with Lesson Plan Templates for Easy Lessons

Addressing Your Literacy Standards



Early Learning Coalition
Indian River - Martin - Okeechobee

EMERGENT LITERACY DEVELOPING EXPERT PREK TEACHERS

Join ELCIRMO Early Childhood Specialists for a powerful series of professional development to strengthen Emergent Literacy understanding, teaching strategies, and materials.

- Free materials at each session!
- Directors attend all sessions.
- \$250 stipend for Teachers!

All sessions held at the Intergenerational Recreation Center
1580 8th St Vero Beach, FL 32963



Register Here!



SESSION 1: THURS. FEB. 5
4-7:30PM

Session 1 will develop teachers' skills around teaching Phonological Awareness and using the Heggerty curriculum.



SESSION 2: WED. MAR. 4
4:30-7:30PM

Session 2 will focus on how to plan and implement Shared Reading using student data.



SESSION 3: APRIL 1
4:30-7:30PM

Session 3 will dive into Emergent Writing, specifically focusing on how to teach through Shared and Interactive Writing.

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CLASS GROUP COACHING



CLASS GROUP COACHING

Spring 2026 PreK and Infant Toddler

Tuesdays at 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm

FEB 3	Session 1
FEB 10	Session 2
FEB 17	Session 3
FEB 24	Session 4
MARCH 3	Session 5
MARCH 10	Session 6
MARCH 17	Spring Break (No Class)
MARCH 24	Session 7
MARCH 31	Session 8
APRIL 7	Session 9
APRIL 14	Session 10
APRIL 21	Session 11
APRIL 28	Session 12

SCAN TO
REGISTER



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