



Huntington Beach

City School District



March 1st, 2017

Greetings!

Welcome to March!

In this edition of the Early Childhood Newsletter, you will find information about summer camp in the Huntington Beach City School District, and a few events that you may be interested in attending with your family.

We hope that you spend additional time reading with your child this month as we celebrate the birthday of Dr. Seuss (Theodore Geisel) on March 2nd. We have included additional tips and ideas for reading to the youngest learners.

You will also find a link to the Community Flyer page that is hosted by the Huntington Beach City School District.

We look forward to connecting with you again in April! As always, please feel free to forward this on to friends and family or unsubscribe using the buttons at the bottom of this e-mail.



When I Play Outside

I am learning about

Absorbtion Adaption Action Arranging **Animals**
 Autonomy Balance Belonging Calculating Caring
Cause and Effect **Change** community *Creative Thinking*
 Culture Chemical reaction **CONSTRUCTION** *Calm*
Co-operation Creatures **CLASSIFICATION** Conservation
 Communication Confidence **Connection** Conversation
 Depth DISTANCE Density Experimentation Evaporation
Friction *Friendship* Force **Gravity** Height Inertia
 Invention **Identification** **Insects**
 Light Initiative *Language* Listening Literacy Independence
 Investigation *Manipulation* **Myself** Measurement Mass
 Movement Matching **NATURE** Negotiation *Nurturing*
Numuracy **OBSERVATION** Ordering Patterning
Physics Planning Problem solving
 Plants Questioning *Reaction* Risk *Responsibility*
 Resilience **Regulation** Representation Suspension
Size Shape Seasons *Senses* Scientific Method
 Temperature Team work Texture Volume **Vibration**
 Weight Weather *Speed* Space **Collaboration**

...and much, much more!

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Summer Camp in the Huntington Beach City School District



Build, Think & Play

HBCSD Preschool Academy proudly presents
Summer Camp 2017

Designed specifically for children 3 – 5 year of age, our Summer Camp will actively support each child in activities aligned with the California Foundations and Frameworks, the pre-cursor to Common Core. Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics experiences will be presented daily and are designed to engage your child as they build, think and play! Woven through each day are language and literacy components designed to strengthen their love of learning.

Perry Elementary (License #304370262)
Monday thru Thursday, 9 am – 1pm (snack provided)
Registration opens March 1, 2017



Information: www.hbcds.us/preschoolacademy
Contact us: earlychildhood@hbcds.us or 714-962-3348 extension 2335

Babychella: Free Event Sunday, March 12th



"An annual family music and arts festival celebrating families with young children.

Activities planned are perfect for children five years and under, but enjoyable for all ages.

Our spring event will be held at William R. Regional Park in Irvine, located in Orange County, CA.

A variety of interactive activities will be located throughout the park. Visit festival tents hosting story time, face painting, family yoga, theme photo booths, bubbles, and interactive arts & crafts.

A main stage with live music by well-known singer-songwriters, performing children's sing along songs."

William R. Mason Regional Park
18712 University Dr, Irvine, CA 92612

Find out more here: [Babychella Event](#)

Kids to Parks Day: Saturday, May 20th, 2017



"Kids to Parks™ (KTP) Day is a national day of outdoor play organized by National Park Trust in cooperation with 19 national collaborators. This year's KTP Day will be held on **Saturday, May 20, 2017.**

Last year, more than 731,000 participants enjoyed 1,130 park events across the country. In addition, 420 mayors and elected officials proclaimed the day and joined in the celebration. What will you do on Kids to Parks Day? Check out our park events - and keep visiting our site as we add more events closer to May 20th. Pledge to participate and join our movement to encourage children across the country to explore their neighborhood parks and discover science, history, nature, and adventure right around the corner or just across town."

Find out more here: [Kids to Parks Day 2017](#)

Read Aloud

15 Read Aloud Tips for Babies and Toddlers

Research shows that reading aloud with children is the single most important thing you can do to prepare a child for reading and learning. Read Aloud 15 MINUTES National Campaign promotes parents reading aloud to their children at least 15 minutes every day starting at birth. First Book and Read Aloud 15 MINUTES have created a 15-title collection of books that are wonderful for reading aloud with very young children.

Parents are a child's first and most important teacher. Begin your child's journey of learning today!

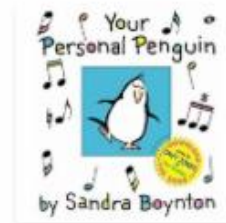
- 1 **Get excited! This is going to be fun! Enthusiasm is infectious, make sure your child catches it.**

"Dinosaur wins again!" - *Dinosaur vs. The Potty* by Bob Shea



- 2 **Read with expression. Go ahead! Use voices. Do sound effects. Make a fool of yourself... your child will love it.**

"I want to be your personal penguin. I want to walk right by your side." - *Your Personal Penguin* by Sandra Boynton



- 3 **Point to the pictures, and talk about them. Make them relatable: "Hey! That looks just like your toy train."**

"Red caboose at the back. Orange tank car next..." - *Freight Train* by Donald Crews



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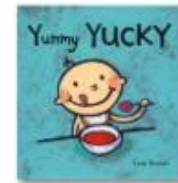
Even a squirmy worm may be listening. Babies are grabby. Give them their own book to hold or something to gnaw on while you read.



"Judy can pat the bunny. Now YOU pat the bunny." - Pat the Bunny by Dorothy Kunhardt

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Hungry baby? Multitask. It's OK - and sometimes advisable - to offer snacks, nurse, or bottlefeed while reading aloud.



"Spaghetti is YUMMY. Worms are YUCKY." -Yummy Yucky by Leslie Patricelli

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If Mr. or Ms. Grabby Pants thwarts your best efforts, then sing, do finger plays, recite Mother Goose... And try, try again (later).

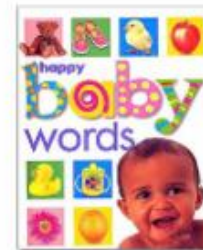


"Well, she had no choice. Trixie bawled. She went boneless. She did everything she could to show how unhappy she was."

-Knuffle Bunny by Mo Willems

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Let your child turn the pages, if he or she can. And over time, your child will learn which end of the book is up, that the letters are the things you are reading, that text flows from left to right...



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Awesome pictures. Find books that have them.

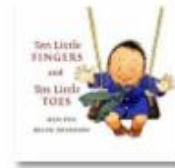
"It was kitten's first full moon. When she saw it, she thought, There's a little bowl of milk in the sky. And she wanted it." -Kitten's First Full Moon by Kevin Henkes



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Little ones love rhyming, word play and songs – provide a healthy diet of books that feature them, and see how babies gain language.

“And both of these babies, as everyone knows, had ten little fingers and ten little toes!” -Ten Little Fingers and Ten Little Toes by Mem Fox



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Short, simple board books are great for babies. In fact, some of the best books have hardly any words at all.

“Goodnight, Gorilla.” -Goodnight Gorilla by Peggy Rathmann



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Make reading aloud a habit when your baby is wee. Incorporate it into your daily routine, and it may soon become a treasured part of your day.

“Goodnight stars. Goodnight air. Goodnight noises everywhere.”
-Goodnight Moon by Margaret Wise Brown



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Provide variety, but be prepared for repetition. A range of books with different authors and topics is fantastic – but don't be surprised when baby wants the same beloved book over and over... and over.

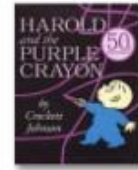
“Then he nibbled a hole in the cocoon, pushed his way out and... he was a beautiful butterfly!” -The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle



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Books, books everywhere and lots of stuff to read. Nurture a reader: Make books an accessible part of your child's environment.

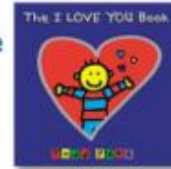
"He remembered where his bedroom window was, when there was a moon." -Harold and the Purple Crayon by Crockett Johnson



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When reading aloud, find a comfortable spot where you won't doze off or be overly distracted.

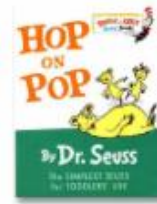
"I love you when you are silly." -The I Love You Book by Todd Parr



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Practice makes perfect – for the listener and the reader. The more you do it, the easier it will be.

"My father can read big words, too. Like CONSTANTINOPL and TIMBUKTU!" -Hop on Pop by Dr. Seuss



Get these and other great books on the First Book Marketplace, an online resource available exclusively to educators and programs serving children in need.



www.fbmarketplace.org



Read Aloud
15 MINUTES

Every child. Every parent. Every day.

Find more tips and advice about reading aloud 15 minutes every day, from birth, at ReadAloud.org.

Website of the Month!



The Huntington Beach City School District hosts a Community Flyer page that includes resources in our community specific to families. There, you will find local resources on items such as:

- Art Lessons
- Bridges Maternal Child Health Network (for infants and toddlers)
- Huntington Beach Public Library Homework Help
- OC Links
- Western Youth Services
- YMCA Before and After School Care
- Whale Watching
- Earth Day Festival at Bolsa Chica

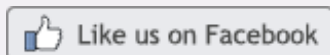
Please visit the page here: [HBCSD Community Fliers](#)

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TO OUR
children
BECOMES THEIR
inner voice.

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