

A message from
Early Learning Coalition of Sarasota County
Ready for Learning, Ready for Life

Summer Resources for Kindergarten Readiness

Hello,

The summer months provide an additional opportunity for children to gain important skills to be ready to enter Kindergarten. Many children attended VPK programs this year but many were not able to do so for a variety of reasons including the pandemic. Several parents and others working with young children have asked for some resources available during the summer.

We are therefore passing on the following resources, shared by many community partners, in order to make sure that both parents and providers have tools and varied options for children to continue to learn and develop over the summer before they enter Kindergarten.

Listed below are many different options with direct links for more information or to sign up for a program, whether to receive additional books, get daily text messages, or get all kinds of ideas to make everyday activities into fun, learning moments.

Please let us know if you questions or need further assistance.
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Wide Open School: <https://wideopenschool.org/daily-plan/preschool/>

Distance learning is easier and more effective with Wide Open School's trusted library of student activities at your fingertips. Daily Plans offer grab-and-go lessons, life skills, and refreshing brain breaks. The Family & Teacher Center has guides for the best ways to support your learners. We balance academic enrichment with social-emotional support so that students have the skills they need to succeed!

[THIS BOOK IS COOL!](#) is open to in-coming Pre-K through Grade 3 students.

Families receive 20 books, access to the webisodes, and an activity guide that corresponds to the webisodes.

TBIC **Registration Form** in English: <https://forms.gle/so8K9EYzhSeSVLPf6>

TBIC **Registration Form** in Spanish: <https://forms.gle/LqCgNFk58UaFUXHu8>

Sarasota County School District Kindergarten readiness page

<https://www.sarasotacountyschools.net/Page/4330> . Many resources related to Kindergarten registration and activities for parents. Links to videos and other resources

[Early Learning offerings of the Khan Academy](#)

While many early learning apps focus on a narrow skill area, Khan Academy Kids is a complete learning experience across multiple subjects that is aligned to the Head Start Early Learning

Outcomes Framework for preschool-aged children and Common Core State Standards for kindergarten-aged children. The program is designed to adapt over the years as a child grows

<https://www.vroom.org/> **VROOM-Empowering Parents**. Vroom helps parents boost their child's learning during the time they already spend together through daily texts with ideas and suggestions for maximizing everyday activities..

<https://the3ts.org> The 3Ts program helps you prepare your child to learn. These resources are designed to help parents understand the critical role they play in their children's (birth to age 3) brain development and, more importantly, teach parents ways to turn that knowledge into action. Check out strategies, videos, and tips designed for parents of infants and toddlers. Tune In, Talk More, and Take Turns – a simple, yet powerful tool to help parents make the most of everyday interactions with their children. The 3Ts help parents optimize the power of language in everyday moments. The 3Ts don't cost anything or require extra time out of a busy day. They can be used anytime, anywhere to build a child's brain.

EarlyCare Text Message Service - FGLRC is very excited to share the newly enhanced EarlyCare program! This program is designed to support parents and caregivers of children from birth to 8 years old, in English and Spanish. The free service provides personalized text messages with tips and educational information based on the child's age. It also includes 24-7 access to a library of resources, including stories, games, activities and other learning and development tools.

<https://first1000dayssarasota.com/activities/> While geared toward the very young children, there are many resources for parents. **Everyday Brain Boosts** Parents and caregivers play a crucial role in building young babies' brains. Learn little things you can do to make a big difference.

Many resources and activities, as well as in person events for children are offered at our local libraries, which are open. Check out the general website and chat with a librarian who can help you locate some options. <https://www.scgov.net/government/departments/libraries>

Early Literacy Tip Sheets – For parents and teachers of young children with easy-to-implement tips and strategies to build early language and literacy skills right at home. Make sure to check out the corresponding [videos](#) to see these tips in action!

FSU Florida Center for Reading Research Videos - 50 videos which demonstrate the implementation of literacy activities from their [Student Center Activities](#) for children from PreK - Fifth grade. Find them on YouTube with #AtHomeWtihFCRR or click on the link above.

[Early Language PSA Playlists](#) - Series of early language development public service announcements featuring best practices in communicating with infants and toddlers. These PSAs also serve as great training video clips for parent meetings and when training new staff.