

Early Childhood Board Report

December 2020

Student Numbers (as of November)

LAK- 3	LAG- 2	PTH- 5	LEV- 2
KOK- 6	NON- 2	PVL- 2	PIP-3
NEW- 14	PTA- 5	IGI- 3	BAY-1
Total:		48	

COVID Operations:

Sites have been diligent following health mandates and safety protocols as communities have gone into the Yellow or Red.

There have been a variety of site-specific, options provided to best meet the needs of our young learners across the district in these difficult times.

Preschool Grant Goals & Updates:

Goal 1: Prepare AK Native students with the social/emotional, motor, cognitive, and language/literacy skills needed to succeed in Kindergarten.

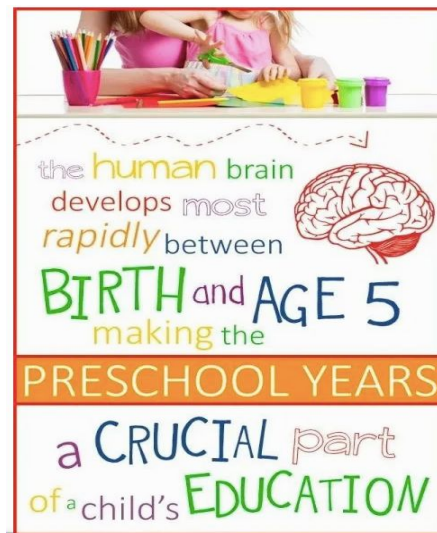
- **Checkpoint #1-Kindergarten Readiness Report** data collected. Parent meetings were held to share progress and generate individualized student plans. Checkpoint data will be analyzed to show growth and overall Kindergarten Readiness of 4 year old students throughout the year.

Goal 2: Ensure cultural identity is the foundation of early learning experiences through opportunities to learn and participate in Alaska Native stories, music, games, arts, through the use of cultural materials for dramatic play.

- **Cultural Kits that have been shared with students so far:** Traditional Foods, Salmon Cycles, Alaska Mammals, Mosquitos, Alaska Skies, Making a Sod House, Beading & Sewing, Alaska Rocks, and Around Our Community.

Goal 3: Provide on-going, formal PD opportunities to promote cultural, social/emotional, motor, cognitive, and language/literacy development with preschool students.

- **Book Study- Where's the Math?** Learning the foundations of early math development and how to build math minds, tap into children's natural curiosity & wonder, notice math all around, and develop problem solving & critical thinking through playful and engaging classroom interactions.
- **Planning a Virtual Inservice (Feb. 2020)-** Since we will not have the opportunity to travel to Anchorage for our Early Childhood Conferences, this gathering will provide an alternative option for our grant partnerships to collaborate!



CHILD: Alaska Native Languages

<https://apps.apple.com/us/app/child-alaska-native-languages/id1527892704>

I am so excited to announce that our CHILD Grant-Language App is finally available! This was a collaborative project with our preschool grant partnerships, traditional local language speakers, Jim Dube, and Beth Hill. Languages included: Yup'ik, Dena'ina, & Sugt'sun. The main audience is PreK age children and provided terms are aligned to our curated Cultural Kits. We hope to add more this year! We'd love to hear your feedback!



Family Literacy Kits

Birth to Age 3
Scholastic- Read & Rise
 3 Board Books & 3 Family Reading Cards



PreK 3 to 4
Scholastic- My Books Everyday
 5 Picture Books, Student Journal, and
 Family Reading Guide



Each community has a "Village Literacy Representative". This is Kit #1 and two more kits will be delivered to families later this year. Most of these individuals already support our efforts in providing Baby Literacy Bags. They have recently received training to learn even more about these new resources and how best to support families and spread the joys of reading across the district!

Check this link for additional shared reading tips:

<https://www.readingrockets.org/article/reading-tips-parents-multiple-languages#english>

Little Teapot & Sing Alongs



Traditional Dance



Fine Motor Skills & Patterns



Drumming & Rhythms



Big Motor Development



Community Helpers & Dramatic Play



