# **Early Learning & Literacy Grant-Board Report October 2022**

#### Student Numbers: Total- 43

Chignik Bay- 1	Kokhanok- 6	Port Alsworth- 5
Chignik Lake- 2	Igiugig- 2	Port Heiden- 4
Chignik Lagoon- 4	Newhalen- 11	Levelock- 3
Perryville- 3	Nondalton- 2	Pilot Point- No program

# **Classroom Spotlight**



Letter A



First Day Smiles



Creative Block Play

# CHILD 2 Grant: Cultural Heritage Improves Learning & Development

Goal 1- Prepare Alaska Native preschool students with the social/emotional, motor, cognitive and language/literacy skills needed to succeed in kindergarten.

~ Provide ½ day preschool

Goal 2- Provide project staff on-going, formal professional development opportunities to promote cultural, social/emotional, motor, cognitive, and language/literacy development with preschool students.

Goal 3- The third objective of the CHILD project is to <u>ensure</u> <u>culture identity is the</u> <u>foundation</u> of early learning experiences. Goal 4- The fourth and final objective is to ensure family engagement is fundamental in early learning experiences by building the capacity for remote early learning.

- ~ Employ staff from the local community
- ~ Utilize research-based instructional resources and strategies focusing on developmentally appropriate practices and intentional instruction.
- ~ Provide yearly face-to-face inservices to increase ELCs knowledge and skills in early childhood development partnership curriculum, strategies for play-based learning, developmental screening, classroom setup and management, and
- ~ Create sustainable family remote learning AN cultural activities.
- ~ Develop a CHILD digital application (app) with a focus on AN language acquisition and literacy development.
- ~ Create children's books based on local elder stories.
- ~ Implement and regularly update individualized family learning plans.
- ~ Provide quarterly family personal visits
- ~ Provide quarterly preschool family group activities.
- ~ Provide access to: Culturally relevant family engagement

~ Utilize a research based progress monitoring tool to monitor student growth throughout the year.

strategies for integrating AN culture and language into preschool classrooms.

- ~ Provide opportunities for all staff to attend *conferences* & locally or state offered *trainings and webinars*.
- ~ Utilize a project-wide Early Childhood Specialist (ECS) and district-wide District Coordinators (DCs) to provide whole group and one-on-one planning, instructional, and mentoring support through remote learning, site visits, CLASS coaching, webinars, and audios.
- ~ Utilize a professional development matrix and performance pay rubric to incentivize intentional training and meet individual staff needs.

~ Train and support ELCs in integrating AN cultural activities and local Native languages into preschool classrooms.

~ Secure AN children's literature for family checkout library.

kits for checkout- BRIDGE, AN cultural activities, CHILD app to support Native language acquisition and literacy development, and AN children's literature checkout library.

~ Incorporate other meaningful remote learning opportunities by bringing outside visitors into classrooms and homes from around the region/state (Elders sharing stories, AK author read alouds, cultural activities demonstrations, Native language speakers, virtual field trips, etc.).

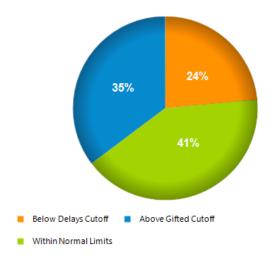
# **PreK Updates**

# PK inservice topics- Grant Overview & Initiatives, Teaching Strategies Gold, Family Engagement, The Power of Playful Learning, CLASS Observations & Coaching, Planning & Scheduling monthly audio: Oct. 10 PK inservice topics- Grant Overview & Initiatives, 4 Family Events 4 family visits BRIDGE Bags Lending Libraries

# Book Study

# Data- Brigance Early Childhood Screener

\*Missing Levelock & PTH scores



CLASS coaching

### **CLSD Literacy Grant- State**

- Robust Inservice/Conference Opportunities
  - o Fall 2022- Katmai Inservice (Aug. 31-Sept. 3)
  - o Fall 2022- Alyeska Inservice (Oct. 19-21)
- Professional Development Webinars, Trainings, Publication, or Other
  - Teacher Selected & District Provided
  - o RTI Conference: Jan 28-29, 2023
  - Alaska Learns: <a href="https://aklearns.org/">https://aklearns.org/</a>
- <u>Literacy Mentoring Team</u>
  - o Provided to 1st & 2nd year teachers
  - o 7 Mentors & 9 Mentees participated
  - o 8 Participating in the Alaska Statewide Mentor-Training Program FY22-23 (including Amber)
  - o 3 Mentors Participating- Book Study: "Coaching for Equity" (including Amber)
- <u>Literacy Training for Classroom Aides</u>
  - o Building Classroom Capacity
  - Compensation provided for participation
  - Alaska Learns: <a href="https://aklearns.org/">https://aklearns.org/</a>
- Tuition Stipends for Literacy Courses Completed
  - o Offered to staff upon completion of a literacy focused upper-level course
- <u>Literacy Focused Social Media Posts for Families</u>
  - o FY22-23 Theme: Reading Through the Seasons!
  - Check them out on District Facebook
  - Resources, links & games provided to all families across the district

## Candice Berner- Early Literacy Program

- Number of children: 110
- Distributed all in Fall 2022
- Over 14,000 titles in homes across the district!