

Early Learning & Literacy Grant Report: October 2023

Student Numbers: Total- 37

Chignik Lake- 3 Nondalton- 2 Newhalen- 13 Perryville- 4 Port Alsworth- 4 Chignik Lagoon- 3 Kokhanok- 8	*Port Heiden- No PK Staff *Igiugig- No PK Students *Pilot Point- No program *Chignik Bay- No Program *Levelock- No Program
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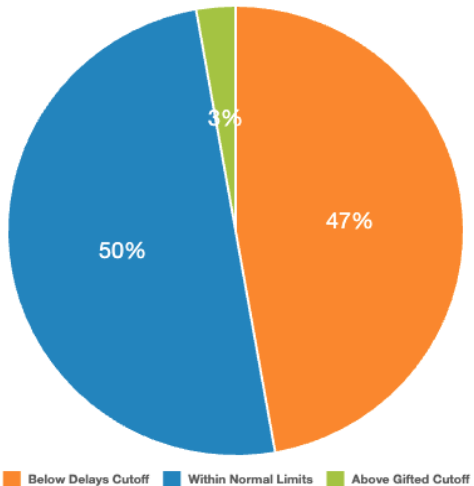


PreK Updates:

- Classroom Observations Occurring via Zoom
- Coaching Sessions to follow observations and Classroom Action Plans developed to foster best practices and enhance positive teacher-child interactions within engaging early childhood settings.
- Professional Development Matrix shared for staff to create their PD plans for this year. (See below)
- Director PD: Currently participating in LETRS for Early Childhood, LETRS for Administrators, and Practice-Based Coaching courses and working towards an Administrator Credential for Early Childhood.
- In the Process of evaluating Alaska's Early Education Program Standards with LPSD current procedures and program operations. (newly adopted 2023)

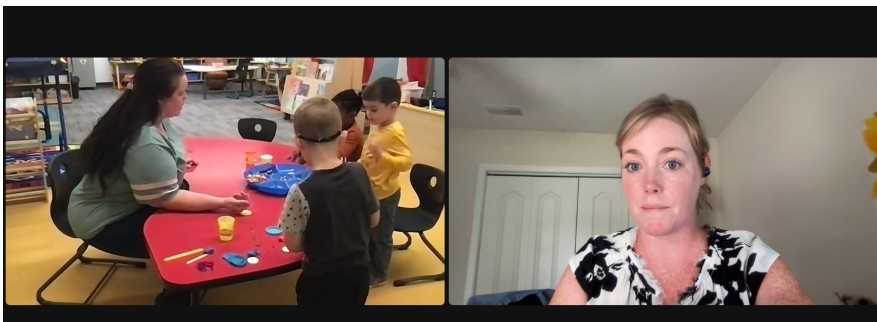
What's New in PreK:

 Family Engagement App	 High Quality Early Childhood in Alaska	 Supplemental Literacy Program	 Pyramid: Developing Social & Emotional Competence
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<h3>Brigance Data: Fall 2023</h3>  <p>50% Within Normal Limits, 47% Below Delays Cutoff, 3% Above Gifted Cutoff</p>	<h3>Teaching Strategies Gold</h3> <p>~ Developmental Domains: Social & Emotional, Physical, Language & Literacy, Cognitive, Mathematics</p> <p>~ Checkpoint #1: Nov. 24th</p> <p>~ Monitoring Progress of Developmental Milestones for 3, 4, & 5 year olds</p> <p>~ Sharing data with families in meaningful ways throughout the year and provide resources to support learning in the home</p>
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Classroom Visits:

- **Chignik Lake-** Learning about the Flag & Fine motor development with scissors, and being fascinated with the zoom camera!
- **Tanalian-** Invitation to Play: Playdough creations. They actually created a maze game to play with each other!
- **Newhalen-** Literacy Lesson- Heggerty Phonological Awareness, Math Stations- Matching & Comparing Shapes, and a London Bridge Sing Along!



Thoughtful Thursdays: Social & Emotional Learning Sessions (weekly zoom with Elise)

- Offered every Thursday to bring our PreK Classrooms together.
- Recordings shared for afternoon classroom sessions.
- Singing & Hand Plays, Sign Language for Emotions, Mindful Breathing & Calming Strategies



Projects in Progress:

- CHILD Grant- 2 More Elder Picture Books, Alaska Native Language App Updates, Literacy Activities for Check-out
- Pre-Elementary Grant (PEG)- Developing Literacy Games for Classrooms. Focused Skills- Rhyming, Alliteration, Syllables, Beginning Sounds

Family Engagement-Curriculum for Check-Out:

BRIDGE- Transportation Exploration **B**orrow, **R**ead, **I**nvestigate, **D**esign, **G**row, & **E**xplore



BRIDGE - Explore

Explore the Language App!



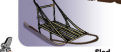
Can you find these words?



Airplane



Boat



Sled



Includes- Books, Plush Canoe, Wooden Play Set

Read & Investigate:

- Read books to explore types of transportation in your community and play charades..
- Engage in activities that support development in the following: comprehension, phonological awareness, fine motor skills, & more.
- Explore math concepts while designing a sailboat with found objects around the house and test it out!
- Learn about being prepared when traveling
- Share activities by playing games together, and learning local languages.

Design & Grow:

- Design a cardboard kayak together.
- Learn about a career as a Truck Driver to deliver supplies!

****Visit a local PreK room to see the curriculum!**

Literacy Grant Updates: CLSD- Supplemental Funding Year 5: 2023-24 ****Final Year****

Professional Development-

- Planning Literacy Retreat: Nov. 17-19 @ Nondalton (elementary staff)
- RTI Conference (Jan. 20, 26, 27, 28): Planning in Progress, Will offer all staff the opportunity to participate either in-person or virtually
- CLSD Convening- Nov. 1 (Project Director to Attend)
- Literacy PLC sessions with Moon & Michele (occurring weekly, elementary staff)

Mentor Program-

- Next Monthly Group Meeting- Nov. 9
- Some Mentors traveled to Mentees during Oct. inservice for on-the-ground support and delivered supplies to share during their time together.
- Currently, we have 6 Mentors supporting 13 Mentees.












Professional Development Matrix

2023-24

~All fees are covered through grant funding~

****Track all trainings or webinars on your personal PD Tracking Sheet****

Core Competencies	Title	Description	Type	PD Hours	Access		
Child Development	~ <i>Developing Knowledge of How Children Develop</i> ~ <i>Understanding Influences on Child Development</i> ~ <i>Building Responsive Learning Environments</i>	TSG Modules- Objectives for Development & Learning	TSG has developed a module for each domain of learning & development: Literacy, Language, Cognitive, Math, Social/Emotional, & Physical. You can choose which area you'd like to learn more about and come back another time to select another domain to explore.	Independent & Self-Paced	10 hrs	My Teaching Strategies	
		Preschoolers @ Play Series- NAEYC	Play is a critical part of the learning process. With this reading series, discover how to select and curate the right materials, both familiar and new, to support development and growth within the domains of early childhood learning.	Independent & Self-Paced	5 hrs	Request article from Amber.	
		Teacher Selected Training	Any course or study aligning with Child Development. Share with Amber for Approval.	Independent & Self-Paced	TBD	Join edWeb	
Family Relationships	~ <i>Building Respectful Relationships</i> ~ <i>Recognize Diverse Family Characteristics</i> ~ <i>Engaging Families & Communities</i>	Strengthening Families Protective Factors	In this 7 part series, you will gain insight and strategies to support your effort in creating meaningful partnerships with families. This will be an aspect of our Learn & Grow participation in the coming years. Create a free account with the link provided and search for Strengthening Families Protective Factors.	Independent & Self-Paced	13 hrs	Join ProSolutions	
		TSG- Transforming Family Engagement	Learn about creating a welcoming atmosphere and opportunities for meaningful involvement with families, including ways to extend learning at home.	Independent & Self-Paced	5 hrs	My Teaching Strategies	
		** Monthly Audio- Stronger Together (Required)	We will explore the Building Blocks of Family Partnerships in Alaska- Mindset, Relationships, Culturally Responsive, Links to Learning, Skills & Confidence, Co-Regulation	Collaborative	Total: 9 hrs 1hr each month	Amber will share zoom links each month. Access Stronger Together Book	
		Teacher Selected Training	Any course or study aligning with Family Relationships. Share with Amber for Approval.	Independent & Self-Paced	TBD		
Observations & Assessment	~ <i>Knowing & Using Observation, Documentation, and Assessment</i> ~ <i>Assess for Positive Outcomes</i>	Teaching Strategies GOLD	Whole-Child, Observation based assessment tool that covers: Approaches to Learning, Social/Emotional Development, Physical Development, Language, Literacy & Communication, Math, Science, & Technology.	Collaborative	2-3 hrs	Webinars to be shared at the time of delivery.	
		Hatch-Ignite	Suggested Titles: Executive Functioning in Early Learning: Navigating Impulses, Responses, and More!, Fostering a Positive Classroom Community, Mindfulness in Early Childhood Education, Supporting Social-Emotional Development with Literacy	Independent & Self-Paced	1 hr each	Find Ignite Webinars	
		** TSG Module- IRR (Required)	Enhance your skills and work towards a deeper understanding of accurately evaluating the observations of students demonstrating growth while in the classroom setting.	Independent & Self-Paced	5 + hrs	My Teaching Strategies	
Appropriate Teaching Practices	~ <i>Establishing Positive Relationships & Interactions</i> ~ <i>Implementing Developmentally Appropriate Practice</i>	**Learn & Grow 101 (Required)	Provides an introduction to Learn & Grow, reviews the quality standards of an early childhood program, and describes how programs can advance through the levels of quality. Create a free account and Search: Learn & Grow 101 to begin.	Independent & Self-Paced	1 hr	Find Course- Learn & Grow 101	
		Alaska Reading Playbook	Sessions: Phonological Awareness, Phonics Pt1, Phonics Pt2. Deep your understanding of evidence-based instructional practices that impact early reading development for students.	Independent & Self-Paced	3 hrs	Alaska Reading Playbook	
		Free to Play Summit	Grab your seat at this FREE online event! Listen to a variety of speakers share the value and benefits of play in early childhood classrooms. Attend the live sessions or watch the recordings once released.	Collaborative & Independent	Oct. 21-23	Register for the Playful Event	
		TSG- The First 6 weeks of Preschool	Explore the essentials, and gain strategies, for building a thoughtful classroom community with your students.	Independent & Self-Paced	5 hrs	My Teaching Strategies	
		Teacher Selected Training	Any course or study aligning with Appropriate Teaching Practices. Can be from vendors on matrix or other approved vendor.	Independent & Self-Paced	TBD	Share findings with Amber for approval.	
Curriculum Implementation	~ <i>Understanding Concepts & Structure of Content Areas (Literacy, Math, Writing)</i> ~ <i>Implementing Meaningful Curriculum</i> ~ <i>Creating an Engaging Learning Environment</i>	myHeggerty- Online Tutorial	Explore the online portal with all available resources and tutorial videos for implementation of Heggerty lessons.	Independent & Self-Paced	2 min	Tour Online	
		Heggerty- Resource Center	Explore the Heggerty Resources- free webinars, supplemental materials, blog posts, and much more!	Independent & Self-Paced	TBD	Heggerty Resources	
		Phonological Awareness: The Missing Piece	In this Heggerty webinar, you will gain an in-depth understanding of what phonological and phonemic awareness is, how it works alongside phonics instruction, and why it is so important.	Independent & Self-Paced	40 min	The Missing Piece	

