

Early Learning & Grants Report

May 2025



Photos: Chignik Lagoon, Kokhanok, Nondalton, Tanalian, Perryville



Early Writing & Vertical Painting



Teamwork = Smiles









Sharing & Creating



Showing Appreciation

Preschool Graduates: 2025

Chignik Lagoon-1 Chignik Lake-2 Kokhanok-4 Nondalton-1 Newhalen-10

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Early Learning Programs

Program Operations

- PreK Last Day May 1 or 2 (depending on 4 or 5 day a week program operation)
- Educator Work Week (May 5-9)
- Brigance Screenings (underway)
- Teaching Strategies- Checkpoint #3 (Due May 2nd)
- **PD Provided:** Over 500 hrs completed-combined!
- Family Events (22 hosted): Game nights, cultural activities, seasonal themes, early literacy, art projects, early mathematics, and more!
- Funding: Anticipating PEG June 2025-2026

Program Feedback

• Family Surveys indicated overall satisfaction of the programs. They appreciated the types of student data they received and individualized goal setting for their children. They also enjoyed the variety of at-home learning resources they received throughout the year.

Summer Learning Backpacks

- 3yr old: Outdoor Learning- Pail, shovel, sand sifter, outdoor adventure book, magnet letters, tape measure, binoculars, ten frame, AK field guide, journal, crayons, seeds & soil, family resources
- 4yr old: Pete the Cat- "Rocking School Shoes" Book, Phonics book set, Journal, Colored pencils, Sharpener, Number cards, Reading magnet set, Play-dough, Hot Dots CVC cards, seeds & soil, family resources



Early Learning Programs-cont.

Looking Ahead

- Program Staffing: 6 returning, 1 new, 1 unsure
- Anticipated Programs: PVL, LAK, LAG, NEW, NON, PTA, KHK (unsure-IGI, PTH, LEV)
- Fall 2025 Inservice: Aug. 27, 28, 29 (virtual)
- Classroom Set up & Screenings: Sept. 2, 3, 4, 5
- **PreK 1st day :** Sept. 9th

Homeschool PreK Supports

• Families in a community without an operating preschool program will be offered homeschool materials.

Little Learning Boxes-<u>learningboxpreschool.com</u>

<u>Family Materials</u>

- Lunch boxes, water bottles, bento boxes
- Rain suits-Tuffo
- Ivy Kids Boxes- for incoming 3yr olds

Program Philosophy

The LPSD Early Learning Programs are designed to promote academic success by implementing developmentally-appropriate & culturally-responsive practices through integrated, play-based early learning opportunities, focused on whole-child development. We strive to grow self-directed learners, within inclusive & responsive early learning environments, who are grounded in their culture and contribute to their communities. We aim to nourish student growth & development through active engagement and investing in collaborative partnerships with families, while honoring family heritage and providing safe & nurturing early childhood learning environments.

> Play is not frivolous. It is not a luxury. It is not something to fit in after completing all the important stuff. Play is the important stuff. Play is a drive, a need, a brain-building must-do.

> > Jeff A Johnson & Denita Dinger



- Final grant reporting (May).
- Mentor and Mentee Surveys have been received. Lots of positive feedback on the meaningfulness and significant impact this program has had on new LPSD Educators!
- 7 of 14 educators (50%), who received this mentorship, will return FY24-25! Areas of Support: Multi-level classrooms, Literacy instructional practices, Structured intervention planning, Standards-based instruction, Culturallyresponsive teaching, Life in LPSD, Place-based learning, and so much more!! New staff (Mentees) felt supported, encouraged, appreciated, valued the positivity, and developed lasting collaborative partnerships with fellow educators.

NEW-CLSD 2025

- Submitted Intent to Apply- April 24th
- Application Released-April 30
- Application Due: May 30
- Anticipated goals: LPSD Mentor Program, Literacy focused PLC, After school programming, Family engagement opportunities, In-person PD opportunities, Middle & Secondary literacy supports, Reading curriculum review



Grant-Safer Communities & Stronger Connections

- Working on Grant Reporting
- Will maintain for FY25-26 school year
- Continued support for place-based learning opportunties

<u>Literacy Bag Program</u>

- Program Implemented: 2010- in honor of Candice Berner
- For 15 years, over 20,000 books and materials shared across our region!
- FY24-25: Children being served (103)
- 2025: 15 books per child= 1,545
- New Children Added for FY25-26 (12)





