

PRE-K SPED NEWS

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Director's Corner

Summer is right around the corner! Please be aware that there are very few Summer Camps that accommodate PreK children. Start looking now! The Early Learning Coalition and/or the 311 Help Line may be able to assist in finding a summer camp.

If your child turned 4 years old on or before September 1, 2018, you may be able to access the VPK Certificate for a summer program or VPK SIS services. VPK SIS will pay for limited therapy services from approved providers. For more information, contact the Early Learning Coalition of Miami-Dade at 305-646-7220.

All parents may want to check out **Vroom.org**! They provide a free app that you can download. Enter your child's age and set up email preferences. They will send you simple, short learning activities that you can use with your child. Simple, short and fun! Ask your child's teacher what **developmental age** you should enter to get the most appropriate activities!

Did you know that you have lots of **Parent Power**? One of the tools that Florida Department of Education uses to assess our effectiveness is the ESE Parent Survey. We provide lots of education in the form of workshops, our website and this newsletter and we would love to have recognition of those efforts. You can complete the survey at <http://www.esesurvey.com>.

Finally, we have launched an email service through MailChimp to help keep parents of students with Disabilities "in the know"! Please register at prekese.dadeschools.net by clicking on the "Register for Updates" link.

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Ready, Set, Learn! Parent Workshops

Pre-K SPED Staff offered parent workshops during the month of February Entitled, "Ready, Set, Learn! Building Foundations for Learning Through Play." We visited three school sites and were able to share this important information with over 50 parents! Parents learned how to scaffold learning through play and were able to share ideas with each other and network with other parents. We were also able to provide parents with some play materials and books to take home and share with their children.



Communication Counts!

Every year, the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) recognizes the month of May as Better Hearing & Speech Month. It is celebrated to provide an opportunity to raise awareness about communication disorders and the role speech-language pathologists and audiologists play in providing life-altering treatment. The 2019 theme is "Communication Across the Lifespan." Through our MDCPS Pre-K ESE programs, we believe that early intervention will provide children with the skills needed to acquire functional communication. Our children will then use these skills so that positive interactions within the home, school and community settings are sustained throughout the lifespan. Check out the Pre-K ESE Program website in May to find out how we will be celebrating Better Hearing & Speech Month!

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for Children with
Disabilities



**COMMUNICATION
ACROSS THE LIFESPAN**

Better Hearing & Speech Month

**Still looking for VPK spots for the 2019-2020 school year?
Check with your neighborhood school! Some schools
still have spots available!**



FAMILY CORNER:

Looking for more information on parenting children with disabilities? The Pre-Kindergarten Program for Children with Disabilities office can be a valuable source of information. During the 2018-2019 school year, we hosted several parent workshops. Some of the presentations we have held this year include:

- Positive Parenting Practices for Young Children with Autism and Other Developmental Delays
- Ready, Set, Learn, Building Foundations for Learning Through Play
- Challenging Behavior presented by UM CARD (University of Miami Center for Autism & Related Disabilities)

For more information on future presentations contact the Pre-Kindergarten Program for Children with Disabilities Office at 305-271-5701, <http://prekese.dadeschools.net> or check out our Facebook page (MDCPS Prekindergarten Program for Children with Disabilities)

We also welcome your feedback, please complete our parent survey www.esesurvey.com

Finally, please find below additional family resources:

Sesame Street parenting tool kits www.sesamestreet.org/toolkits

Information on child development and parenting strategies

www.tats.ucfedu

Tips on managing difficult behavior

www.challengingbehavior.cbcs.usf.edu

Social emotional resources www.consciousdiscipline.com

ESE Parent Survey

**It's that time of year again! ESE
Parent Survey time!**

The State of Florida wants to hear your voice, parents! The annual parent survey can be completed online, on your tablet, or even on your smart phone! It takes just a few minutes to complete.

You can follow this link to complete the survey:

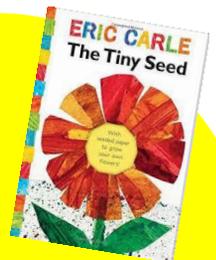
<http://www.esesurvey.com>

The opportunity to participate in the survey ends May 31st, so make sure you sign on today! If you need assistance or have any questions, please contact your child's teacher or our Pre-K SPED Office.

Books to share



THE TINY SEED—
ERIC CARLE



LET IT RAIN—
MARYANN
COCCA-LEFFLER

