



Reading too soon...

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There is a widely held belief in this country (and many others) that if we start teaching children to read, write, and spell in preschool and kindergarten that they will be ahead of the game (and their peers) by first grade. We think that pushing our kids to start early will make them better and give them the edge.

But it doesn't work that way, in fact it can be detrimental.

Here's why...

Children's neurological pathways for reading, writing, and spelling are not formed yet at these young ages, therefore they are not equipped. In child development you can not miss, shortcut, or **rush** steps, it just doesn't work.

Between 3 and 7 years old, predominantly the right side of the brain is developing. The right side of the brain is not where word reading takes place. The right side sees pictures and shapes and uses mental imagery to create the movie in their mind to understand the story. The left side of the brain is where we read words, it is responsible for decoding words into letters and phonetically sounding them out. This is true word reading. It is not until about age 7 that the corpus callosum fully connects the left and right hemispheres of the brain to make reading complete for kids.

By making children read when they really only have access to the right side of their brain, they are forced to memorize what words look like by shape and guess, opposed to being able to sound them out. Not true reading. Also, when kids are focused on memorizing what the words look like by shape, they are not using their right brain to create the movie in their mind, leading to low comprehension.

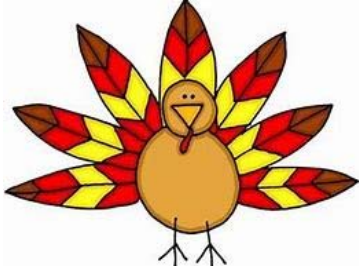
What you might not know is that developing a strong sense of balance and proprioception (knowing where your body is), is a **mandatory precursors to being a strong learner and student**. Balance and proprioception are achieved through play, movement, and experiencing your surroundings, not through sitting still reading.

Don't get me wrong, I think being a good reader and spending lots of time reading is **very important**. Reading ability is probably the most important learned skill in our society. But the path to learning to read is counter-intuitive, the earlier we start them the harder it may be for them to achieve the skill of **effortless** reading needed to excel in school.

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Please check your child's parent folder every day. There is important information there! Also, make sure your child always has a change of clothes and diapers/pull-ups, if necessary. Thank You!

Caterpillars/Buttercup Butterflies



November is here! As we get ready to explore fall in Florida, the Buttercups and Caterpillars are enjoying exploring items such as acorns, leaves, and pumpkins. We are preparing to do fun arts & crafts and look forward to the upcoming holidays. Reminders: Please bring an extra change of clothes for your child's cubby.

-Ms. Natalie, Ms. Johanna, & Ms. Stacey

Pixie Butterflies

It was wonderful being able to share your child's growth in so many areas during our Parent conferences. Your child is getting ready to finish their very own "Brown Bear" book! We hope you enjoy reading it together. We will begin exploring the different holidays that are fast approaching. Please save the date December 14th for our Holiday Program!

-Ms. Maria & Ms. Vanessa



Elf Butterflies



We continue to work together on our letters, numbers, colors and shapes in many fun ways, we even investigated hands-on what was inside a pumpkin! Please remember to provide an extra labeled sweater to remain in your child's cubby for days that the weather is cooler. We are so thankful for your children and all our school families. Have a warm & wonderful Thanksgiving among family and friends.

-Ms. Jessica & Ms. Beryl

Julia Butterflies

This month our class will talk about Thanksgiving, being helpful, family and the things we are thankful for. We will continue to work on writing our letters and names and using our fine motor skills. Wishing you and your family a happy Thanksgiving! Reminders: Please check folders daily.

-Ms. Paige & Ms. Vicky





Birthdays

Mr. Steven- November 10th
Ms. Stephanie D.- November 27th
Ms. Natalie- November 8th

Work Anniversaries

Ms. Lonni- 1 year
Ms. Crystal- 4 years

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So how do we fix it?

Slow down. Let them use their body, play lots of games that require balance, help your child develop their balance and a sense of where their body starts and stops. Also, spend lots of time **reading to them**. Read to them so they can practice mental imagery in a relaxed environment. By reading to them, **especially nursery rhymes**, they train their ears to hear the slight differences in words, which is very important later when they are phonetically learning letters, sounding out words, and decoding words for spelling. (TV and videos can't give this to them.)

Until you have worked on this, your efforts for mastery in reading, writing, and spelling will be in frustration.

Cheers,

Stacey

Here's what a simple art project helps the children with:
**Creative expression, Color theory (red and yellow makes orange),
 Teamwork, Language skills, Fine motor skills, and Observational skills**

Here's what you'll need:

- ◆ 3 Corn Cobs
 - ◆ Corn Cob Holders
 - ◆ Tempera Paint– red, yellow, orange
 - ◆ 9x12 White Construction Paper or a White Canvas
1. First we shucked the corn and removed all the extraneous strings from the cob.
 2. Add the corn cob holders and put some paint on paper plates.
 3. Talk about planting and eating corn, then discuss the texture of the corn and the husks.
 4. Let dry and hang where desired.

Corn Painting



November

WPDN will be closed on Thursday, November 22nd and Friday, November 23, 2018 in observance of Thanksgiving. VPK only students will not attend Monday, November 19 through Friday, November 23, 2018.

Super Supper

Baked Ziti w/
Ground Beef & a
Side Salad.
Pick-up is
Wednesday,
November 7th.

Pumpkin Pie
Pick-up is
November 20th and
21st.
Sign-up at front
desk.

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