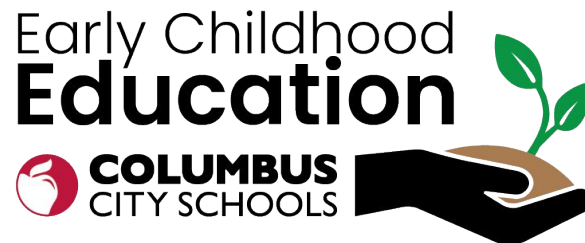


PreK Family Day

STORYTIME ADVENTURES!

November 2025



Pre-K Early Literacy

At Columbus Metropolitan Library



Goal: to equip Pre-K families with tools and resources for early literacy success.

Our Mission:

Each student is highly educated,
prepared for leadership and
service, and empowered for
success as a citizen in a
global community.

Board Goals



Strengthen Reading Proficiency

The percentage of third-grade students proficient in Reading on the Ohio State Test (OST) will increase from **34.5%** in school year 2022-2023 to **44.5%** in June of 2028.



Strengthen Mathematics Proficiency

The percentage of seventh-grade students proficient in Mathematics on the Ohio State Test (OST) will increase from **14.7%** in school year 2022-2023 to **23.45%** in June of 2028.



Closing Opportunity Gaps

The percentage of 4-year graduation cohort students who complete state and district graduation requirements will increase from **78.2%** in August of 2023 to **83.2%** in August of 2028.





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Inspiring reading,
sharing resources and
connecting people.



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Today's Agenda

Family Literacy Day Agenda

Choose Your Own Adventure: Storytime Adventures at CML Main Library

-  **10:00 a.m. – Welcome and Introduction**
 - Dr. Baker, ECE Director
-  **10:05 a.m. – Early Literacy Presentation**
 - Tips and tools to support reading at home
-  **10:25 a.m. – Storytime Introduction**
 - Presented by CML Librarians
-  **10:35 a.m. – Transition to Children's Area**
 - Begin the *Choose Your Own Adventure* Scavenger Hunt!
 - Explore hands-on literacy stations
-  **After the Hunt**
 - Stay or return to this room to chat with Board Members
-  **Event Ends at 12:00 p.m.**
 - Thank you for joining us for a morning of reading, fun, and family learning!



Today's Goals

Goal for For Students:

- Help children get excited about reading and build **strong early literacy skills.**
- Support the “**whole child**” — helping kids grow not only in reading but also in confidence, curiosity, and creativity.



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Today's Goals

Goal For Families:

- Give families fun, simple ways to **support reading at home**.
- Make sure **every family feels welcome** and has access to books, activities, and resources.
- **Strengthen the partnership** between home and school so we can help every child succeed together.



Today's Goals

How It Connects to CCS Board Goals & Guardrails

- By focusing on early literacy, the event supports the Board's goal of **improving reading proficiency**.
- By providing **flexible access**, culturally responsive materials, and **engaging families as partners**, the event honors the Guardrails of supporting whole-child focus, and equitable resources.
- By engaging families authentically and leveraging their strengths, the event builds stronger school-community connections which is part of the Priority of **"Strong Learning Communities."**



Every **ONE** of
us empowering
every student.

Ice Breaker

Family Friendship

Choose Your Own Adventure: Storytime
Adventures at CML Main Library

How to make a new friend — it's fun, and easy
when you know some simple steps!"

*"Let's turn to the person next to you and say:
'Hi, my name is ____.' Then ask: **'What's your name?'** That's a great way to start a friendship."
(Ask families to model this with their child.)*

"Making friends means showing kindness: smiling,
introducing yourself, asking to play, sharing ideas."

"When you meet someone new, you might say:
'Would you like to play with me?' or **'Can I join you?'** That shows you want to be friends."

FRIENDSHIP AND KINDNESS

I can be a good friend

- Sharing
- Helping
- Teamwork
- Getting along
- Good Listener
- Communicate my needs

I can be kind

- Kind Words
- I can say sorry

I can make a friend

- Saying Hello
- Friends are alike and different
- Staying in contact with friends



Ice Breaker

Family Friendship

**Choose Your Own Adventure: Storytime
Adventures at CML Main Library**

“Let’s practice again: Turn to a new person (or your family member) and say:

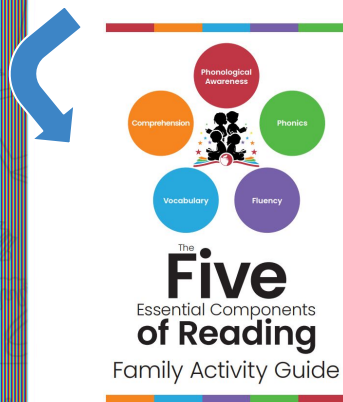
‘Hi ___, I like ___, do you like ___?’ Then you might find something you both like. Go ahead now...”

Thank you for supporting your child in making new friends today — it sets them up for success in school, at the library, and in their community.



CCS At Home Literacy Initiative

- [CCS #TogetherWeRead Landing Page](#)
- Community Partnerships
- Pathway Express Events



You can sign up for Dolly Parton Library and monthly books will be delivered to your house and and are yours to keep!



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#TogetherWeReadCCS

The
Five
Essential Components
of Reading
Pre-K Family Activity Guide

Website: www.ccsosoh.us/domain/4404



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#TogetherWeReadCCS

Research shows that students who read at home daily for at least 20 minutes can increase language development, improve comprehension and critical thinking, develop global empathy, and strengthen family relationships.

Columbus City Schools is committed to empowering students to discover their love of reading and improving literacy skills across all grades. Thanks to support from a number of community partnerships, the District is giving PreK - 12 students books and novels to build at-home libraries and create even more access to tools for success in the classroom and their futures.



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Did you know that early literacy development is an essential building block to your child's future language, reading, and writing development and learning?

As students begin learning in a more structured learning environment, you'll watch them grow more confident with their communication skills, understanding of written language, and basic reading.

During this stage, it's important to nurture their curiosity and independence, as well as allow them to explore texts, including short stories, newspapers, comics, and age-appropriate books.



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**Free Kindergarten Readiness Program
for Columbus City School Families**



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Family Empowerment

We believe the best educational outcomes occur when **teachers, students, and parents align in a healthy partnership**. By creating structures that foster this partnership, **parents can confidently drive their child's education** with guidance and support from educators.

Waterford Mentor provides program updates, messages, and resources to **keep parents empowered, involved, and** equipped to support their child.



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mentor.waterford.org

SIGN UP FOR A NEW WATERFORD MENTOR ACCOUNT

- 1 Visit the Waterford Mentor login page
- 2 Click **Sign up** at the bottom left of the login window.
- 3 Enter a valid email and a new account password, then click **Submit**.
Waterford will then send you a confirmation link through email to confirm your identity.
- 4 Click on the confirmation link to create your account.



Sign in with your email and password

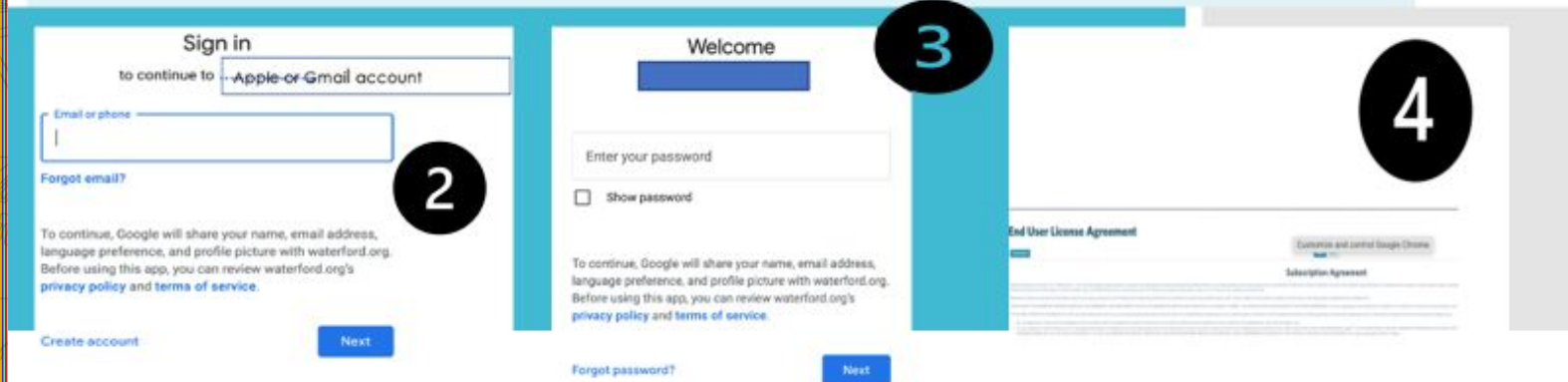
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What Do Parents Get?

Resources & Activities

At-a-glance student overviews keep parents up to date on progress, assignments, and successes



Books to read with your child



Activities to do with your child



Monthly calendars with family fun things to do away from the computer



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Resources & Activities



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Usage Recommendations at home



- 15 mins daily
- 5 days a week



Your child will have the foundational skills to be successful in Pre-K and throughout their academic learning.

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Three IMPORTANT Tips
to support your child and
their teacher



Praise your child's *effort*



Support your child but be
sure, they are working
independently



Never give your child the answer to
click

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Pre-k Curriculum

Resource Links

Find helpful tools to support your Pre-K child's learning



PreK On My Way

www.scholastic.com/prekonmywayfamily

Password: Scout

Pre-K songs, stories, and activities in English and Spanish



Waterford

mentor.waterford.org

Waterford Reading Academy



Second Step

www.secondstep.org

Activation key: SSPE FAMI LY68

Social-emotional learning curriculum



Heggerty

Youtube video library

Language sounds and play activities



CCS Pre-K Readiness

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Tips for getting for Pre-K



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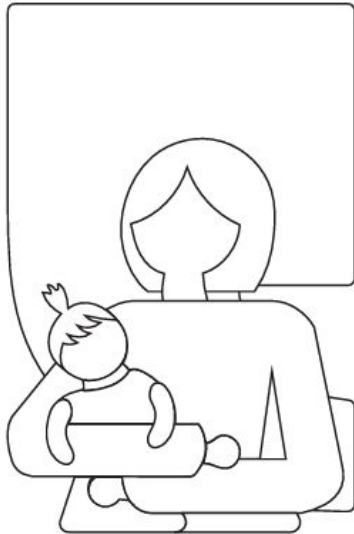
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Family Reminders

Every word you say builds your child's brain



Research shows that children do better in school when their parents talk and interact with them from birth. Make the most of your time together by using the **3Ts**.

Tune In: Be in the moment.

Talk More: Use a wide variety of words.

Take Turns: Engage your child in conversation.

When you use all **3Ts** at once, you build the strongest possible brain for your child.

For more tips and tools, sign up for the free app at the3ts.org!



Can be found at: the3ts.org



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Family Reminders

ANY TIME IS
TIME

TUNE IN
TALK MORE
TAKE TURNS



Family Reminders

Playtime

During your next playtime,
you could talk about the:

- tall tower
- noisy truck
- sleeping dolly
- silly song

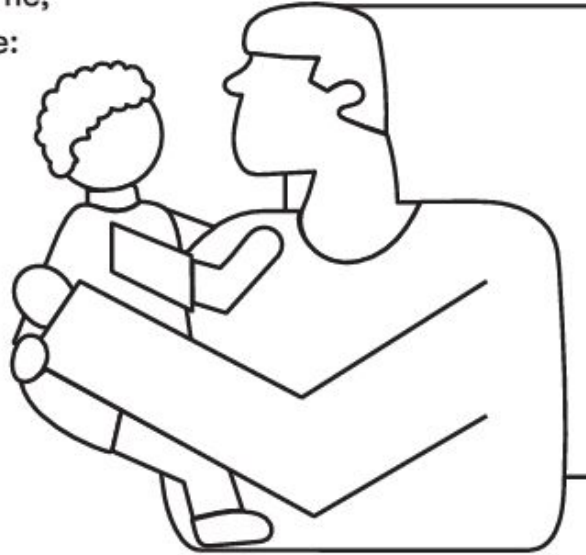


Family Reminders

Mealtime

During your next mealtime, you could talk about the:

- crunchy apple
- orange crackers
- 2 cookies
- leafy broccoli



Family Reminders

Questions?

**Pay attention to what
your child is focused on,
then talk about it to have
a conversation!**

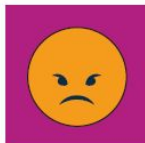


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Family Reminders



ABC's for parents of little ones...



AWARENESS

Be aware of your own inner state. Is your heart rate elevated? Are you feeling tense/frustrated, etc.? Children can FEEL our upset, so the next step is BREATHE DEEPLY and bring yourself back to the present moment.



BREATHE

Take deep belly breaths. Inhale through your nose for at least 5 seconds, and exhale through your mouth for at least 10 seconds. Do this at least 3 times.



CLOSENESS

They want to be close to you because you are their Safe Place™. Co-regulation and connection/bonding happen when they are close to you. Take deep breaths with them in moments of closeness.



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Next Pre-K Events

Check out the ECE Family Engagement page for event updates:

<https://www.ccsch.us/prek>



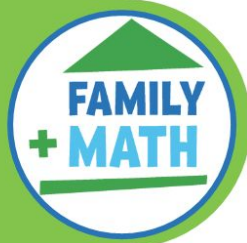
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Next Pre-K Events

Wednesday, November 19 -
WOSU Family Math

Family Math Night
with
WOSUclassroom



Saturday, December 13 -
Lincoln Theatre, *Family Event with Pathway Express*

- Free admission
- Free Resources
- Giveaways
- New Books



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WOSU Family Math Night

Pre-K Family Math Webinars hosted by WOSU in collaboration with Columbus City Schools ECE. These webinars will engage all Pre-K families in fun, hands-on learning activities to help Pre-K students explore math concepts in a meaningful and enjoyable way.

<https://www.ccsch.us/Page/12952>



SAVE THE DATE

Family Math Nights

with
WOSUclassroom

6-7 pm on Zoom
November 19, 2025
December 17, 2025
January 14, 2026
February 25, 2026
March 11, 2026

Discover how math is all around us!
The more you explore together, the more your child's confidence and skills will grow!

Before each session, your child will bring home a kit filled with materials and a Zoom link to keep and use during the Zoom Session with WOSU Classroom.

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Next Pre-K Events

Next PreK Event

Color, Create, Explore! @CMA

Event Details

Saturday, January 10 from
10:00am-12:00pm

Columbus Museum of Art
480 E. Broad St, Columbus, OH

- Free Admission to the Museum
- Pre-K Art Activities
- Book Giveaways
- Play and build

COLUMBUS CITY SCHOOLS **CMA**
Columbus Museum of Art

COLOR, CREATE EXPLORE!

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10
10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. at
The Columbus Museum of Art
480 E. Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43215

Your little one will become a creator, artist, and inventor all in one day! Dive into exciting STEAM (Science, Tech, Engineering, Art, Math) activities made just for PreK learners.

- Free Admission to CMA
- Pre-K Art Activities
- Book Giveaways
- Family Art Projects

Scan to learn more!

www.ccsosoh.us/Page/11565

Early Childhood Education
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**CCS PRE-K
FAMILY ENGAGEMENT**

Next Pre-K Events

CML Holiday Train

Come see the Huntington Holiday Train at Main Library

The Huntington Holiday Train will be displayed in Main Library's Grand Atrium.

Bring your family to see the display with its trains, tracks, tunnels, bridges, castles and other features to delight visitors of all ages.

On display **Nov. 18-Jan. 18**

Main Library | 96 S. Grant Ave.

Visit during regular library hours, with free one-hour parking in Main Library's attached garage.



Final Thoughts

“Asking questions is the first way to begin change.”

Questions?



Final Thoughts



 Department of Children & Youth

TIPS FOR PRESCHOOL READING SKILLS

Talk with your child Give them chances to respond. Ask questions and build on what they say. Keep the conversation going.	Read with your child Read with fun voices, talk about the pictures, and ask questions. Point out letters and new words.	Play with your child Play together and try different roles. Use new words and act out what they mean.
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Final Thoughts

CONVERSATION TIPS

- Ask questions about the characters after reading a book together.
- Play games like "I Spy" that use descriptions.
- When you're in the car or on a walk, talk about what you see and ask your child questions.
- Talk about books when you're out together. This connects books to real life.
- Talk about other places you see words, like road signs, stores, and packages.

OTHER READING ACTIVITIES

- Sing songs and play rhyming games.
- Ask your child to help write a grocery list.
- Read recipes out loud while cooking together.
- Go to storytime at the local library.
- Write and mail a letter to someone special.
- Match words that start with the same letter.
- Sign up for free books through Dolly Parton's Imagination Library of Ohio.



CONTACTS

Website: [Department of Children and Youth: Early Literacy](#)

CML Scavenger Hunt



Choose Your Own Adventure: Library Scavenger Hunt!

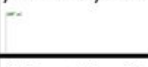
Get ready to explore, discover, and have fun! Families are invited to embark on a **Choose Your Own Adventure** scavenger hunt throughout the library.

Along the way, you'll learn about new thing, meet friendly teachers, explore library spaces, and complete fun reading and learning activities together. Have fun exploring, reading, and adventuring as a family! 📚⭐

CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE®

Welcome, Adventurers!

Travel through each station, explore, read, play, and learn together. Collect a stamp, sticker, or checkmark at each stop — and complete your family reading quest!

 Go I SPY book table. Pick a Letter. Can you name 3 things that start with that Letter?	Take a Bookmark make a bookmark. Let your creativity shine! 
Grab a snack and talk to CCS Board Members in the Auditorium.  COLUMBUS CITY SCHOOLS	Pick up a Mirror My Sounds Set and practice saying letters. Can you make letter sounds? 
Get a library card for your child and check out a book. 	Practicing Beginning Sounds is fun! Can you match letters and words with the puzzle! 
	Pick a new Journal and encourage your PreK student to write or draw inside! 

Post your fun pictures using #CCS_ECE_FamilyFun



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Feedback

THANK YOU!

We want to hear from YOU! 🎉

Take a moment to share your thoughts and tell us what you enjoyed at our event. Your feedback means a lot to us, and as a thank you, you'll be entered to win a prize! 🎁

Scan the QR code or visit
bit.ly/PreKNov2025

to complete the survey.

Thank you!

Survey
SCAN TO ENTER FOR A PRIZE

We need to hear
from **YOU!**
Let us know what
you enjoyed at
bit.ly/PreKNov2025

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**GET
ENTERED
FOR A PRIZE**



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Thanks!

Do you have any questions?

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