Soar in 4

Soar in 4 is an initiative supported by Carolyn and Steve Roskamp in collaboration with Manatee County Schools, the Early Learning Coalition, the Manatee Community Action Agency's Head Start and Early Head Start, Manatee Community Foundation, and United Way Suncoast.

The premise behind the Soar in 4 is One Family, One Neighborhood at a Time. Participating schools during the summer of 2017 are Sea Breeze Elementary, Ballard Elementary and Rogers Garden-Bullock Elementary.

Prior to the beginning of school in August, the Soar in 4 families will be invited to attend five Family Nights where they will enjoy a free dinner followed by hands-on play experiences, science-based activities, art projects, family reading time, and more. The glue that holds all of this together is a virtual Volunteer Buddy. Every other week, juxtaposed with the Family Nights, the buddy will call the student's family at home to touch base with them. The buddy is there to answer questions and help the family navigate through the program, reminding them of the fun assignments (like gathering artifacts from a nature walk) for the next week's meet up. - Luanne Howe

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Kindergarten Registration and Readiness
Sarasota County Schools and the Suncoast Campaign for Grade-Level Reading are working together to increase early reading proficiency for incoming kindergarteners by providing a literacy bag to improve school readiness and summer-learning opportunities for children from low-income families at Title 1 schools.

The Sarasota County Task Force for Grade-Level Reading Subcommittee for Early Learning is partnering with The Patterson Foundation to ensure children entering kindergarten have enriching literacy materials that can support their learning in the months before school begins. Sarasota County Schools encourages parents of incoming kindergarteners to register early.

Title I elementary schools will distribute a literacy bag to each family that registers an incoming kindergarten student this summer. Each literacy bag includes alphabet flash cards, first-word flashcards, number flash cards, color and shape flash cards, jumbo crayons, a Childcraft English Alphabet Literacy Chart, a set of upper-case and lower-case alphabet magnets, drawing paper, and an English/Spanish picture book.

Part of a nationwide movement, the Suncoast Campaign for Grade-Level Reading is a community-wide effort to help all children, especially those from low-income families, succeed in school by ensuring they read on grade level.

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Source: Herald-Tribune

Kindergarten Readiness Play Days

Join the Suncoast Campaign for Grade-Level Reading (SCGLR) for Kindergarten Readiness Days at your local libraries!

There will be fun activities to participate with your child to get them ready for Kindergarten!

Access the SCGLR Events Calendar or click below to see which dates and locations work best for you.

Saturday, July 8 | North Sarasota Library
Saturday, July 15 | North Port Library
Saturday, July 22 | North Sarasota Library
Saturday, July 29 | Central Library

Access the Kindergarten Readiness Guide filled with ideas and activities for parents and children
Access the Kindergarten Readiness Checklist
Mind in the Making Continues to Change Lives!

In May of 2016, the Suncoast Campaign for Grade-Level Reading held a Mind in the Making (MITM) Facilitator Institute for 27 individuals from 13 different agencies in Manatee and Sarasota counties. Since then, these facilitators have been presenting Mind in the Making's Seven Essential Skills Training Modules to more than 600 people throughout the Suncoast region. Due to demand, a second Mind in the Making Facilitator Institute was held in February of 2017, raising the number of local facilitators to 50.

These modules draw on brain development research to inform practices that lead to better outcomes for children through the promotion of essential skills. Each module provides participants the opportunity to reflect on their own experiences and practices, learn what researchers have discovered about how children learn best and discuss how to apply this research in their role as a parent, caregiver, or educator.

The Suncoast Campaign for Grade-Level Reading is committed to bringing this important resource to parents, grandparents, child care professionals, early learning educators, and caregivers. If you are interested in individually participating in Mind in the Making workshops, or would like to have a series of workshops at your place of employment, church, or community organization, please contact the Suncoast Campaign for Grade-Level Reading. For individuals looking to register for MITM during the months of July, August, or September, click the links below for further information on dates, time, and location.

Mind in the Making Cohorts Currently Registering

1. MITM Flyer Team Lily
2. MITM Flyer Team Galaxy
Share the Newsletter

Research shows us that the first five years of a child's life are a critical time for brain development and the basis for future success. We look forward to sharing engaging news and updates with you related to the earliest years of life. The Patterson Foundation respects your privacy and will not share or sell your contact information.

To be added to the 0-5 Express newsletter distribution list or if there is information you are interested in learning more about, email SCGLR.

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We welcome your thoughts. Contact us at info@GradeLevelReadingSuncoast.net

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