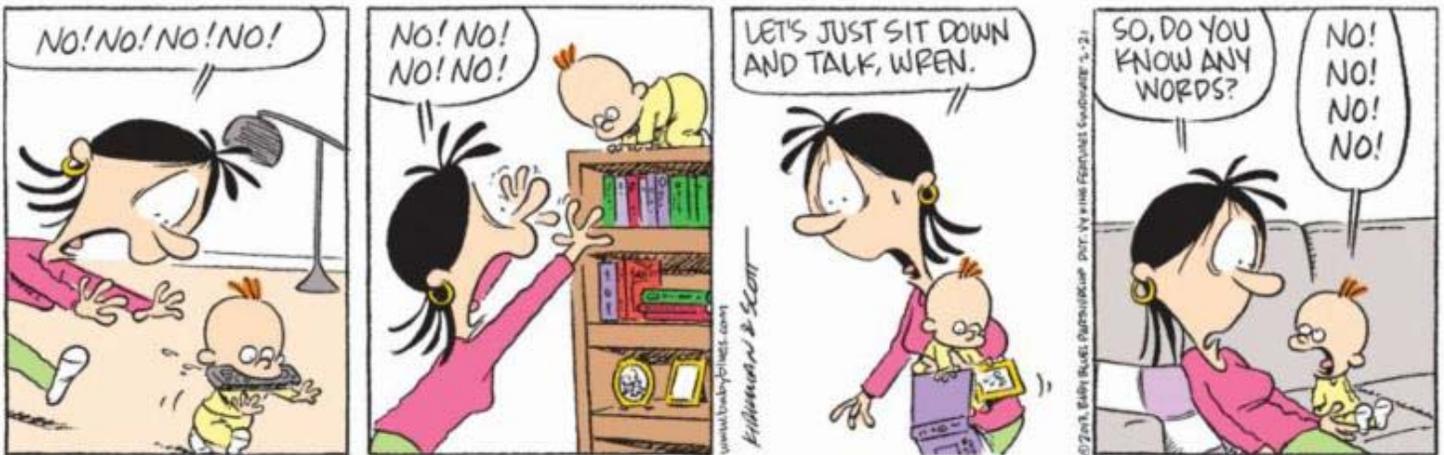




Suncoast Campaign for Grade-Level Reading (SCGLR):
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July 2018



Another Launch for SCGLR!



Mind in the Making (MITM):
Team Velvet
Team Ideal
Team Fantastic

National Summer Learning Day
July 12

The Suncoast Campaign for Grade-Level Reading (SCGLR) recognizes that parents and families are the secret sauce! To assist you and your family on a trajectory toward success in the early years and early grades, we've just launched a [brand-new website](#), with really cool

stuff, designed for families just like yours!

One of the first places to explore is the Initiatives & Projects tab. While hovering your mouse over the tab, you will see a list of the five pillars: [School Readiness](#), [Attendance](#), [Summer Learning](#), [Family Engagement](#), and [Health](#). Wherever you choose to learn more, each webpage will provide you with useful information to help guide you on your educational journey.

Parents and families play the most powerful and influential role in a child's life. As children's first teachers, programs like Vroom, Mind in the Making, Reach out and Read, Kindergarten Readiness Play Days, and the Suncoast Summer Book Challenge can help you and your child learn how to soar!

Consistent with how the five pillars are set up under the Initiatives & Projects tab, the [Tools tab](#) is separated by the five pillars too, and are available to help you help your kiddo reach their fullest potential.

Familiarizing yourself with the website is taking the first step into a world of possibility. SCGLR isn't just an online platform. The [Events Calendar](#) is filled with a variety of activities that can enrich the entire family.

Josh The Baby Otter

Summer is here, and as much as we LOVE reading about adventures with our little ones, it's also important to go on them!

In Florida, there are many different types of bodies of water, including beaches, canals, rivers, ponds, and pools. When's the last time you took your child swimming?

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, drowning is the number one cause of unintentional death for children ages 1-4 and the number two cause of accidental death for all children ages 1-14 in the United States.

That's a terrible statistic, but we can change that by teaching our kids how to float like Josh the baby otter, then, how to swim!

Special thanks to the [Rotary Club of Sarasota](#) for sharing this life-saving book with us and providing a copy in many of the Kindergarten Readiness Bags!

Kindergarten Readiness Play Days

Join us from 10:30-noon and help your child prepare for kindergarten! There will be fun activities for parents and kiddos to help get ready for the first days of school.

[July 14, 2018](#), North Port
[July 21, 2018](#), Ellenton
[July 28, 2018](#), North Port

FREE Parenting Program Groups at Forty Carrots Family Center:

- Welcome to Our World
- Breastfeeding Support and Latch Clinic
- Child Personal Safety

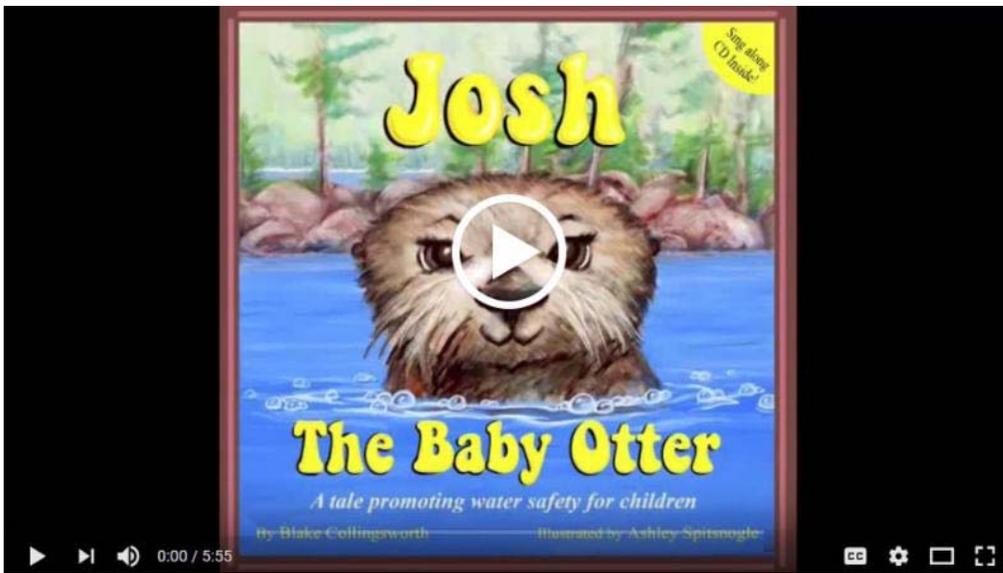
All Faiths Food Bank Food Distribution Schedules

Suncoast Summer Book Challenge



"If you want to raise a reader, be a reader."

Did you know the number of words an infant is exposed to has a direct impact on language development and literacy?



Luckily, when children are young, it doesn't matter what you read to them, as long as you are doing it in person and making that special connection.

During summer 2018, thanks to funding provided by [The Patterson Foundation](#), more than 75 summer camp providers, library systems, school systems, summer recreation locations, foundations, teaching artists, area businesses, and parents are working collaboratively to provide summer learning opportunities to more than 6,000 children. This collaboration helps children gain reading proficiency during the summer to avoid the dreaded "summer slide."

Participating students are provided with the official [Suncoast Summer Book Challenge Log](#) and a [Family Guide](#).

Grown Ups, we aren't leaving you out of the fun! [Click here for the Adult Summer Book Challenge Log](#) and support our kids as they develop the love of reading.

As children finish books and enter them into their logs, they are awarded brightly colored silicone bracelets, a different color for each book read. For anyone else participating and not affiliated with a provider, you can turn in your log and collect your bracelets at [Children's World](#): 4525 Bee Ridge Road, Sarasota, FL 34233

Why Mind in the Making Rocks!



Mind in the Making -- Perspective Taking

- FREE Childcare
- Meals Provided
- Convenient dates, times, and locations / new classes
- Moms, dads, and grandparents are welcome
- An excellent way to show the ♥ love ♥ to the little ones in your life

The 7 Essential Life Skills: #2 Perspective Taking

Perspective Taking, the second essential life skill, is seeing things

as others would see them--their likes, dislikes, feelings, and thoughts. Talking about feelings and thoughts -- yours, others', and your child's -- will help them understand that people think differently and will likely help them resolve conflicts when they interact with others.

Each Mind in the Making workshop provides participants the opportunity to reflect on their own experiences and practices, learn about how children (and adults) learn best, and discuss how to apply the knowledge while learning about all 7 Essential Life Skills:

- Focus and Self Control
- Perspective Taking
- Communicating
- Making Connections
- Critical Thinking
- Taking On Challenges
- Self-Directed Engaged Learning

This program is an excellent way to improve communication, become a better role model, and demonstrate the essential life skills so your babies can be ready to learn.

Mind in the Making is made possible by the Suncoast Campaign for Grade-Level Reading with funding provided by The Patterson Foundation.

Monday - Friday 9:00am - 5:45pm | Saturday 9:00am - 5:00pm.



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



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