Suncoast Campaign for Grade-Level Reading (SCGLR):
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READING IS THE KEY TO SUCCEEDING

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BE THE MUSIC TO YOUR CHILD’S EARS ---

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

Tampa Bay Rays’ End of Summer Reading Baseball Bash
August 3
Make Everyday Moments Talking Moments! (3-minute video)
"Move your legs... to the beat. To the beat, to the beat, to the beatly beat..." Singing to your child while you change her/his diaper can be as much fun for you, as it is for her/him! Just watch how much fun Elmo and his Daddy are having together in this 3-minute video.

Although Elmo can’t talk yet, he is listening, and his brain is making connections that will shape his future. For example, his dad is engaging his senses through sight, touch, and sound. Elmo is also learning about his body and the words used to describe each part. Best of all, Elmo’s daddy is showing him love by giving him positive attention, which will help Elmo feel safe as he develops emotionally.

Do you think your kiddo would like to experience this too? Make up your own song and try it out!


The 7 Essential Life Skills | #3 Communication

Mind in the Making Favorites ♥

- 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

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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!
The 7 Essential Life Skills:
#3 Communication

Children are learning language long before they can speak. That's why it's so important to communicate with them through back and forth talking, singing, and gesturing -- even before they begin talking!

**Communication** calls on Executive Functions of the brain. Meaning it involves determining what we want to communicate and then **Perspective Taking** -- understanding how our communications will be understood by others.

Parents can promote Communication in young children by:

- using rich and descriptive language
- asking questions that go beyond the "here and now"
- engaging in give and take conversations that respond to and extend what the children are saying
- reading to children and making literacy and language important in their own lives, and
- helping preschoolers and older children think about what they want to say as well as think about how their words will be understood by others.

We hope you will join us in the series of workshops for a learning adventure. Each Mind in the Making workshop provides participants the opportunity to reflect on their own experiences and practices, discover 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 (and it's SUPER fun!).

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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.

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