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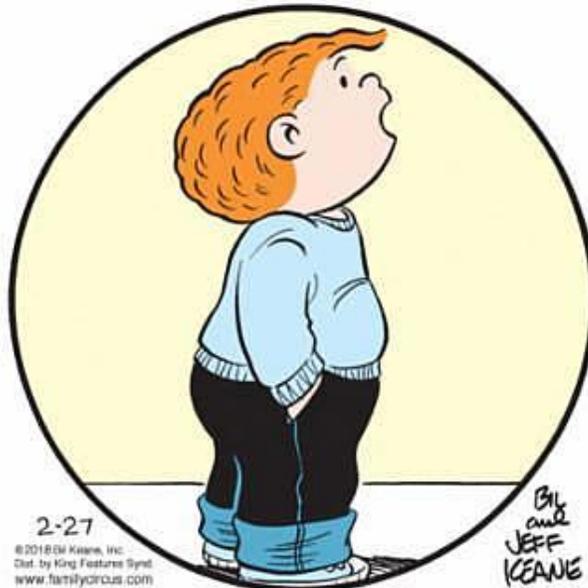
The Campaign for  
GRADE-LEVEL  
READING

0-5 EXPRESS

Learn  SMARTER  
FASTER

Suncoast Campaign for Grade-Level Reading (SCGLR):  
0-5 Express

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“Does it bover you when people  
keep askin’ questions, Daddy?  
Does it, Daddy? Daddy? ...”

-- POWER OF PRESENCE --

Book Circles

Joy Thomas Moore

MIND in the Making

Mind in the Making  
(MITM)  
Currently Registering:

Team Ultra -- SRQ  
Tuesdays  
11:00am - 1:00pm

Team Rose -- SRQ  
Wednesdays  
11:00am - 1:00pm

Team Sizzle -- SRQ  
Wednesdays

If you are a single-parent, grandparents raising children or parents juggling multiple jobs, *The Power of Presence* is your tool kit for positivity! As an investment in the families of our region, [The Patterson Foundation](#) is bringing [Joy Thomas Moore](#) to discuss her book, *The Power of Presence*.

In conjunction with Joy's visit, TPF will support registered Book Circles throughout the Suncoast region.

This book will uplift and inspire all ages by telling stories of hope and explaining how **you can be a voice in a child's ear, even when you are not with them.**

### What is a Book Circle?

A group of at least eight people who will read and discuss *The Power of Presence*.

### What support will be given by The Patterson Foundation?

Each Book Circle of at least eight members will receive invitations to an event featuring Peabody Award Winner Joy Thomas Moore, a copy of *The Power of Presence* for each member of the group, a discussion guide, and \$100 for each group meeting. Minimum of two meetings, maximum five.

### Where can I register to lead a Book Circle?

[Register Here](#)

### Where can I join a Book Circle?

[Join a Book Circle Here](#)

## Starting Young: Critical Thinking



Wednesdays  
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Team Yes  
Bradenton  
Thursdays

11:00am - 1:00pm

Team Wishful -- SRQ  
Tuesdays & Thursdays  
9:00am - 1:00pm



FREE Parenting Program  
Groups at Forty Carrots  
Family Center

Elf Town - Arcadia  
Housing Authority  
December 6  
2:15pm - 4:30pm

Sledding with Santa  
December 7  
5:30pm - 8:00pm

A Night Before  
Christmas  
December 15  
10:00am - 2:00pm

Touch a Truck  
December 29  
11:00am - 2:00pm



## ♥ Mind in the Making Favorites ♥

1. A learning adventure designed to help you and your kids thrive
2. [Convenient dates, times, and locations / new classes](#)
3. An excellent way to show the ♥ to the little ones in your life
4. Parents, grandparents, child-care professionals, early-learning educators, and caregivers are welcome
5. FREE childcare
6. Meals Provided

## The 7 Essential Life Skills: #5 Critical Thinking

Adults can bolster Critical Thinking by encouraging children to be curious about how the world works and urging them to conduct experiments. Be sure not jump in too quickly and answer their questions as they discover reliable answers.

### Tips

- Watch your child at play and look for "theory making" in action.

What is she/he trying to understand? For example, when your child fills containers, is she/he filling them with the same amount of items each time? Is she/he putting in different sized objects? What big ideas like size or shape or another category could she be exploring?

- Join with your child in her/his discoveries by asking questions or commenting on what she/he is doing like: "I wonder what will happen if you fill that bucket all the way to the top?" When you help your child think of different possibilities, you encourage her/him to think flexibly and try out ideas to get new information.

## Take your child's interests to the next level

- Offer your child lots of opportunities to explore dumping and filling in new and different ways. Give him/her boxes, bags and empty containers of different sizes to fill with items.
- Create experiments that involve dumping and filling: "Do you think this empty shampoo bottle will float? What would happen if we filled it with water? Let's see." Even though your child cannot yet answer your questions, you are demonstrating important Critical Thinking skills like making predictions, testing out ideas and coming up with new strategies based on the answers.

### All Faiths Food Bank Food Distribution Schedules

**Grace Church**  
**December 13**  
**10:00am - 11:30am**

**Brentwood Elementary**  
**December 10**  
**4:30pm - 6:00pm**

## Explore & Learn



(time: 1 minute 18 seconds)

Talk to your baby as you explore with them how the body moves in space. Use your imagination to create scenarios where he/she can discover and experience how he/she fits in relation to objects in the world.

In this video, dad creates an obstacle course. Together, he and his child walk around a furry cube. Dad explains, "we are walking around... using our feet and hands."

Next, he guides his son to crawl through the box. As his boy is crawling through, dad explains, "you are using your hands and feet."

Then he lifts his son and explains, "this is up, this is down."

We hope you will join us in this series of FREE workshops. 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. Click on the links below to access past newsletters with information about other 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 (it's SUPER fun!).

[Mind in the Making](#) is made possible for the Suncoast Campaign for Grade-Level Reading with generous support from [The Patterson Foundation](#).

If you would like to have a series of workshops at your place of employment, church, or community organization, or are [interested in participating in the workshops](#), please contact SCGLR at [info@gradelevelreadingsuncoast.net](mailto:info@gradelevelreadingsuncoast.net).

Can you create your own obstacle course? What concepts will you help your child discover?

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Brain building moments

## Playtime Picks

Pick a color or letter with your child and, together, go on a scavenger hunt to find as many things as you can in three minutes. How many things in the house are blue? Count out loud together as you find each item. You can also play with letters: How many things do you see that start with T?

## Brainy Background

### Powered by Mind In The Making

"I Spy" games like this one are great brain-builders. They make your child aware of his/her environment and teach him/her to make connections between similar things. You can try this game with letters, colors, shapes - anything really!

Kindness in words creates confidence.  
Kindness in thinking creates profoundness.  
Kindness in giving creates love.

- Lao Tzu



We welcome your thoughts. Contact us at [info@GradeLevelReadingSuncoast.net](mailto:info@GradeLevelReadingSuncoast.net).