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Updates from Beth

Bill Nye, author of the ground breaking book Bill Nye the Science Guy recently closed the Cameron region to kick off the Science Camp for Grades Level Reading (SCGLR) School Readiness Network. The SCGLR School Readiness Network is designed to increase the number of students who are ready to read at grade level. This is important because students who struggle early on are likely to continue to struggle, or to become disinterested in learning. SCGLR wants to change that. Education is a game-changer for kids.

- Social-Emotional and Executive Function Skills (teaching children to plan, follow through, understand consequences, and juggle several tasks)
- Social-Emotional Skills (teaching children to think, to feel, and to be)
- Health Demonstrations of Early School Success

Adile Duda, who is a researcher at the University of British Columbia, conducted research that finds that executive functions predict children's success as adults. It's found that executive functions are strongly related to IQ, but it's also found that IQ is not better than executive functions. Executive functions are related to fluid intelligence; because that requires reasoning and using information.

Bill Nye, a science educator and creator of the Bill Nye, the Science Guy network, has developed a vocabulary teaching tool in an effort to develop executive functioning. The SCGLR Network for Grades Level Reading will be bringing these lessons to our region by way of the Mind to the Making Facilities at MIT. The Mind to the Making Facilities at MIT is a national, multi-disciplinary, interdisciplinary, and social network of educators, administrators, and staff members of our community who ignite learning with children about the importance of executive functions in all of our lives.

For more information, or to have him at an event, contact Beth Duda, The Patterson Foundation, Director, SCGLR.

Moving the Needles

Vroom is out in our community!

The SCGLR Network for Grades Level Reading (SCGLR) is bringing movement to our community. Designed to move our region in new directions, SCGLR is empowering our community to play a proactive role in their own learning and early development.

For the next several weeks, SCGLR will be forming a circle to work together to make our community healthy. This movement is the first step in our journey with the free Vroom app.

If you're interested in helping SCGLR share Vroom throughout our community, click here to learn how to volunteer!

Learning & Sharing

SCGLR at the Sarasota County Fair

The SCGLR Network for Grades Level Reading (SCGLR) has a booth at the Sarasota County Fair March 14th to March 27th at Nokomis Farm displaying the MIND In the Making (MITM) program created by the Mind in the Making Institute. The SCGLR booth will feature science posters that are designed to share science in new ways to empower parents and caregivers to play a proactive role in their children's learning.

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Founding Network Weavers

If you are interested in applying to become a Mind to the Making (MITM) Facilitator, or attending the upcoming Facilitator Institute, you are encouraged to attend one of the upcoming information sessions. Information sessions are mandatory, and can be made by emailing your name, email address, phone number, and date of your interest.

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