



Friday, March 6, 2020

EVENTS YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS!

The Suncoast Campaign for Grade-Level Reading (SCGLR) has several upcoming events, including Kindergarten Readiness Days, All Faith's Food Bank distribution, Mind in the Making Workshops, volunteer opportunities, and more. View the calendar [HERE](#).

CHILDREN | THE MOST UNDERCOUNTED IN THE CENSUS



[Make Your Family Count :60 | 2020 Census | Sesame Street \[1 minute\]](#)

The most underrepresented population in the last Census count was children ages 0-4.

Children ages 0-4 are affected by Head Start funding, which promotes school readiness and family well-being; school funding, which pays for teachers, lunches, and transportation (among other things); and Title 1 funding, which helps low-achieving children meet state standards in core academic subjects.

Without these programs, it makes it more challenging to provide the support our children need to succeed in life by ensuring they read on grade level. So remember, everybody counts...including the little ones!

EMBRACING READING DAY



Volunteer classroom readers are needed for Embracing Reading Day on Tuesday, March 10, 2020.

What will you be doing?

Volunteers will inspire young minds to be more inclusive and kind by reading books about diversity, inclusion, respect, and integrity.

Learn more about Embracing Our Differences Reading Day [HERE](#), then take a minute to [follow the sign up link to see open slots in Manatee and Sarasota County](#).

6 REASONS TO COMPLETE THE CENSUS

1. **Apportionment** - State population counts from the decennial census are used to reapportion seats in the U.S. House of Representatives.
2. **Redistricting** - State and local officials use decennial census results to help redraw congressional, state, and local district boundaries.
3. **MONEY to States and Localities** - Census totals help determine the amount of funding that state governments and local communities receive from the federal government FOR THE NEXT DECADE.
4. **Planning** - Data from the census inform a wide range of government, business, and nonprofit decision making.
5. **Emergency Response** - Detailed population information is critical for emergency response in the wake of disasters.
6. **A Base for Federal Surveys** - The Census Bureau's Population Estimates Program uses census data in combination with birth, death, and migration data to produce annual population and housing unit estimates.



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BRAIN BUILDING MOMENTS



[Brain Building Basics \[time:3:00\]](#)

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Brain building moments

Sponge Sensations

When you're doing the dishes, let your child play with a clean sponge in a place where he/she won't get everything wet. Your child will love the texture. Show her/him how they can squeeze and absorb water with the sponge. Ask your child to describe this experience.

Brainy Background

When your child feels new things and hears new words in conversations like these, she/he is building connections in his/her brain that are the foundations for reading and math. Your child is learning from your words and actions, especially when he/she is having fun!

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Download the FREE daily VROOM app to get bite-size activities that fit into your daily routines. So whether it's mealtime, bath time, or anytime in between, you can turn everyday moments into brain-building moments!

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MIND in the Making

FREE WORKSHOPS

Team Incredible

Myakka City
Tuesday, March 10
9:00am - 5:00pm

Team Grace

Ellenton
Wednesday
Thursday
12:00pm - 4:00pm

Why Mind in the Making is the BEST!

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



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