



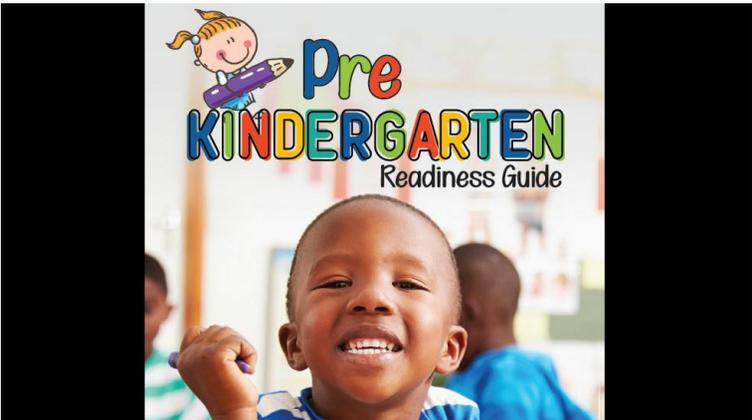
3rd Grade Reading Success Matters

Suncoast Campaign for Grade-Level Reading (SCGLR)

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NEW...Pre-Kindergarten Readiness Bags!



Sometimes, blessings are found in unexpected situations. For example, due to the pandemic, [Soar in 4 Manatee](#) created Pre-Kindergarten Readiness Bags for 2,000 Manatee County students in Title I neighborhoods.

"In the past, Soar in 4 provided literacy materials for children to take home, use, and bring back, but because of COVID-19, Pre-Kindergarten Readiness Bags are available thanks to donors' generosity to the Soar in 4 fund at the [Manatee Community Foundation](#).

Pre-Kindergarten Readiness Bags have been designed to support the VPK standards and contain literacy manipulatives, interactive materials, and books. The [family activity guide](#) includes literacy, social/emotional learning, math, social studies, and art activities. Additionally, parents that [complete the response card](#) and return it to a drive-thru Soar in 4 event will receive another new book for their child's home library." Dr. Sheila Halpin, Manatee County Public Schools

Find out more about Soar in 4's Pre-Kindergarten Readiness Bags [HERE](#).

STRONGER ME, STRONGER WE

Our children aren't the only ones who can prepare for success. Parents, caregivers, teachers, and community

Kindergarten Readiness Bags!



[Kindergarten Registration and Readiness Literacy Bags](#)

For the 4th year, due to popular demand from teachers, principals and willing funding partners, Kindergarten Readiness Bags are being created by the Suncoast Campaign for Grade-Level Reading, thanks to generous support of The Patterson Foundation, Rotary Club of Sarasota Foundation, Charlotte Community Foundation, and the School District of DeSoto County.

What are SCGLR's elves procuring to create 6,100 Kindergarten Readiness bags, each with 13 items, adding up to 79,100 pieces?

- 12,200 packages of Flashcards
- 6,100 Literacy Charts
- 6,100 Sets of magnetic lowercase alphabet letters
- 6,100 Sets of magnetic uppercase alphabet letters
- 6,100 Pads of Drawing Paper
- 6,100 Sets of Jumbo Crayons
- 6,100 Kindergarten Readiness Checklists
- 6,100 Kindergarten Readiness Parent Guides
- 6,100 SCGLR information packets ([Attendance Works](#), [Vroom](#), [Mind in the Making](#), [Stronger Me, Stronger We](#))
- 6,100 Josh the Baby Otter books
- 6,100 Magic Postcards

members can be ready to support children by participating in personal development workshops like SCGLR's Stronger Me, Stronger We (SMSW). In the coming months, [SCGLR is offering SMSW workshops](#) at no cost, as a gift from The Patterson Foundation.

SMSW gives community members and their families the opportunity to virtually come together in small groups, connect, and build knowledge and skills. Each SMSW offering is comprised of five one-hour Zoom sessions.

SCGLR recommends putting as many tools in the tool box for the little ones. To help you get started, take advantage of SMSW's The Power of Presence and Mind in the Making series. We think you'll be glad you did!



[The Power of Presence](#)

Explore the seven presences -- Mind, Heart, Faith, Courage, Financial Freedom, Values, and Connectedness -- in author Joy Thomas Moore's book, *The Power of Presence*.

Through five 1-hour guided conversations, you will take a journey that will give insight into improving your ability to be present with your family and community.

[Click here to explore current opportunities.](#)



[Mind in the Making](#)

Based on the book, *Mind in the Making: The Seven Essential Life Skills Every Child Needs*, successful children can focus on their work and control their behavior, figure out what others think and feel, explain what they are thinking, use what they learn creatively, search for reliable information, take on challenges, and engage in learning.

During five 1-hour, facilitated workshops, parents, grandparents, and community members will learn how to strengthen these essential skills and teach them to the children they love. If you're looking for fun and constructive ways to connect with the children in your life, this interactive experience is right up your alley!

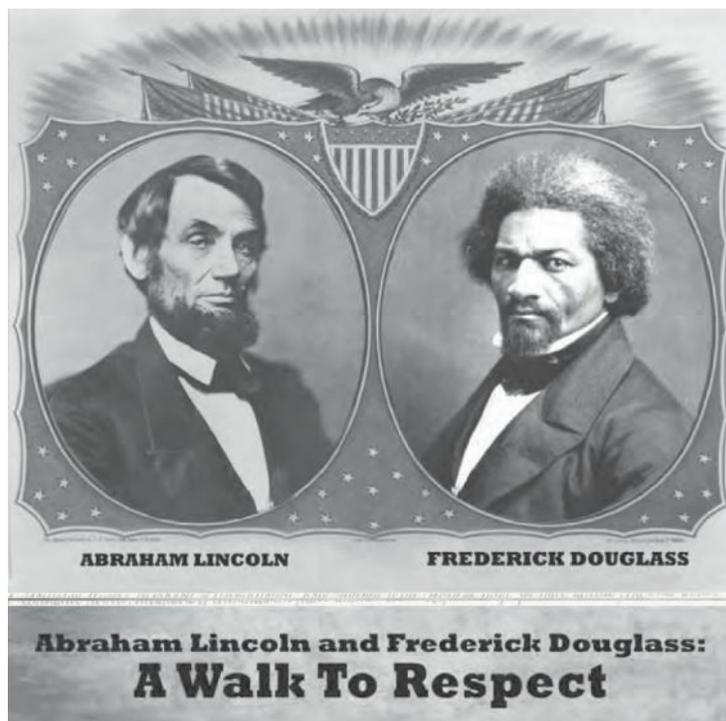
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SCGLR created Kindergarten Readiness Bags to provide learning support for incoming kindergarteners in the months before school begins so that children can start school ready to learn.

Earlier this year, SCGLR Engagement Team member Shalia Moore-Hayes shared in her blog, [Aspirations for a Seamless Transition](#), "Only a few weeks or months separate the preschooler from the kindergartner. In that short span, a child's developmental needs do not change significantly, but the kindergarten classrooms where they receive care and education may differ dramatically from the settings to which they have grown accustomed. A growing body of research also suggests that today's kindergartens are becoming more focused on academic goals. This trend can make the transition from VPK to kindergarten even more complex."

Parents, caregivers, doctors, family members, preschool teachers, early-learning programs, and the broader community all play a role in closing the gap on school readiness and ensuring that all students arrive at school healthy and developmentally ready to actively participate and learn! [Click here to access and share Leap Frog's Kindergarten Skills Checklist](#). Let's get our kiddos ready!

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!



[The Patterson Foundation](#) presents a viewing of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass, A Walk to Respect -- a one-act play taped in February of 2020, in partnership with the Westcoast Black Theatre Troupe, followed by a one-hour panel discussion. Registrants will receive a link to view the piece at their convenience between January 26, 2021, and January 28, 2021. The panel discussion with the actors and creative team will take place at 7pm on Thursday, January 28, 2021. This screening and panel discussion is free and open to anyone who would like to join.

REASONS BOOKS MAKE THE BEST GIFTS



Click [HERE](#) to read reasons one through six :-)

Source: [Reading Rewards](#)

Written by award-winning playwright, Beth Duda, this play features nationally known actor and historical impersonator, Michael Krebs as Abe Lincoln, award-winning actor, Joel PE King as Frederick Douglass, and Spoken-word Poet, Cedric Hameed.

Black abolitionist leader and former slave, Frederick Douglass, and Abraham Lincoln, 16th President of the United States of America, clashed in their ideologies regarding race, politics, and slavery. Frederick Douglass, a true radical with a fiery spirit, believed in racial equality for everyone. Douglass dedicated his life, writings, and career to abolishing slavery everywhere. Abraham Lincoln,

cautious and considered, while opposed to slavery, was first and foremost a patriot intent on preserving the Union at all costs. These two self-made men, at a time when our divided nation faced annihilation, faced their differences with courage and compassion, forging a friendship that helped to end the Civil War and reunite our nation.

Registration is required... [REGISTER HERE](#)

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