

3rd Grade Reading Success Matters

Suncoast Campaign for Grade-Level Reading (SCGLR)
June 2021



It's Kindergarten Time!



[Using your Kindergarten Readiness Bag from the Suncoast Campaign for Grade-Level Reading Part I](#)



[Using your Kindergarten Readiness Bag from the Suncoast Campaign for Grade-Level Reading Part II](#)

For the 4th year, due to popular demand from teachers, principals, and willing funding partners, including The Patterson Foundation, Rotary Club of Sarasota Foundation, Charlotte Community Foundation, the

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Explore self-expression and creativity with spoken-word poet, Cedric Hameed on Tuesday, June 29 from 6:30pm-7:30pm. Families will be led through a series of questions and exercises focused on the theme of freedom.

What does freedom feel like? What does freedom mean to you?

Interested?

[CLICK HERE FOR DETAILS AND TO REGISTER.](#)



Feedback from Tails & Tales

Recently, SCGLR hosted a



School District of DeSoto County, and Community Foundation of Sarasota County, Kindergarten Readiness Bags are back! Who gets them? All incoming kindergarteners attending public schools in Sarasota, Charlotte, and DeSoto counties and all incoming kindergarteners attending Title 1 schools in Manatee County.

What's included in these magical bags?

- Two packages of flashcards
- Literacy charts
- Magnetic lowercase alphabet letters
- Magnetic uppercase alphabet letters
- Drawing paper
- Jumbo crayons
- Kindergarten Readiness Checklists
- Information packets about Attendance Works, Vroom, Mind in the Making, and Stronger Me, Stronger We
- Josh the Baby Otter book
- Magic Postcards

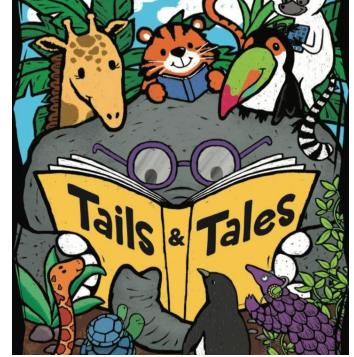
Where can you pick up your FREE Kindergarten

Readiness Bag?

Families enrolling their child for Kindergarten in Charlotte County Public Schools, The School District of DeSoto County, Sarasota County Schools, and Title I Schools in Manatee County can pick up their Kindergarten Readiness Bag at the time of registration.

For more information, ideas, and fun activities to help you prepare your child for kindergarten, take a look at the Kindergarten Readiness Guide in [English](#) or [Spanish](#). If your child is a bit younger, Soar in 4 created [Pre-Kindergarten Readiness Bags](#).

family engagement night with special guests from Manatee County and Sarasota County Libraries. What did participants have to say about it? Here's the consensus:



Q. What did you like most about the THIS BOOK IS COOL! Family Engagement Night with special guests from the Manatee and Sarasota Public Libraries?

A. Puppets, learning about the animals, and drawing the lions.

Q. What, if anything, could have made the event better?

A. Nothing. It was great!

Q. What is your biggest takeaway from the event?

A. Having more family time and wanting to visit the library more often.

Q. What is one thing you will do a result of attending this event?

A. Go to the library to search for new stories.

Q. What else would you like us to know?

A. Thank you for holding these programs for the kids and families.

Emma's Poem: The Voice of the Statue of Liberty

What is Independence Day?'

On July 2nd, 12 of the 13 colonies voted in favor of Independence. On July 4, 1776, the final version of the Declaration of Independence was officially adopted. Independence Day symbolizes American qualities, including freedom.

This webisode (Grade 2, Week 5, Book 1 features *Emma's Poem: The Voice of the Statue of Liberty*, by Linda Glaser, illustrated by Claire A. Nivola. The Statue of Liberty stands in Upper New York Bay and is a universal symbol of freedom.

As you and your family celebrate freedom on July 4th, enjoy learning about this book with host Beth Duda and special guest, Spoken-Word Poet, Cedric Hameed.

Interested in making a Statue of Liberty crown? Use this [activity guide](#), and let your imagination run wild! Take a photo of your completed artwork and send it along with your name to connect@gradelevelreadingsuncoast.net.



[This Book is Cool! - Emma's Poem: The Voice of the Statue of Liberty](#)