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Mathematical Thinking for Early Learners Online Course

New course helps VPK professionals teach early math knowledge

At an early age, children develop the ability to explore mathematical concepts. To assist prekindergarten administrators, directors and instructors incorporate these concepts in the classroom, the Office of Early Learning has developed a new, self-paced online course titled [Mathematical Thinking for Early Learners](#). The course costs \$10 and focuses primarily on a skills sequence that teaches early learners mathematical skills vital for their future success. Continuing Educational Units are available upon successful completion.



Early Learning Performance Funding Pilot Project

Project approved to continue for 2015-16 fiscal year

The [Early Learning Performance Funding Pilot Project](#) presents eligible, selected child care providers and their instructors the opportunity to earn additional compensation for improving school readiness program outcomes. In its previous year, the project provided 462 child care providers with checks for participating in the first year.



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Early learning highlights from North, East, West and South Florida

Registration Opens for 8th Annual Early Learning Conference

Register now for the Pasco and Hernando coalition conference

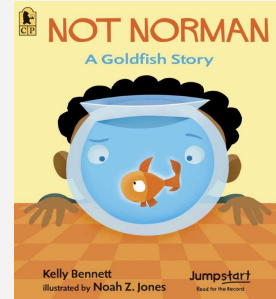
The [Early Learning Coalition of Pasco and Hernando Counties](#) opened registration for the 2015 conference titled "[Early Learning... Building for the Future](#)." The conference takes place Saturday, Oct. 24, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Bishop McLaughlin High School. Participants have the opportunity to attend breakout sessions, increasing their early learning knowledge and skills. Onsite



Read for the Record

Enjoy the 10th anniversary event this October

The [ELC of Miami-Dade/Monroe](#) is continuing its "[Read for the Record](#)" campaign on Oct. 22, 2015. The coalition will provide copies of the children's book titled *Not Norman: A Goldfish Story* in English and Spanish to participating providers. The goal is to engage more than 12,000 local readers in this national shared reading event. [Register](#) to read now.



Big Bend Coalition Race 4 Readiness

Register now for the race and fun run

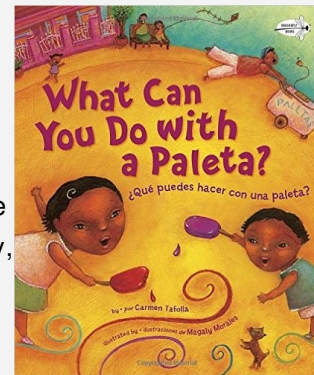
The [ELC of the Big Bend](#) is hosting its second annual Race 4 Readiness on Oct. 31, 2015. Last year, 313 participants raised more than \$10,000 to assist children, families and child care providers throughout the Big Bend region. [Register](#) now to participate in this year's event.



Hispanic Heritage Month

Miami-Dade/Monroe coalition pays special attention to cultural heritage

Hispanic Heritage Month takes place Sept. 15 to Oct. 15 each year in the United States. With one of the largest Hispanic populations in the country, the [Miami-Dade/Monroe ELC](#) celebrated residents' culture and contributions during the month. In addition to recommended reading for young children, they held a month-long contest for families to submit photos showing how they celebrated Hispanic heritage during the month.



Early Learning Coalition of Southwest Florida Addresses Legislature

The [ELC of Southwest Florida](#) recently addressed Lee County's legislative delegation about the importance of keeping quality early learning education issues on the front burner during the upcoming session.



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