



## EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

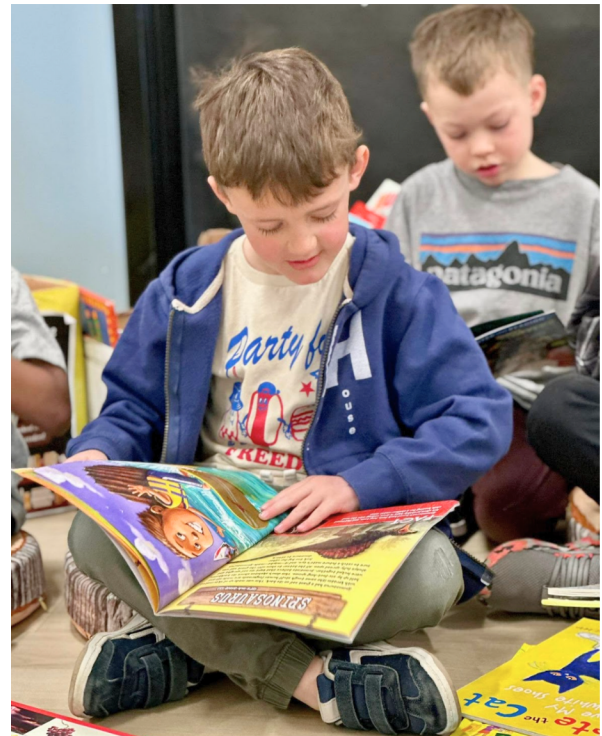
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### **Building a Strong Foundation: READ Act & LETRS Training**

This year marks the inaugural year of the READ Act training requirement for teaching assistants, and our team has met this new standard with incredible dedication. We are proud to share that 18 of our Teaching Assistants completed their training.

To make this training as relevant as possible, it was developed and facilitated in-house by our Instructional Coach, Heidi Wiberg. Over four 2-3 hour sessions on professional development days, Heidi led the team through structured literacy practices rooted in LETRS, CAREIALL, and OL&LA. Having this led internally allowed our assistants to immediately apply these state-approved strategies to our specific Early Childhood classrooms.

In addition to our assistants' work, our newly hired teachers have spent the year completing their Early Childhood LETRS training through Lexia. This rigorous coursework ensures our licensed staff has the deep phonological knowledge needed to lead high-level instruction.



By investing in both of these training paths, we've ensured that every adult in our classrooms is speaking the same language when it comes to literacy. We are excited to see this shared expertise benefit our students as we continue to build on this work in the years to come.

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