

# VPK News

June 2011

**\*\*\*Please Notice\*\*\***

## **VPK Provider Meeting for Directors Tuesday, June 7th, 2011 Florida Gateway College Allied Health Building 6:00-8:00pm**

**Directors, please plan to attend this meeting. We will discuss the new VPK applications, contract and all of the changes for the new program year.**

**This is a wonderful opportunity to see the new forms, discuss the changes and ask any questions you have. If you are an existing VPK provider or are thinking about implementing this program in your center or home, then don't miss this meeting.**



***Don't Forget!!!***

### **VPK Readiness Rates for 2009-2010**

In March, all VPK Providers were notified of the Readiness Rate they earned based on the children from the 2009-2010 school year FAIR-K Assessment in Kindergarten. The latest Readiness Rates reflect the Early Learning Coalition as a whole scored an average of 173 out of a possible 200 points. The 2008-2009 Coalition average was 163. *What a huge jump!* This increase shows the dedication to improve and grow in the classroom. Hopefully, you will take this information and realize

that all of the hard work your teachers do everyday in the classroom is working.

We can continue to improve even each year. An easy way to help in this area is to create a team amongst your teachers, encourage them to share information with each other. For example: the VPK teacher helps the 3 and 4 year old teacher plan and implement activities that will encourage fine motor strength (painting, playing with manipulatives, working with playdough).

Encouraging independent spirits in the classroom, letting children do for themselves. Make sure the 3 and 4 year old teacher is aware of the VPK Standards so she knows what the VPK teacher needs from her.

Remember, children will learn through memorization and drill, but the opportunities to touch, discover and manipulate will create a lasting memory.

**Let's move on to another phenomenal year in VPK!**

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## Lake City Kiddy Club's VPK Class Paints a Garden



The Early Learning Coalition would like to send a special thank you to the extremely creative children in the VPK class at Lake City Kiddy Club for creating the nicest pictures for decoration in our lobby. These pictures show such creativity and skill in writing, drawing and imagination. Way to go class, we think you are ready for Kindergarten!

If you are interested in displaying your VPK class artwork in the Coalition Lobby, please let me know, you can call me. The artwork submitted must be open-ended, give the children an idea through your instruction and give them the tools to create!

Melissa Brady (386) 961-0129



## 2011-2012 VPK Contracts

VPK Contract appointments will begin on June 8th. **Call to set an appointment.** Please plan to attend the VPK Provider Meeting on Tuesday, June 7th (see page 1 for details) so you are prepared for your contract appointment.

The new VPK applications are on our website for your use at [www.elc-fg.org](http://www.elc-fg.org) under the “Provider Tab”. Please type your applications, save and print them. Complete these applications **prior** to your appointment and bring them with you. If you need help or don’t have access to a computer, please call me and let me know, so I can schedule a little more time.

Documents to bring:

- Copies of full level 2 screens for each lead and secondary instructor (FBI/FDLE, Local, and Good Moral Character—make sure it is the most updated version)
- Copies of the most updated version of the DCF Transcript—this must show a Staff Credential and Emergent Literacy for VPK (lead instructors only)
- Updated DCF license
- Updated DCF Transcript for the VPK Director
- Updated Accreditation and Gold Seal Certificates (if applicable)
- Completed VPK-10
- Completed VPK-11A
- Completed VPK-11B (please make sure your VPK Calendar coincides with your School Readiness or business Calendar, for example: if you have a holiday listed on your school readiness calendar and are closed you can’t have an instructional day for VPK.
- Please be on time and let me know if you have to cancel your appointment.
- It is important to bring copies of all documents to accompany your application.

**\*\*\*NOTICE\*\*\***

*The Early Learning Coalition has a computer available for your child care use in our Resource Room—please let me know if you need to use this computer to complete your applications. Resource Room hours are Monday-Wednesday 1:00-4:00pm. You must call to set a time.*



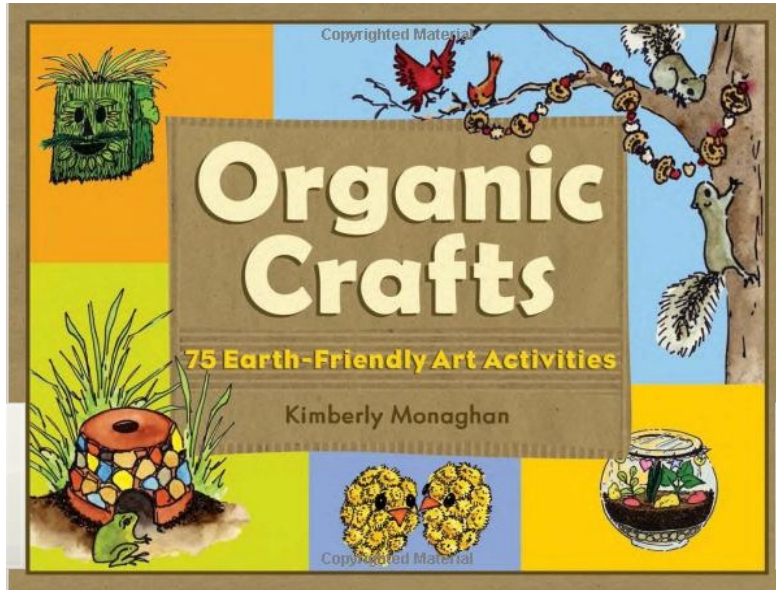
**Please call me to schedule an appointment**  
**Melissa Brady**  
**VPK Coordinator**  
**(386)961-0129**

**Or e-mail at [mbrady@elc-fg.org](mailto:mbrady@elc-fg.org) (wait for confirmation)**





**Featured Teacher Resource and Activity**



***Search your facility or home for this wonderful resource book. The Coalition gave this to all teachers that attended the 2008 Fall Conference “Take It Outside”.***

***During a time when resources may be few and it is hard to find the money to purchase supplies for activities, this book will remind you that the miracle of nature, and a few recycled items from parents, can become a great learning experience for children.***

**June Calendar**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7 VPK Provider Mtg.	8 VPK Appts. Begin	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 FCCH Conf.	24 FCCH Conf.	25 FCCH Conf.
26	27	28	29	30		



For all of the wonderful things you do with children everyday, and the cooperation and consideration you give me, I want you all to know that I really appreciate all of you and have seen such a great improvement in the quality of your VPK classrooms.

*Melissa*