

November

Tutors will :

- Embed Tutor Read Aloud Groups
- Implement the components of the LMRS
- Embed oral language conversations at meal times and choice time.
- Embed singing the Big 5 Transition Songs
- Progress Monitor children receiving interventions.
- Embed Raising a Reader
- Meet expectation for ELLCO #10 (Efforts to Build Vocabulary)

Upcoming Events:

Nov. 14th –

Fundamental Training #3

Nov. 28th - SEEDS:

Letter Knowledge & Written Expression

Tutor Site visits the week of **December 5-9**

January 13-

AmeriCorps Training

Announcements:

First 5 Santa Cruz County photo release forms will be going to classrooms next week for parents to sign and return.



Santa Cruz Reading Corps News

Bringing in the Autumn Season with the Big 5 Transition Songs!

This is the time of year that tutors and teachers are busily singing the Big 5 Transition Songs with children. Transitions are a necessary part of the day. They can be stressful for adults, and even more so for children. Transition times can often become times of “missed opportunity” for learning. We know that every fun and meaningful minute is valuable to a child that is trying to “catch up” in language and literacy. Instead of having “missed opportunities” through the day, Reading Corps is intentional about creating transition times that are quick, fun and instructional. Think about this...if you spend 12 minutes a day on SEEDS “Big 5” transitions, that adds up to *60 minutes a week or 2,700 minutes a year of rich instruction!*

Here’s a new transition to try that incorporates letter sounds with rhyming:

Mystery Objects

- Place several small theme-related objects in a covered basket.
- Reach into the basket and say, “It starts with /f/ and rhymes with ‘dish’.” The children raise their hands when they know what the mystery object is. The teacher continues to pull mystery objects out and give rhyming clues.

Use every minute wisely by turning transition time into a “60 second commercial” for one of the essential literacy or math skills!

***Our Reading Corps Tutors are Making a Difference.....
Here are some photos from their last national service day!***

