



Summer Bridge Invitation

January 2022

Dear Parents,

We appreciate your interest in our Summer Bridge Reading Readiness Program, funded by the Middletown Community Foundation and Middletown City School District, and carried out by BCESC's Early Childhood Programs. The program will take place over 7 weeks with a one hour visit each week completed in the home or via Zoom, Facetime or telecommunication with one of our certified teachers. This program may require internet capabilities and a device if you prefer virtual services. An adult will also need to be present for the meeting. Our hope is to provide you and your child with enrichment activities that will have an impact on his/her Kindergarten Readiness Skills. The Kindergarten Readiness skills include developing and building upon the child's current levels in the following areas:

- Phonemic awareness through rhyming games and books
- Sound/symbol association for reading
- Correct pencil grasp & handwriting skills
- Problem-solving skills to boost self-efficacy and independence
- Social and communication skills through games and activities
- Math skills- counting, simple addition, sorting

There will be a teacher who will be assigned to your family and will provide the service of working with you and your child over the summer. We will provide the following free materials **(valued over \$250)** that will be delivered to your home prior to your first lesson:

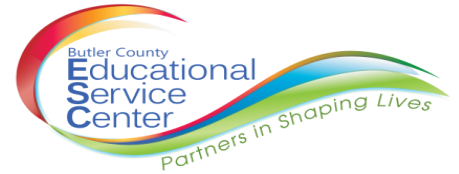
- 7 Books
- Puzzles
- Activities on how to read with your child, play letter and number games
- Interaction and direction on how to use the activities
- Games for books

We would like your **permission** and **commitment** to this program by filling out the attached form. The assigned teacher will be contacting you the first week of June to schedule a time for the lessons.

When a student completes all 7 lessons and a final assessment, each family will receive a book bag full of school supplies for kindergarten valued over \$100.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the Butler County Educational Service Center, Early Childhood Programs 513-422-0713 or cooka@bcesc.org.

Sincerely,
Allison Cook
Middletown Head Start Site Manager



Summer Bridge Commitment Form

I, _____, give my permission for a teacher to complete home visits/virtual meetings and work with my child, _____, one day a week during the summer months (June 6th, 2022–July 22, 2022).

Check one:

- My child attended preschool at _____.
- My child has not attended preschool.

My Contact Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Two phone numbers which to contact me to set up our visit:

1. _____
2. _____

Adult and relationship who will be working with child: _____

Parent/Guardian (signature):

You can email the completed form to cooka@bcesc.org or call 513-422-0713 ext 3234 to make arrangements for a form pick up.