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## EARLY SUCCESS



Early Nurturing



Early Enrichment



Early Literacy

The Early Success Workgroup is responsive to the research showing children are born ready to learn and that true school readiness begins at birth. Children's brains are developing at 700 synapse connects per second in the early years. Almost 90% of the foundation for a child's intellect, personality and skills is formed by age 5. Investments in high-quality early education programs have the highest rate of return of any social investment. (*James Heckman, 2005; Zero to Three 2004*).

Research also strongly indicates the need to support children and families in the transition into elementary school. This is particularly true in regards to early literacy. "74% of students who fail to read proficiently by the end of third grade falter in the later grades and often drop out before earning a high school diploma" (*Third Grade Reading Success Matters, 2012*).

In these first eight years of life, children learn and develop in response to their important relationships; with their parents, teachers and other care givers. Thus supporting these relationships to be positive and nurturing is an Early Success priority.

This edition's spotlight is on one Early Success program targeting the 3rd grade reading proficiency goal: **Early Literacy Partners**

One-on-one tutors providing in-classroom support for struggling or reluctant learners

**Reading:** TK-K and 1<sup>st</sup> grade      **Math:** 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade

**Fall 2013 numbers: 139 tutors** working in **23 schools** assisting **402 students** and 5 tutors piloting in 1 pre-school setting.

Tutor training is provided for community volunteers and for undergraduates as part of the Humboldt State University teacher preparation program.

Upcoming training for new tutors will be in February. Contact: Jenny Bowen, 441-4552, [jbowen@humboldt.k12.ca.us](mailto:jbowen@humboldt.k12.ca.us)

