

WHO WE ARE



MISSION/VISION

Our name and logo say it all. We are The Learning Alliance. We ally people around the Moonshot goal of 90% literacy by the end of 3rd grade. Together, with family, school and community partners, we are building a stronger educational pipeline birth through 3rd grade, making Indian River County a recognized literacy capital.



OUR VISION:

For our children to become literate, compassionate, creative citizens who will improve our world.

OUR MISSION:

To transform our community's future and become a model for the nation by creating a culture in which 90% of our children read on grade level by the end of third grade.

EARLY LITERACY MODEL

Student success is at the heart of The Learning Alliance’s work. Our Early Literacy Model supports children through creating caring, language rich environments in homes, schools and our community.



EXTENDED LEARNING FOR STUDENTS

The Learning Alliance's Extended Learning Programs provide Pre K-3rd grade students targeted intervention and academic enrichment beyond the traditional school day and school year.

Extended Learning Programs:

- **Moonshot Academy** offers literacy-based, immersive learning experiences afterschool and during the summer
- **K-3 Interventionists** to provide struggling students small-group instruction every day
- **Volunteer pre-K programming** to ensure that students are ready for Kindergarten
- **Literacy on the Lagoon** Provides hands-on experiential learning in partnership with the Environmental Learning Center



Alexis Peralta from the Indian River County Stormwater Division leads students on a field trip in Moonshot Academy.

EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING

Working in tandem with the School District of Indian River County, we provide impactful and relevant learning experiences that empower teachers and school leadership to achieve exceptional results.

Excellence in Teaching Programs:

- **Literacy coaches** on every elementary school campus supporting K-2 educators
- District-wide **professional development** to ensure K-3 educators and leaders have the knowledge and skills to support effective reading instruction
- **Early Literacy Specialists** provide training and support to all K-2 Coaches and Interventionists



Students in Moonshot Academy learn how to perform stories through movement with Ballet Vero Beach.

ENGAGED COMMUNITY AND LEADERSHIP

The Learning Alliance created the Moonshot Community Action Network (MCAN) to build the collective impact necessary to affect systems change and achieve the Moonshot Moment goal of literacy by the end of 3rd grade. Growing from 15 members in 2009 to over 125 members today, TLA is the backbone organization of MCAN which has garnered recognition both nationally and internationally for our work in Indian River County.

Community Engagement Programs:

- Moonshot Community Action Network, a community leadership program
- Moonshot Bookmobile
- Moonshot Reading Rocket
- Reading Captains



Fellsmere Chief of Police Keith Touchberry and Moonshot the Puppet greet children at the Bookmobile.

EMPOWERED FAMILIES

Through The Learning Alliance's Kindergarten Readiness Collaborative (KRC), we empower parents to be their child's first teacher by providing support and connecting them to resources in underserved communities. Through parenting classes and the delivery of books, learning kits and literacy activities, we help parents support their children's learning so that they arrive ready for Kindergarten.

- **Family Connection Centers** in Fellsmere and Gifford
- Home delivery of books and **Literacy Learning Kits**
- Assistance navigating Early Childcare, Pre K and **Kindergarten enrollment**



Gifford Child Development Specialist Nikki Boswell reads and plays with children at a Learn to Play session.



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