Dear Pre-K Teacher,

Please see below for Pre-K updates and important information. As the 2022 year comes to an end, we want to thank you for your hard work and commitment to ensuring the children in your class have a quality Pre-K experience. You are appreciated!

Have a wonderful holiday season and restful Winter Break.

See you in 2023!

• Feelings and Emotions Book Set: To celebrate Georgia's Pre-K 30th birthday, each Georgia's Pre-K class should have received the Feelings and Emotions book set from Lakeshore Publishing. The book sets were mailed directly to Pre-K sites over the past couple of weeks. If you have not received your book kit, ask your Pre-K director to email Prek@decal.ga.gov and include your program's legal name, site name, and street address. Include SE Book Set in the subject line of the email.

The book set is designed to help children recognize a variety of emotions and learn positive approaches to express their own feelings. Each book focuses on a different emotion. One book will be highlighted each month and instructional learning ideas will be provided for the book of the month.

January's book is *When I Miss You* by Cornelia Maude Spelman. We will share activity ideas with you during the first week of January 2023. We encourage you to share how you are using the books in your classroom on social media. Participating teachers will have their name entered in a monthly drawing to receive additional books, games, and other materials for their classroom. We look forward to seeing the books in use throughout the rest of the school year!



• Work Sampling Online (WSO) Information and Reminders:

- o Make sure you have created a Developmental Checklist for each student in your class.
- All Period 1 Checklists should be completed/finalized prior to family conferences.
- When you return to your program in January, change the Period 1 setting on the 'Enter Evidence' screen to Period 2.



- If you are a NEW teacher and have not entered WSO data because you have not yet attended 2022-23 New Teacher Work Sampling Online Training, contact your assigned Pre-K Specialist for child assessment guidance.
- If you have questions or need assistance, submit a WSO Help Ticket.