

# Early Works at Earl Boyles

## Key Findings From 2015-2016

### What is Early Works at Earl Boyles?

Early Works started at Earl Boyles in 2010 with the goal of preparing young children for kindergarten and setting them on the path to third grade readiness. When children read at grade level by the end of third grade, they are four times more likely to graduate from high school.

To get kids ready for school, Early Works focuses on three key areas: high-quality early learning, health, and supporting family connections to their children's education.

### What's new at Early Works at Earl Boyles?

Early Works has helped develop new opportunities at Earl Boyles. These opportunities include:

- Public preschool
- Neighborhood Center and Early Learning Wing
- Lending library
- Housing Advocate who helps families access housing resources.
- Playgroups for parents with infants and toddlers
- Parent-teacher home visits
- Parent education and adult learning opportunities
- Community Health Worker to connect children and families to health and community services

### How can I get involved with Early Works?

- Join the Parents United Group (PUG) or apply to become a Community Ambassador.
- Volunteer in the classroom, lending library, or with the SUN School program.
- Attend a Neighborhood Center meeting or a parent and adult education opportunity.
- Participate in a parent-teacher home visit.

For more information about getting involved, contact Maya Crone: [maya@childinst.org](mailto:maya@childinst.org)



# Earl Boyles Elementary - School Profile

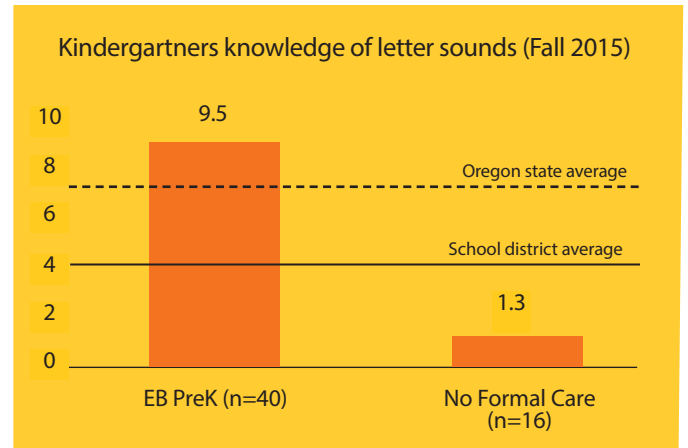
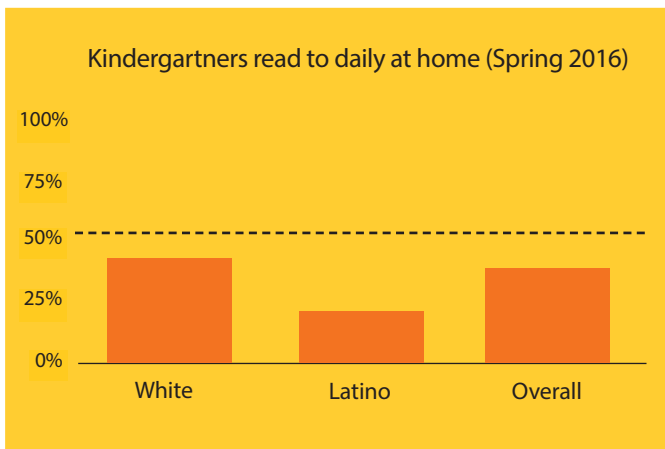
- 49% of students meet third-grade math benchmarks.
- 46% meet third-grade English language arts benchmarks.
- 35% are English language learners.
- 81% qualify for free or reduced-price lunch.
- 10% of students are absent on a regular basis.
- 9% of kindergarteners are absent on a regular basis.

## Early Works strengths

- Kindergarteners who went to Earl Boyles Preschool knew the most letters compared to peers who did not attend preschool.
- Kindergarteners improved their self-regulation skills (managing emotions, listening attentively) during the year.

## Early Works opportunities for growth

- **Daily reading.** Earl Boyles encourages families to tell their children stories and to read to them *every day* to support learning at home.
- **Building early vocabulary.** Expose children to more words through books, stories, songs, and talking.
- **Health and well-being in the community.** Earl Boyles now has a community health worker and housing specialist on site.



## Help your child build reading skills

Literacy and reading skills are important for kindergarten readiness and life-long success. Here are a few ways you can help your child develop a love for reading.

- Read and talk to your child as much as you can starting at birth.
- Visit the library.
- Find **10** minutes each day to sit and look at books with your child. Mark it on your calendar.
- Ask your child about the pictures and stories in the books you read together.
- Make reading a family affair. Older siblings, aunts and uncles, and grandparents can read to your children, too.

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