



**COUNTDOWN to
KINDERGARTEN**

— SOUTH CAROLINA



**CURRICULUM NOTEBOOK
ADDENDUM FOR SUMMER 2020**

The following pages highlight the changes to the Summer 2018 Countdown to Kindergarten Curriculum to update it for Summer 2020. It does NOT include information from the Summer 2019 Countdown to Kindergarten Addendum.

That document can be obtained elsewhere.

Changes to Summer 2020 Curriculum:

1. For Visit #2, Spanish language book may vary.
2. For Visit #5 (Social Studies), your students' toolkits will contain either Howard B. Wigglebottom Learns to Listen by Howard Binkow OR Manners at School by Carrie Finn. Spanish language books may differ.
3. It is important that you carefully follow instructions of your First Steps Local Partnership and school regarding Family Questionnaires. You will learn more and be given specific instructions at your Countdown Local Orientation Meeting.

Several counties will administer the traditional Long Paper and Pencil Family Questionnaires (pre-program and post-program). Other counties have opted to have their Countdown teacher administer a short online questionnaire that parents/caregivers access with their smart phones. Be sure that you know what type of questionnaire you are to administer and that you have the appropriate instruction sheet ("Instructions - Long Paper and Pencil Family Questionnaire" or "Instructions - Short Online Family Questionnaire.")

4. You might notice that the format of the parent handouts is changed. The content, however, is the same.
5. Note that if you learn you are working with a Spanish-speaking family (even after you've received an English-language toolkit), we might be able to provide Spanish-language books. Please contact your First Steps Local Partnership or your Countdown Supervisor.
6. You asked us, and we delivered! What if you complete all Countdown activities before the 60 minutes for your home visit has elapsed? You asked for additional ideas for activities for home visits. Therefore, we developed a Pinterest Board with ideas for other activities and to inspire you to come up

with your own. Here is the link:

<https://www.pinterest.ca/palmettosharedservicesalliance/countdown-to-kindergarten/>