

Jumpstart Fresno

Stone Soup and Jumpstart

Jumpstart is excited to have joined Stone Soup's new preschool program in Fall 2016. A team of six college students helps develop children's oral language skills through reading books, singing songs, and play. Students plan and implement lesson plans on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:00-5:00 pm. On April 1, 2017, 60 Jumpstart AmeriCorps members cleaned the garden and playground areas at Stone soup. Students are proud of serving the community and knowing that children have a safe place to grow and have fun!



“Working toward the day every child in America enters kindergarten prepared to succeed.”

Jumpstart partners with local preschool classrooms to implement sessions with fun and intentional activities that focus on language and literacy skills, including vocabulary, comprehension, and alphabet knowledge. The goal is to help prepare children for school and overall success. Now in its seventeenth year, Jumpstart Fresno has 77 dedicated college students in 2016-17, reflecting the diversity of the Central Valley. These Mentors serve over 300 children at 15 preschool classrooms in Fresno and Sanger.

Jumpstart Family Literacy Night

Jumpstart partnered with the Betty Rodriguez Regional Library to provide families an opportunity to learn and have fun together. The focus is family engagement and providing the community with opportunities to extend learning at home. Literacy Night starts with storytime, followed by a craft or activity, that helps develop oral language skills and deepen story comprehension. Families are also provided resources, including activities and tips for reading at home. Jumpstart alumni are participating as readers during storytime. Participating alumni has included local teachers and First 5 Fresno County staff.

