



**A community of practice invitation and [interest form](#) due October 6, 2023, will be sent to Chief State School Officers. Please contact [KindergartenSturdyBridge@unc.edu](mailto:KindergartenSturdyBridge@unc.edu) with questions or for assistance.**

The kindergarten year presents a crucial opportunity to build partnerships and trust with parents and families, and to work with them on nurturing the habits and routines, including everyday attendance, that are essential to accelerating learning recovery and assuring early school success. Thank you for all you do to make our first universal access point of public education a year of joyful discovery and play-based learning. Together, we can meet the unique developmental needs of every student and set them on pathway to success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Swati Adarkar". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Swati" being more prominent than the last name "Adarkar".

Swati Adarkar  
Deputy Assistant Secretary  
for Policy and Early Learning