The Power of Preschool Parents

Back to School

Building a Foundation for School Success



Garden Grove Unified School District Strategic Plan – The Garden Grove Way

Our Vision: We are committed to preparing all students to be successful and responsible citizens who contribute and thrive in a diverse society.

Our Mission: To ensure student success, we will provide a rigorous and supportive academic experience that motivates all learners to meet high expectations.

Goal 1: Academic Skills + Goal 2: Personal Skills =

Goal 3: Lifelong Success





Preschool

How many of you have children in preschool right now?

Research has demonstrated the value of early childhood education



Nurture Your Child's Education at Home

Happy & Healthy

Strong Character

School Success

Well Rested

- Regular bedtime
- Plenty of sleep
- *8-11 hours of sleep
- Bedtime 7:30-9:00



Family Fun

- Spend time together as a family
- Plan fun activities to do with your family







Quality Conversations

- Spend plenty of time talking to your child
 - Talk about school and extra-curricular activities
 - Ask about your child's interests and friends
- Listen to your child
 - REALLY LISTEN with your ears and eyes
 - Show that you care about their celebrations, questions and concerns



Nutritious Meals

Make high protein, hearty breakfasts Prepare nutritious snacks and meals



Happy Child

Provide a safe & supportive home



- Recognize your child's strengths & achievements
- Be caring & fair



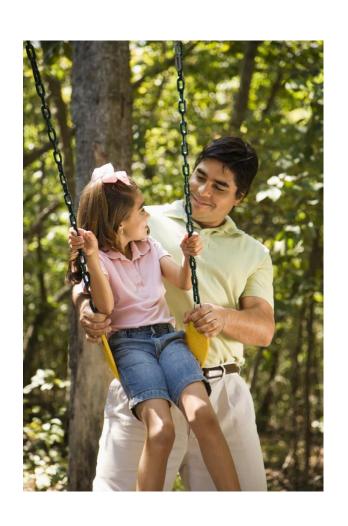


Strong Character

- Express a positive attitude
- Set a good example
- Teach acceptance
- Teach sharing and cooperation
- Encourage your child to try new things
- Give plenty of PRAISE

- Establish rules and routines
- Set limits
- Set high expectations
- Follow through with consequences and rewards
- Encourage your child to be responsible by assigning chores

Be Involved!



Parent involvement at home greatly impacts a child's confidence level and builds life skills that will bring continued success over time

Preschool

- Some of children's greatest growth takes place between the ages of 3-5
- They begin to form their first friendships & they begin to see themselves as individuals



Children in Preschool Learn Many Important Things...

To separate from parents & learn to become independent

To become effective learners & understand the routines of school

To function in a group

Important self-help & self-regulatory skills necessary to function within a classroom

The foundations of language, math, science & social science through experiences with teachers & peers

What Can Parents do to Help Build School Readiness Skills???

Actively participate in a school readiness program



Read daily with your children and continue to teach them in your home language



What Can Parents do to Help Build School Readiness Skills???

- Set the standards early for good school attendance and punctuality

Label things in the environment to help build your child's vocabulary



What Can Parents do to Help Build School Readiness Skills???

Turn everyday outings, like a trip to the grocery store or Target, into educational experiences



- Ask open-ended questions...
- Why do you think that happened?
- What do you think will happen next?



Developmental Information

- ❖ To help development in 3-4 year olds:
 - Teach me new words & read to me
 - With new experiences, prepare me by telling me what to expect
 - Keep a regular schedule for my playtime, mealtime & bedtime
 - Offer choices so I can make some decisions

- ❖ To help development in 4-5 year olds:
 - Keep a regular schedule for my playtime, mealtime & bedtime
 - Teach me facts like my address, phone number & parents' names
 - Encourage me to do activities by myself & ask for help when I need it
 - Offer choices so I can make some decisions

GGUSD State Preschool

- ❖ If you have a four year old (12/3/09-12/2/10) not enrolled in preschool, please contact us for information on enrolling for this school year!
- If you have a 3 year old, please contact us in March for next year!



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