



Parent Involvement

Children who are successful in school have many healthy interconnections between family, school, and community. Parent involvement in the learning process strengthens learning at home and is directly linked back to positive child outcomes at school. Parents are always welcome and encouraged to visit the classroom or participate at whatever level is most comfortable.

We encourage parents to be involved by:

- Volunteering in the classroom
- Attending parent workshops
- Attending Family Fun Nights
- Serving on the advisory committee
- Sharing skills, talents, and interests with the class
- supporting children's learning at home
- reading or contributing to a parent newsletter

***Parents, grandparents or other caregivers and special friends will need to, submit the district's background check form in advance of the visit.**

It is helpful to have knowledge before your visit, but not required, so that plans can be made to read special stories, engage the children in special activities, etc. Parents and caregivers are recognized for their volunteer efforts at each parent meeting, held monthly. Together, we will work as a team to provide the best education possible for your child. If you are unable to work or play in the classroom, please indicate that you would like to be involved at home and accommodations can be made to honor that request.

Home Visits and Parent Teacher Conferences

The purpose of home visits and parent/teacher conferences are to involve families in the children's education at school and to help them provide educational experiences for the children at home. G.S.R.P. requires a minimum of two home visits and two parent-teacher conferences. If a parent prefers the visit not take place in the home, a mutual location may be chosen such as a park, restaurant, or a parent's workplace. During home visits and parent/teacher conferences, teachers will:

- seek input from parents about the program and its relationship to the child's development
- seek input from parents about how they are supporting the child's development at home
- partner with parents in appropriate child development goals
- assist parents to implement child development strategies for home which fit into normal family routines. For example, color naming or classification while sorting freshly laundered socks, practicing counting with meaning when children serve themselves (e.g., carrots/crackers/raisins), practicing letter writing and letter identification when children sign their names on a birthday card, etc.
- work together with parents to write referrals for suspected or diagnosed disabilities or other developmental needs of the child.