

Primary School Years

Parents play an important role in their child's learning and development. Your child is watching you! Be a partner in the learning that happens every day!

Your child is learning to expand their vocabulary when you talk with them about their day.

Your child is learning language and literacy when you provide a print-rich environment and a variety of writing tools to explore the written world.

Your child is learning to be confident when you give them plenty of opportunities to experience many different environments and discover new things.

Your child is learning mathematics when you plan meals, cook and bake together or play board games using dice or spinners.



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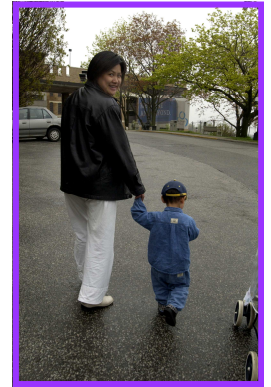
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A Parent is a Child's First Teacher!



Learning happens in the everyday moments you share with your child!



You play an important role in your child's development and learning! Everything you and your child do together will teach important lessons that will help them grow and learn about their world.

The First Year

Welcome to parenting! Enjoy this time with your baby!

Your baby is learning about the sounds of words and the rhythm of language as you talk to them – speak to them often and repeat words over and over.

Your baby is learning hand/eye coordination as you hold out a toy for them to reach.



Your baby is learning about language and conversation as you respond to their cues.

Your baby is learning to enjoy books when you read simple picture books to them.



The Toddler Years

Everyday moments are rich bonding and learning opportunities!

Your toddler is learning about music and movement as you play music and sing songs and dance together.

Your toddler is learning pre-mathematical skills when you count together as you walk up and down the stairs.

Your toddler is learning about measuring, pouring and mixing ingredients as you cook and bake together.

Preschoolers

It's child's play!

Your child is developing imagination when you give them dress-up clothes and household items to play make-believe.

Your child is developing attention skills and memory when you play I Spy together.

Your child is developing balance and coordination and overall muscle strength when you play active games together, such as running, jumping and hopping.

Your child is developing pre-reading skills when you point out familiar signs such as STOP and the shapes of the traffic signs.

Your child is developing pre-mathematical skills by learning numbers when you sing counting songs together.

