

State Preschool Parent
Orientation
2026-2027

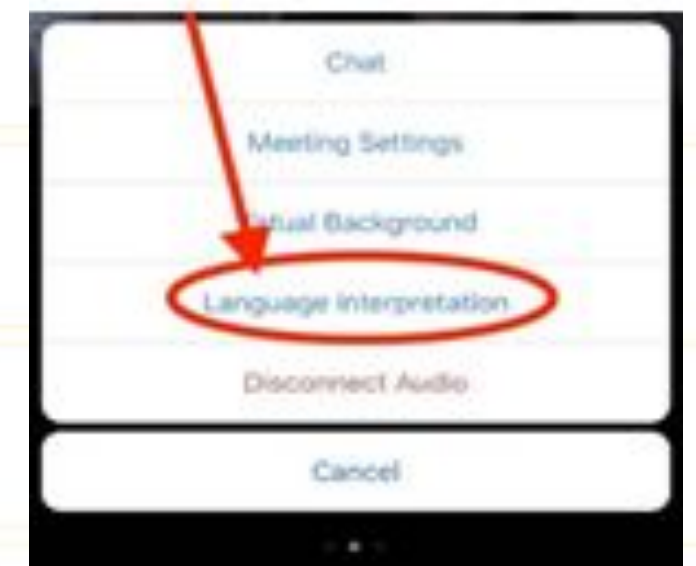
Welcome! Thank you for joining us!

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- 2) Mute original audio
- 3) Select language

Using a cell phone:

- 1) Click on **More**
- 2) Select **Language Interpretation**
- 3) Select language and Mute Original Audio



Hello!

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32 years in GGUSD
GATE teacher, Teacher
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Dr. Gabriela Mafi

GGUSD Superintendent

2026-27 State Preschool Sites

*Also SPED preschool
**SPED & Fee-based
site



Brookhurst
Carver*
Clinton Corner
Enders (fee-based only)
Heritage*
Lawrence
Murdy
Peters K-3
Rosita
Russell Dual Language
Skylark**
Violette



Goals of Preschool

- 
- Provide high-quality preschool classrooms
 - Teach independence and assist with learning how to interact with peers & other adults
 - Provide services/resources to families
 - Provide child health services
 - Provide a safe and healthy learning environment
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Preschool Curriculum

- Aligned to the CA Preschool Learning Foundations
- Strong emphasis on a child's social/emotional development
- Interactive
- Developmentally appropriate
- No mastery...just exposure



Program Details

Times:

AM Session

8:00-11:00/8:15-11:15

PM Session

11:45-2:45/12:00-3:00

Ratio:

1:8

1 Adult for every 8
students

Maximum 24 students

Meals:

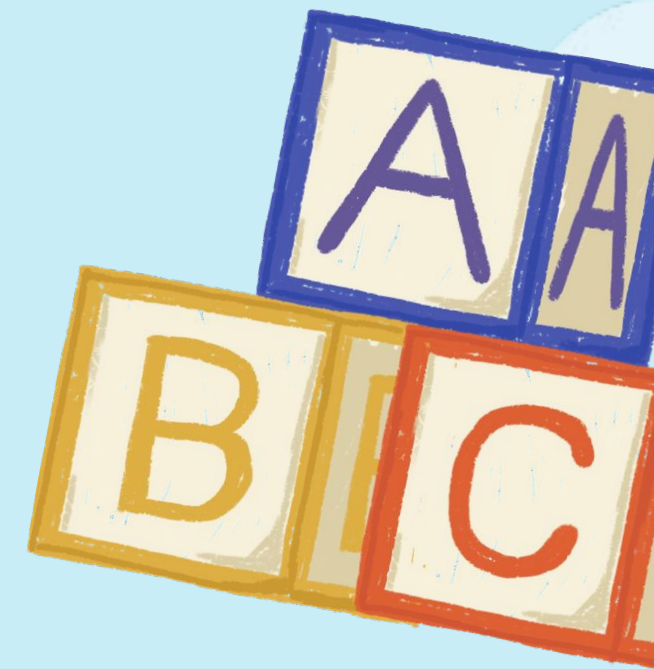
AM Session: Breakfast

PM Session: Lunch

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Quality Start OC

- State quality improvement program
- 15th year of participation for GGUSD
- 4 and 5 star ratings = HIGH QUALITY
- ALL GGUSD preschool sites have received **High Quality** ratings since we began participation in the program



Why Preschool?

Current

Fewer than ½ of preschool age children go to preschool

Girls

50% more likely to have a savings account
20% more likely to own a car

Benefits

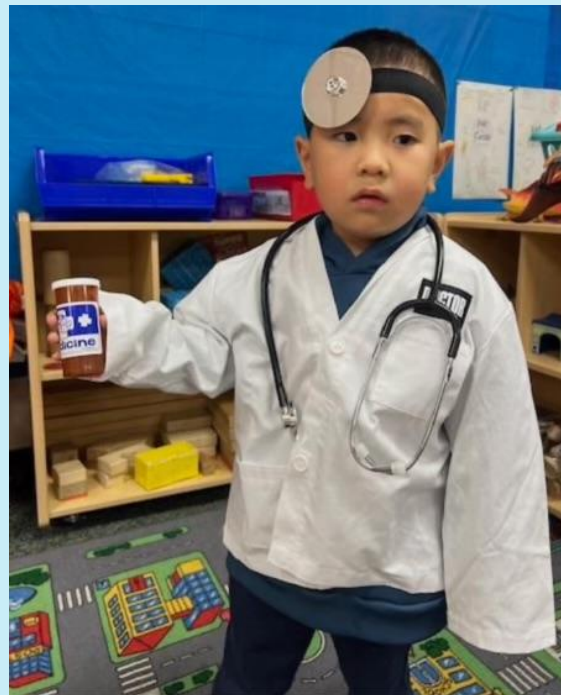
20% more likely to graduate from high school
Earn 50% more than those that didn't attend preschool

Overall

Less likely to repeat a grade
More likely to own a home
Less likely to experience substance abuse



Preschool...Jumpstart to their Education



So????

**Consistency is
essential!**

**Yay! You have
taken the first
step by
enrolling your
child in
preschool!**

**This journey is
a partnership...
school & family**



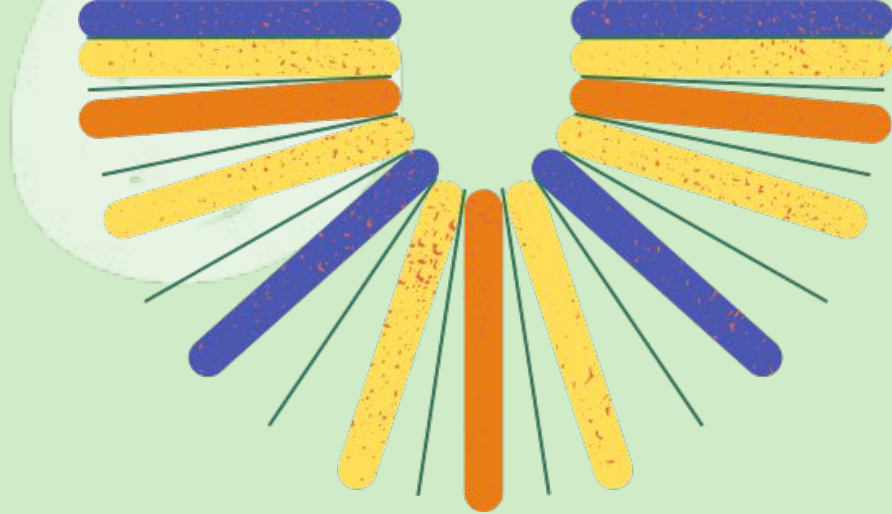
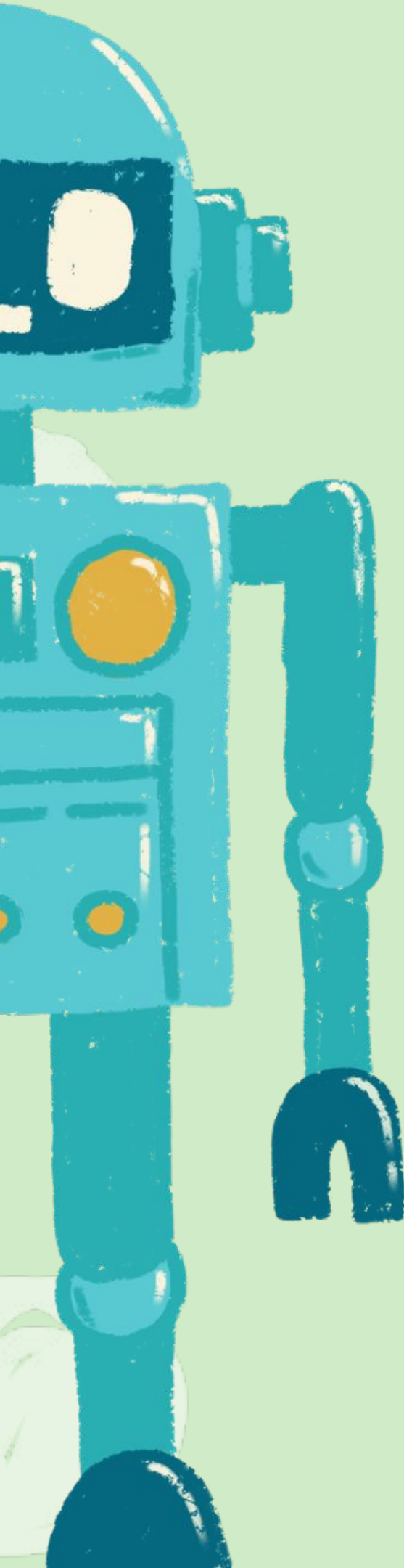
**Communication
is key!**

**Let us know if
something has
changed at
home**



**Don't be afraid
to ask your
teacher
questions!**





Independence is the goal!

How can you help at home?

- Teach them how to put clothes on and off (pull up underwear/pants, push up their sleeves to wash hands, etc...)
- Give them small tasks to do and follow-through
- Transition them to a cup (no more bottles/pacifiers)
- Let them walk (strollers sometimes)
- Teach them how to blow their nose
- Limit screen time (no more than 1 hour per day..guidance from the Mayo clinic)





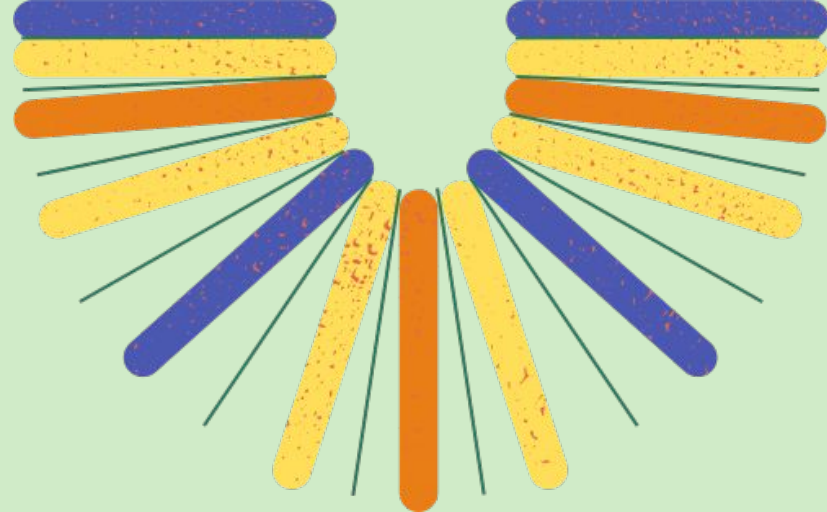
Toileting Independence

All children are at different
developmental stages

- Children need to be aware of their own body's signals and have bladder and bowel muscle control
- Children need to have the fine motor skills to pull down & up their pants/underwear (send them in clothes that are easy to pull up/down)
- Children need to understand and be able to follow multi-step instructions on how to use the toilet
- Children need to be willing and motivated to use the toilet



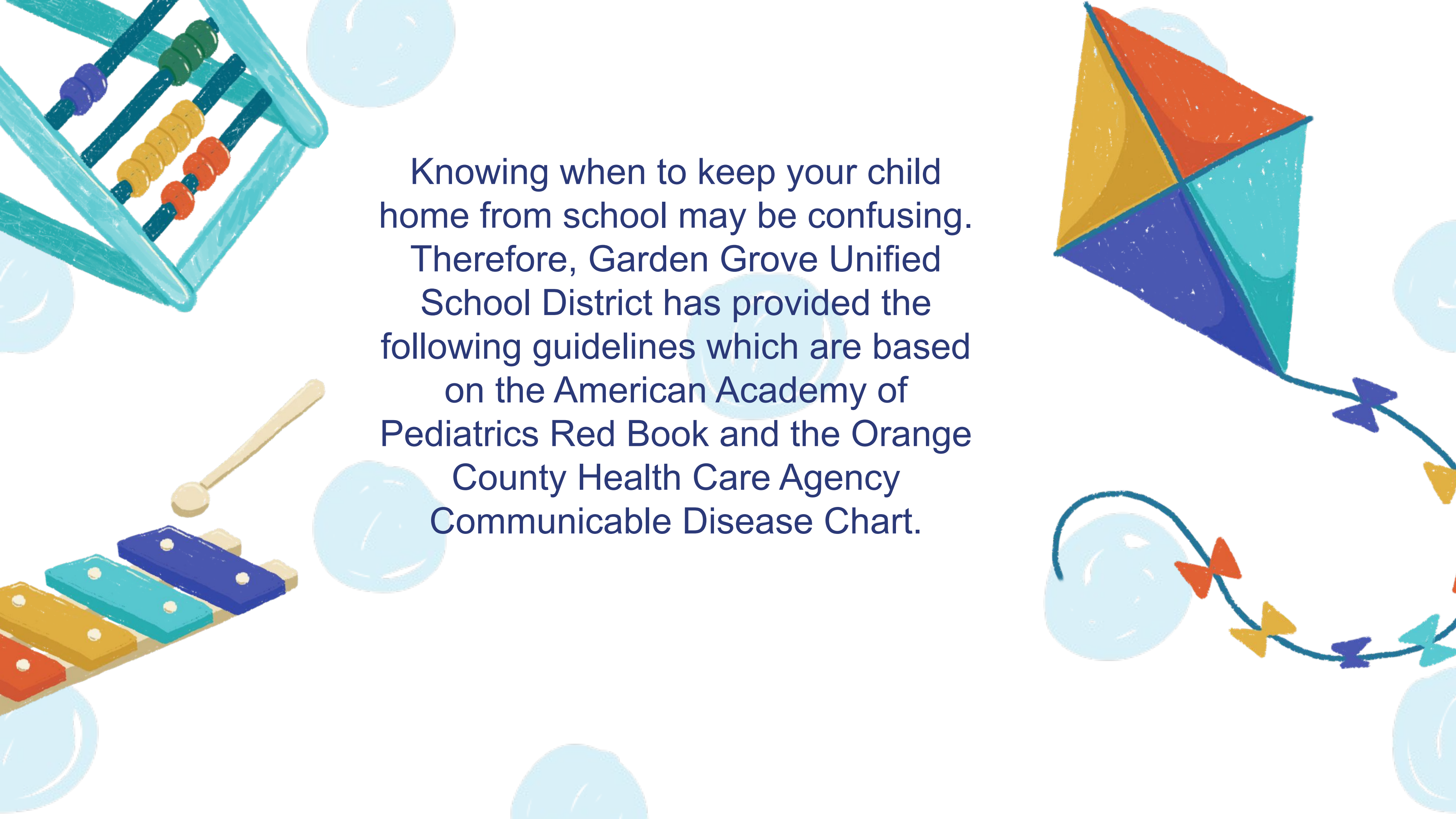
A Word from our Nurses



Role of Your School Nurses

- **Communication with parents on daily illnesses**
- **Putting doctor's orders in place for medications at schools, special diets, chronic illnesses or injuries**
- **Health screenings:**
 - **Vision and hearing: UCI Eye Mobile**
 - **Dental Screenings: Alta Med Dental**
 - **Resource for students and families**



The background features a white surface with several light blue, translucent bubbles of varying sizes. On the left side, there are illustrations of children's toys: a wooden abacus with four rows of colorful beads (purple, green, yellow, and orange) on a light blue frame, and a xylophone with five bars in yellow, teal, blue, and red, accompanied by a wooden mallet. On the right side, there is a colorful kite with four panels in yellow, orange, teal, and blue, and a long, winding tail with several small, colorful bows (blue, yellow, orange, and teal) attached to it.

Knowing when to keep your child home from school may be confusing. Therefore, Garden Grove Unified School District has provided the following guidelines which are based on the American Academy of Pediatrics Red Book and the Orange County Health Care Agency Communicable Disease Chart.

When Should I Keep My Child Home?

Fever:

- Has a temperature greater than **100.4°**
- Has vomiting or diarrhea.
- Isn't acting like themselves.
- Has other **flu-like symptoms**, such as chills or body aches.

Call your pediatrician immediately if the fever is accompanied by:

- Headache
- Rash
- Stiff neck
- Shortness of breath

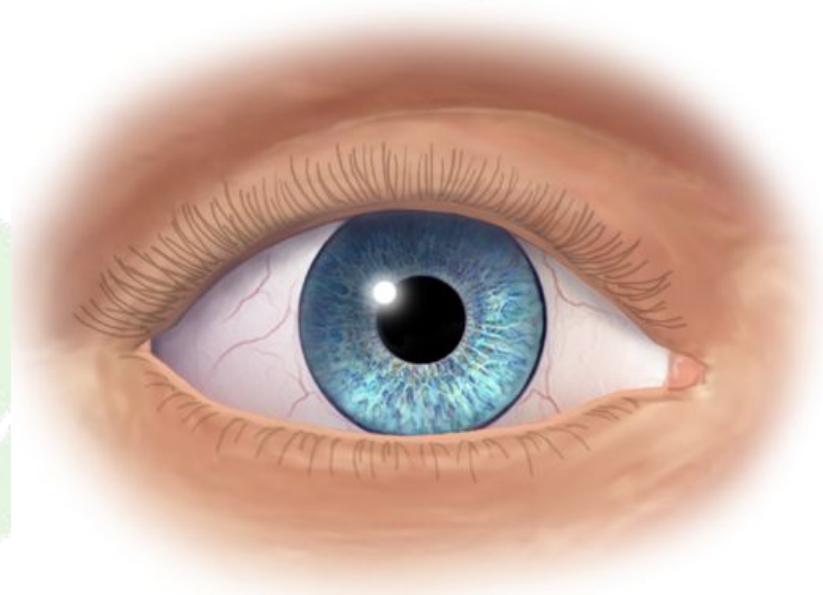


Your Child May Return to School If...

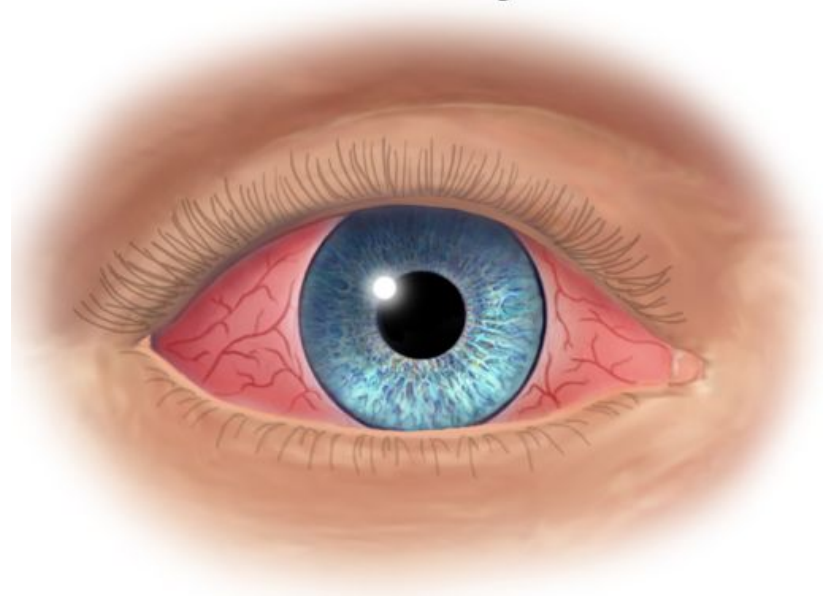
Your child does not have a fever (without the aid of fever reducing medication such as Tylenol, ibuprofen) for 24 hours.



Normal Conjunctiva



Inflamed Conjunctiva



Pink eye

Watery, itchy, red eyes:

- Drainage or mucous is coming from one or both eyes.
- One or both eyes are crusty.
- Your child is complaining of discomfort in the eye—many kids say it feels like they have sand in their eye.
- One or both eyelids is swollen.

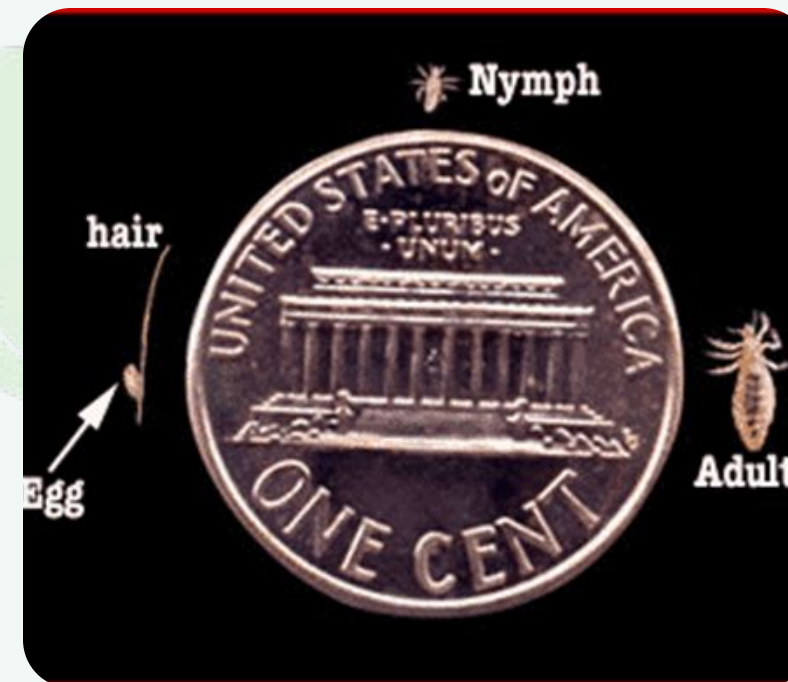


Your child should not go to school if they have a rash, mouth sores, especially with fever or behavior change, until the physician has determined that the illness is not contagious.



Lice... UGH!!!!

If your child has lice, we are here to help you. The Garden Grove Unified School District has a policy in place to assist you in treating your child and getting them back to school as soon as possible



Lice Treatment



2 Pack



Students returning to school following physician's care for an illness or injury, should provide a signed release from the physician stating any recommendations or limitations





Before School Starts, Please Let Us Know...

Any Medical Conditions

Seasonal Allergies

Asthma

Eczema

Food or Other Allergies

For example: eggs, nuts,
strawberries, milk, etc...
Accompanied by a doctor's
note

Physical Conditions/Limitations

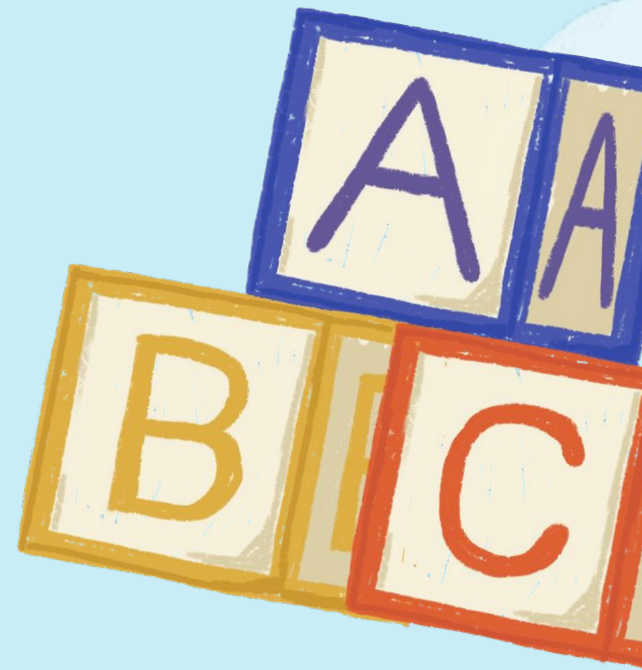
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Please Call if You Have Any Questions



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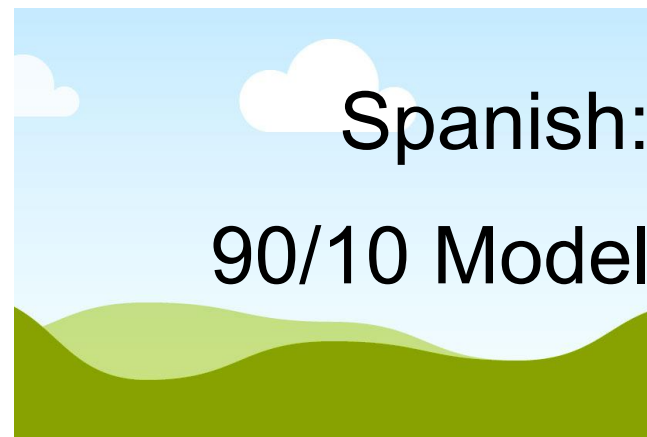
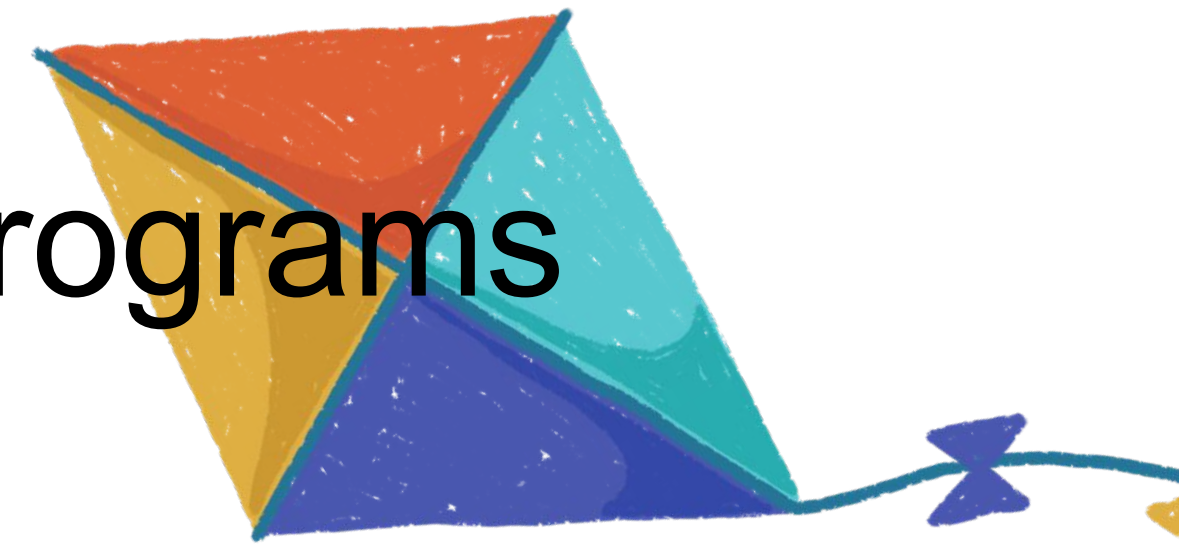
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Dual Language Immersion Programs

School Sites



- Monroe Elementary Language Academy
- Grades TK - 6th
- Russell Elementary Language Academy
- Grades Preschool - 6th
- Simmons Elementary
- Grades TK-1st



Murdy Elementary
Grades TK - 6th





Dual Language Immersion (DLI) Programs

Program Goals:

- **Bilingualism:** Development of high levels of proficiency in the student's first language and in a second language.
- **Biliteracy:** Dual Language Immersion students perform at or above grade level in academic areas in both languages. Development of biliteracy skills for students in the Spanish Enrichment program will depend on year of entry.
- **Academics:** Academic performance for both groups of students will be at or above grade level.
- **Multiculturalism:** Demonstrate positive cross-cultural attitudes and behaviors, and high levels of self-esteem.



Russell
Spanish DLI
Pre-School

Russell
Elementary DLI
Spanish
Academy

Fitz
Intermediate
Dual Language
Academy

Los Amigos
High School
Bilingual
Pathway

Application Process

26-27 Orientation Dates

Monroe Spanish Academy

English-10/13, 11/16, 12/10 at 9:00 am

Spanish 10/19, 1/6 at 9:00am

English/Spanish 10/19 at 6:00pm

Russell Spanish Academy

10/15, 11/4, 12/8, 1/11 at 8:30 a.m.

11/4 at 6 p.m.

Simmons Elementary (Spanish)

10/12, 11/10, 12/7, 1/7 at 9 a.m.

12/7 6 p.m.

Murdy Vietnamese Immersion

10/7, 10/21, 12/9, at 9am

12/9 at 6 p.m.

- Sign up by contacting the EL Office (714) 663-6143
- Complete your **Priority Application** for TK/Kindergarten before deadline of December 31, 2026
 - Accepting transfer students within and outside of GGUSD. If accepted, information and directions will be provided for each transition
- View Videos and sign up via <https://ggusd.us/programs/dual>

Parent Volunteers

Age:

Anyone over the age of
18 who has met the
requirements

Licensing

Requirements:

Tdap, TB test, proof of
MMR, Flu
vaccine/waiver, and
Megan's Law

Purpose:

To assist the teacher
*Not as a one-on-one
with your child

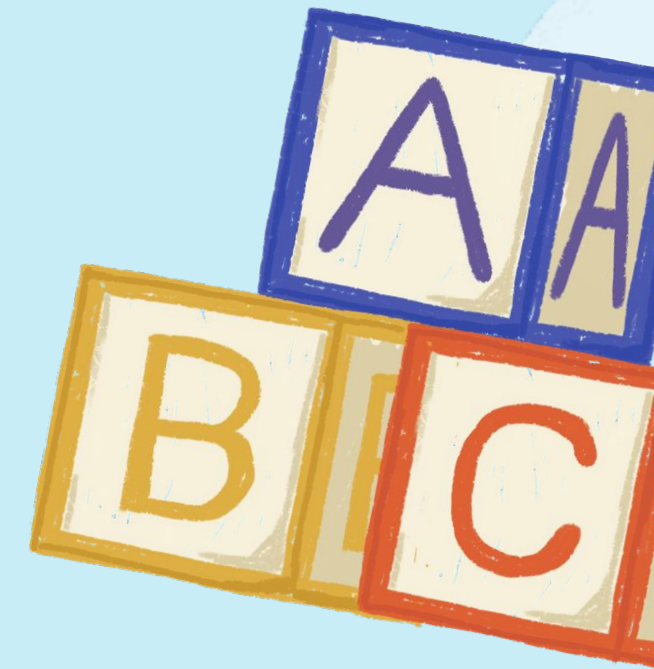


New Law: SB 848

All frequent volunteers are now
Mandated Reporters! You must
complete the Keenan Online
Training

Important Items to Remember

- Sign-In/Sign-Out (always be prepared with ID)
- Late Pick-up
- Birthday/Holiday celebrations
- Water bottles-labeled with child's name...water only!
- Licensing regulations
- Parking lots
- No Backpack Policy



Attendance (per CDE)

Best Interest Days

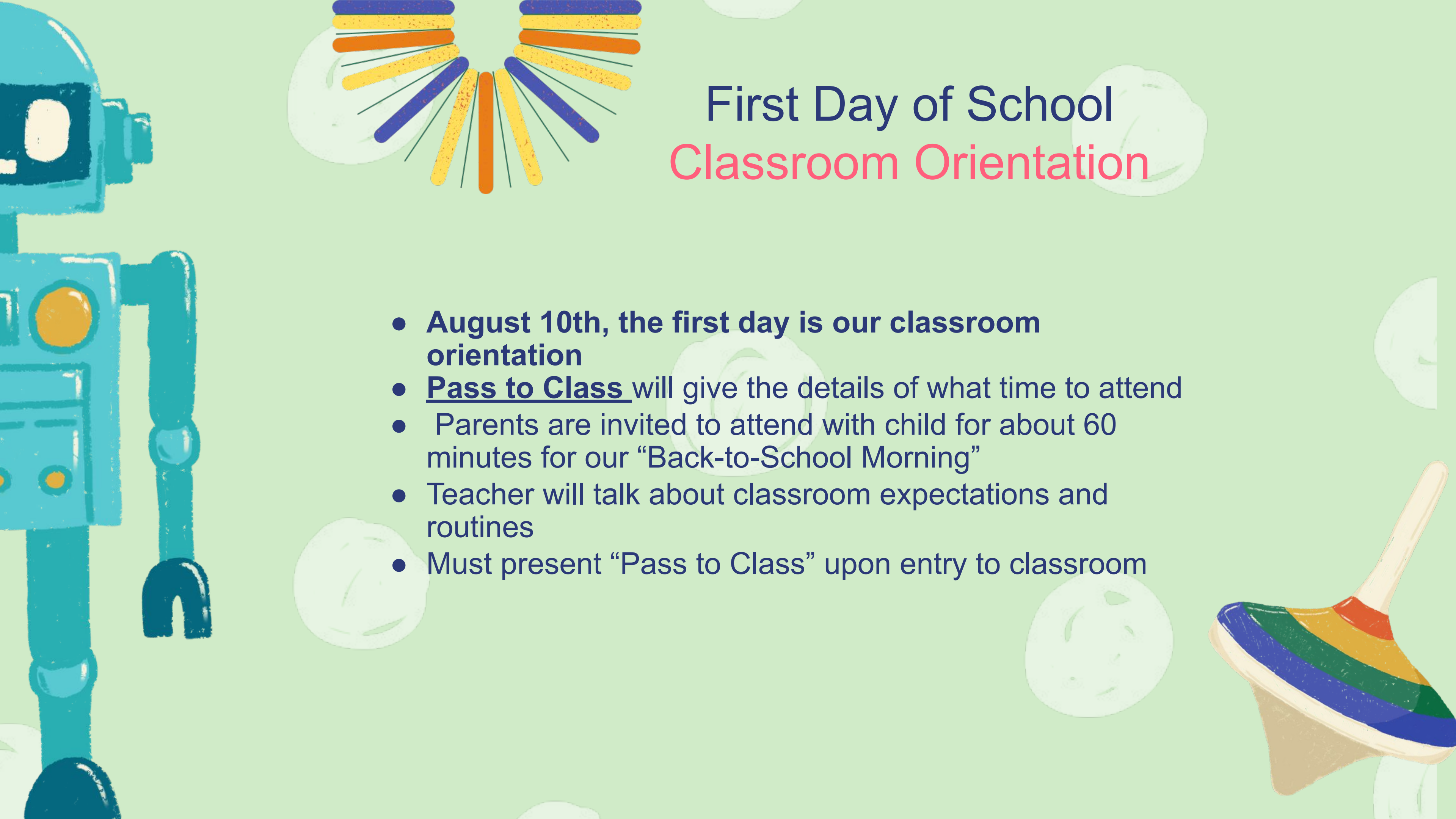
10 per year:

excused absences that allow a child to miss school for family-related reasons—such as extended family time, vacations, or non-medical emergencies

Unexcused Absences:

You will receive communication from the program for every 3 unexcused absences up to 10.

More than 10 unexcused absences may result in termination from the program.



First Day of School Classroom Orientation

- **August 10th, the first day is our classroom orientation**
- **Pass to Class** will give the details of what time to attend
- Parents are invited to attend with child for about 60 minutes for our “Back-to-School Morning”
- Teacher will talk about classroom expectations and routines
- Must present “Pass to Class” upon entry to classroom



Second Day of School:



- August 11
- Regular Schedule
- Parent Drops off & Leaves
- Meal will be served
- It will be ok...we've got this! :)





Pass to Class

Pick up at:
Clinton
Corner

Wednesday, 8/5
&
Thursday, 8/6

Pick up Times:
9:00-11:00
&
1:00-3:00

You MUST have a “Pass to Class” for August 10! Please call our office if you need to make other arrangements.

(714) 663-6298

Finishing Up...

- Make sure you have a Parent Square account
- Complete an ASQ for your student
- Pick up your “Pass to Class”...you MUST have this in order for your student to be admitted into the classroom



Preschool Tshirts

- Short Sleeve - \$15
- Long Sleeve - \$20
- **CASH ONLY**
- Limited supply on hand...will do preorders if necessary
- AB/CD tshirts (preorder only once school starts)



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