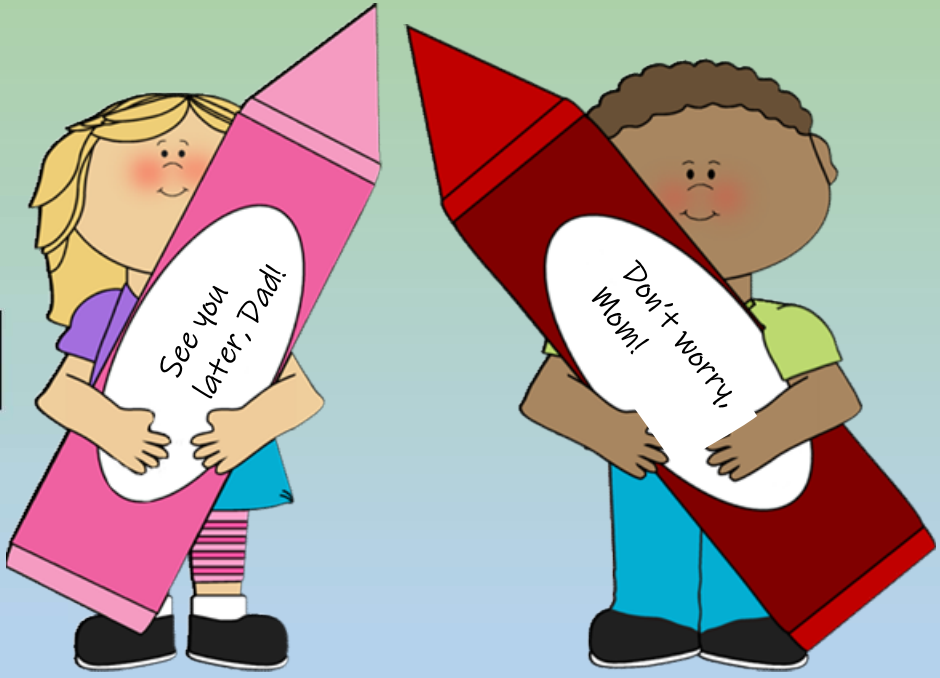




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WELCOME!

In a word (or two), how are you feeling about your child starting school this fall?



JESSE MAGANA is ready for his first day of kindergarten at Maurice Sendak Elementary School. (Robert Gauthier Los Angeles Times)

BY HOWARD BLUME, LAURA NEWBERRY AND MELISSA GOMEZ

Staff member Sylvia Vasquez was doing mandatory health checks on the [first day of on-campus instruction](#) at Heliotrope Avenue Elementary School, but students kept giving her the wrong answer when she tried to find out if they were healthy.

She'd ask how they were feeling, and the answer she kept getting was "Excited."

AGENDA

- Welcome / Introductions
- How kinder teachers orient & assess their new students
- Preparing to embrace the transition
- Tips for Engaging Effectively
- Questions / Discussion



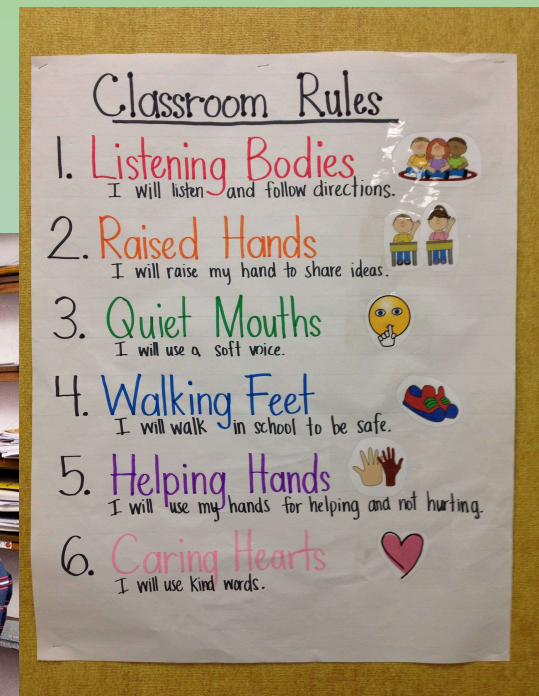
THE TEACHER'S ROLE

What happens during
the first few weeks



THE FIRST FEW WEEKS

- Orienting children to school and the classroom
- Establishing routines



STUDENT ASSESSMENT

What teachers do to assess their students' social & cognitive development (and why)



READY, SET...

Preparing to Embrace
the Transition



EMBRACE THE TRANSITION

Transitions are opportunities for growth!

1. Get yourself ready
2. Get your home ready
3. Get your child ready



SETTING UP ROUTINES

Routines help children feel safe, know what to expect, and be more compliant.

- We'll share some sample routines
- Start establishing routines *before* school starts
- Create a schedule that ensures your child gets enough sleep!



READY TO LEARN

Your child is most “ready to learn” when he or she is...

- Present, on time
- Awake
- Healthy
- Not hungry or thirsty
- In a good frame of mind
- Confident and eager to learn
- Equipped
- Is developing self-help skills
- Able to listen/follow instructions
- Able to sit still, keep hands to self



OUR ROLE AS PARENTS

What does it mean
to be an
“engaged” parent?



PARENT-TEACHER RELATIONSHIP

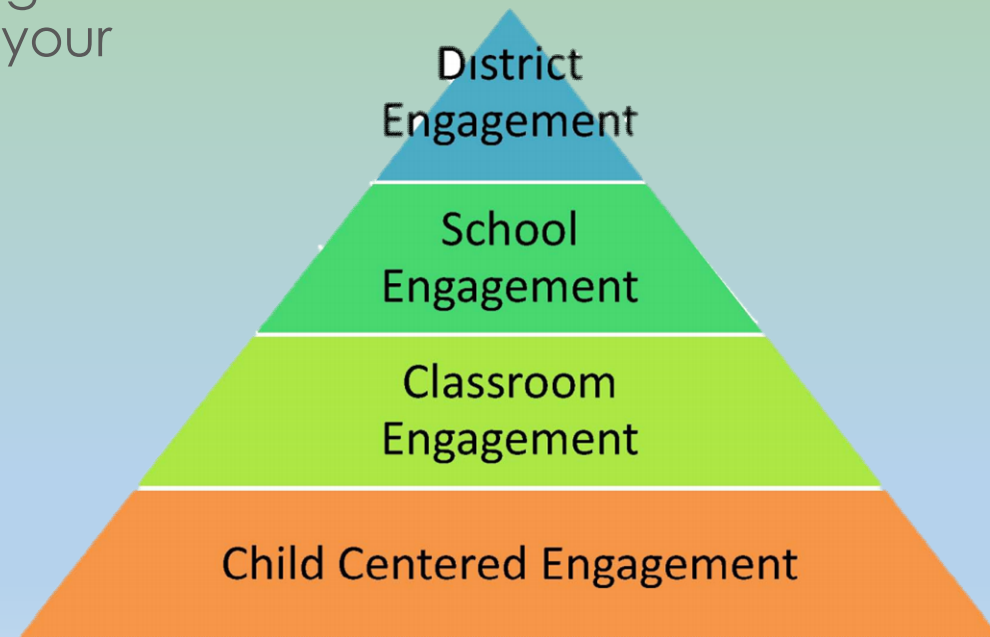


- Communication!
 - Read/listen to school and teacher messages
 - Keep contact info current
 - How does your child's teacher prefer to receive communications?
- Teachers are professionals
 - You know your child and his/her circumstances best
 - Teacher works to understand and meet needs of all the children in the classroom
 - Respect teacher's time and expertise
- Playing a supporting role
 - The most important role you play (at home)
 - Volunteering – what does teacher need/want?

PARENT ENGAGEMENT

The foundation of the “parent engagement pyramid” is what you do to support your child at home.

- Meeting basic needs
- Setting expectations
- Letting the teacher know if you have a question or concern
- Listening to any observations the teacher may have
- Working together to determine how best to support your child’s growth & learning



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English Learners Advisory Council

African American Parent Council



QUESTIONS?
DISCUSSION & RESOURCES

