



Parents as Teachers™

We're Going to School: a parent involvement approach to school transitions

Business leaders across the country say they expect to have difficulty finding enough educated and skilled workers in the future. Too many children are starting kindergarten without the building blocks to learn and are leaving school without the skills needed in the workplace. Giving children the foundation to learn when they enter kindergarten is the work of parents, schools, and the community...and Parents as Teachers is their partner in that work.

About the curriculum

This new 12-unit curriculum fosters increased parent involvement and a successful transition to the formal school setting for the entire family. Underlying every unit is the importance of intentional and reflective parenting, as well as an understanding of children's changing development. The curriculum blends research-based information on school transition and parent involvement with the evidence-informed practices of a solid home visitation curriculum.

Unit topics include:

- > Parents' Role in Leading the Transition Process
- > Growing in Leadership
- > School Readiness for Parents and Children
- > Play
- > Healthy Families
- > Self-Regulation
- > Challenging Behaviors
- > Parenting Behaviors
- > Family Supports
- > Transition to Preschool
- > Transition to Kindergarten
- > Transition to First Grade and Beyond

Transitioning to preschool, kindergarten and first grade are the first steps a child encounters along the education continuum. Parents play a critical role in planning and leading this transition process.

We're Going to School: A Parent Involvement Approach to School Transitions draws on the Parents as Teachers approach and reinforces the belief that the early years of a child's life provide the foundation for success in school and life. It provides information about children's development as they prepare to enter preschool, kindergarten and first grade and encourages parents to view the transitions their children will go through on the path to school as a series of teaching opportunities.

Our work is not just about developing children's potential. Research shows that parents can enhance their children's academic achievement by getting involved with their education. So Parents as

Teachers also fosters the development of parents, helping them to be successful partners in their children's education. School readiness is for parents and children!

We are convinced that by working together with parents to prepare children for success in school, we can also prepare children for success in life.



Our vision is that all children will learn, grow and develop to realize their full potential

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What is Parents as Teachers?

Parents as Teachers arms families with information, resources and tools to help young children learn, grow and develop. Trained professionals provide personal visits with families, offering parenting support and information.

- > Personal visits help parents make good parenting decisions.
- > Group connections build a sense of community.
- > Screenings ensure children are healthy, safe and ready to learn.
- > Referrals connect parents with other needed resources.

Parents as Teachers children are healthy, safe and ready to learn.

- > Children are healthier.
- > Children score higher in kindergarten readiness tests.
- > Children better problem solvers.
- > Children are more advanced in language and social development



Parents as Teachers is a worldwide leader in the delivery of evidence-based home visiting and parent engagement tools that demonstrate successful results in school readiness and health and development of young children.

Our goal is to help parents engage with their children in ways that lead to a lifetime of good health, educational achievement, and future success.

Engage with us!

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