



# Sunnyvale Preschool Programs

Welcome to 2019-2020!

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### Three Campuses / One Team

Dear Parents and Caregivers:

By the time you read this newsletter, your child would have had their first day of school. For some, there will be tears. Other students will have run into the classroom without a backwards glance. Both reactions are normal and both reactions can be challenging for parents!

We are so glad that you have chosen Sunnyvale School District to partner with your child for his or her early education. We have nine classrooms on three sites, but we run as one program. Our entire staff meets together regularly for training and collaboration. Our Administrative Assistants (Grissel Ramirez and Brandi Fulton) work out of Lakewood Room 3, but support our whole program.

This newsletter will bring you program-wide events and tips from our team. Watch for a teacher specific newsletter with information about your child's specific classroom events and themes.

Wishing you a wonderful year!

Linda Van Mouwerik

Director of Special Education and Director of Preschool Programs

### Important Dates

- Aug 28 San Miguel Preschool Parent Orientation  
8:30 and 12:15 in the San Miguel Library.
- Sept 4 Back to School Nights on the Fairwood, Lakewood, and San Miguel campuses. Times will be shared by
- Sept 4 Lakewood/Fairwood Preschool Parent Orientation. 8:15 at Lakewood Room 3.
- Sept 5 Lakewood/Fairwood Preschool Parent Orientation. 12:15 at Lakewood Room 3.
- Sept 16 No classes: Staff Development Day

Everyday classroom teaching is not what children will remember, but how you made a difference in their lives.

Nita Ambani

## Tips from Chelsea Friedenbach and Sreelatha Ponnuveetil: Speech Language Pathologists

**Developing language skills in your child can be done with simple everyday task. Here are some ideas:**

- It is fine to use language structure and vocabulary that is higher than what your child uses. They absorb like sponges. Students develop receptive language understanding before the use it expressively.
- Grocery shopping is a great time to develop language. Make a list at home before hand with your child. This will help them to build a mental picture of the item. Once at the store, use adjectives to describe what you buy (“Here is a nice red, round apple.”). Have them count out how many items you are buying.
- Increase and create communication opportunities: Target the same word or phrase all day!
- Be forgetful: Let your child ask for what they need.
- Be silly: Get your child’s attention with unexpected actions.
- Follow your child’s lead and play: Talk about their interests.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need you!!

We welcome parent involvement. If you would like to help with our programs or with our students, please contact us in Room 3, or let your classroom teacher know!

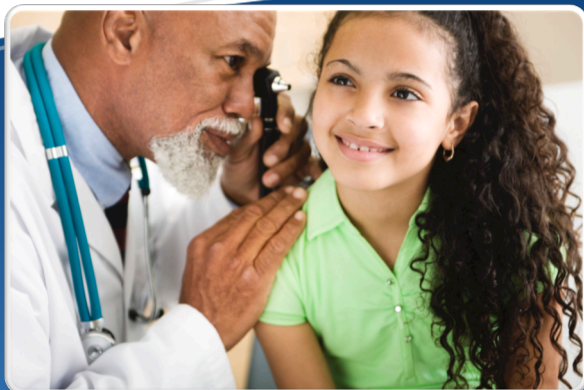
We need you!

For our program, help with:

- our garden
- teacher appreciation events
- preschool advisory committee
- PTA liaison

With our students: volunteer packet is first needed

- help with classroom preparation
- help with classroom activities



## Health and social services

We will be sending all parents a survey, to help us meet your needs. If you need help with housing, meals, or the challenges of raising a child, we are here to help connect you with community resources.

Your answers are confidential, or you can reach out to us in person. Our lead contact is Brandi Fulton at 408-522-8200 x 2077.

