

Relationships that Nurture

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Reinforcing Reggio-Inspired Learning at Home

Audio can be heard here: [Reggio-Inspired Learning at Home](#)

The following are some suggestions of how to promote Reggio-Inspired learning at home.

I. Provide a rich and inviting play environment for your child to openly explore in their home environment

- Natural and authentic play materials, less plastic
- Allow your child to explore freely
- Resist the urge to tell your child “how” to play – there is no wrong way to play with a toy as long as it’s safe
- Provide open-ended play materials – materials that can be used in many ways
- Allow for open-ended art experiences with a variety of mediums for art, rather than a step-by-step project

II. Feed your child’s interests

- Watch carefully to see what your child chooses to explore (What materials are he/she choosing to use? What play themes seem to be most common?)
- Allow for extended time with materials/toys; allow opportunities to practice, fully explore and try new experiences
- Add some new materials (rather than replacing old toys) to extend upon previous experiences once your child has had time to fully explore

III. Talk about learning experiences taking place at school

- Pay close attention to information sent home from the teacher regarding activities, interests and learning taking place in the classroom
- Talk regularly with your child about these activities
- Share experiences that take place outside of school with your teacher to help support a home-to-school connection (Email is always a great way for working parents to have communication with teachers.)
- Share any new interests you observe with your child’s teacher

IV. Visit your child’s classroom

- Show that you value your child’s learning by visiting and spending some time in their special learning environment

V. Find joy in learning together

- Observe your child’s world together
- Ask questions together
- Explore and investigate answers together