



Parent Orientation 2022-2023



GGUSD Preschool



The Garden Grove Way

OUR MISSION

To ensure student success, we will provide a rigorous and supportive academic experience that motivates all learners to meet high expectations.

OUR VISION

We are committed to preparing all students to be successful and responsible citizens who contribute and thrive in a diverse society.

SUBGOALS

Goal 1A: Academic Content

Goal 1B: Academic English

Goal 1C: Scholarly Habits

Goal 2A: Motivation

Goal 2B: Socioemotional Well-being

Goal 2C: Climate & Culture

Goal 3A: College & Career Readiness

Goal 3B: College & Career Success

GOAL 1:



ACADEMIC
SKILLS



GOAL 2:



PERSONAL
SKILLS



GOAL 3:



LIFELONG
SUCCESS



Hello!



Cammy Devereux
Skylark Preschool Principal
30 years in GGUSD
20 year Elementary Teacher, TOSA, Elementary
Assistant Principal, Tk-6 VLA Principal,
Preschool Principal





Hello!

Alethea Janocha
Skylark Preschool Secretary
15 years in GGUSD



Welcome to the 2022-23 School Year





“The goal of early childhood education should be to activate the child’s own natural desire to learn.”

—anonymous



Goals of GGUSD Preschool




- Provide high-quality preschool classrooms
- Provide services/resources for Parents
 - Provide child health services
- Provide a safe and healthy learning environment for children




*Preschool
Curriculum:
Big Day
(Language Arts &
Math)*






Educating **and** **Enriching** **the Whole** **Child**

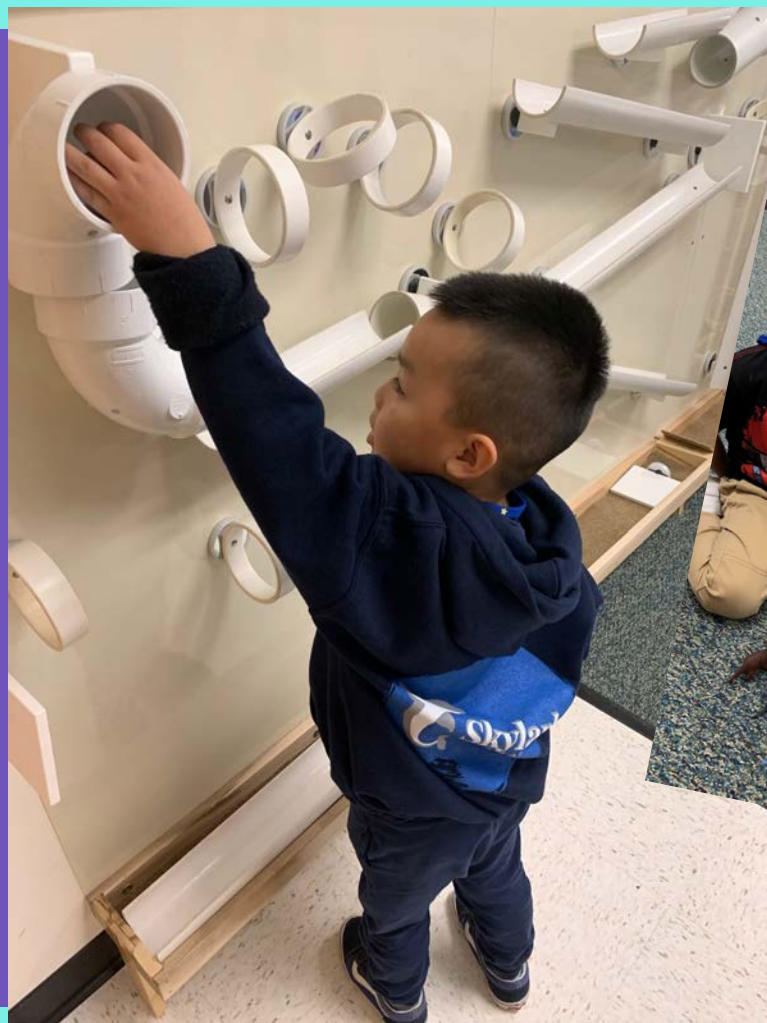


Using developmentally appropriate practices and social emotional learning, we help our preschoolers grow to be independent, creative, resourceful and KIND



STEAM





Art Class



Music & Movement



Spanish Class



Inclusive PE Program

- Young Athletes
- Special Education students and Fee-Based students
- Taught by coaches every week
- Gross Motor Skills
- Social Emotional Skills



Skylark Teachers

- Our teachers are highly qualified
- All of our teachers either have a teaching credential or a California Child Care Permit
- They are required to be involved in ongoing professional development to maintain their credentials and permits so they attend a variety of trainings each year
- 1 to 12 adult/student ratio
- 1 to 24 teacher/student ratio

Quality Start OC

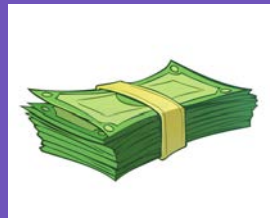
- State quality improvement program.
- 11th year of participation for GGUSD
- 4 and 5 star ratings = HIGH QUALITY
- ALL GGUSD preschool sites have received **High Quality** ratings since we began participation in the program



Funding for Fee-Based Preschool:



- Our tuition
- Garden Grove Unified School District
- Quality Start OC:
California Department of Education
- PTA





Attendance:

- School attendance is the most critical factor contributing to a student's school success
- Beginning in TK/K, students who miss more than 10% of the year (18 days in an entire school year) fall into CHRONIC ABSENTEEISM
- Preschool is the best time to learn good attendance habits





A Message from our Nurses



When is your child too ill to go to school?

When should you keep them home?



- **When to stay home from school with a fever**

- Has a temperature higher than **100.4°**
- Is vomiting or has 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

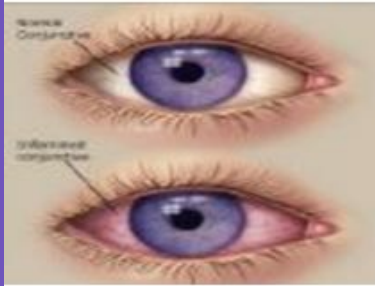
Your child may return to school if:

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





- **When to stay home from school with watery, itchy and red eyes:**
- They also have a fever.
- Drainage or mucous is coming from one or both eyes.
- One or both eyes are crusty.
- He is complaining of discomfort in the eye—many kids say it feels like they have sand in their eye.
- One or both eye lids is swollen.



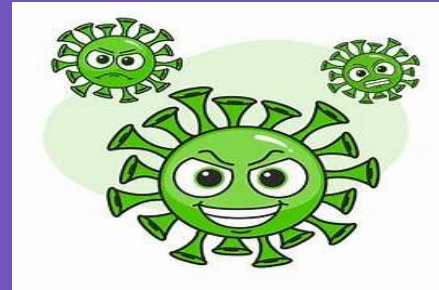


Rash, mouth sores, especially with fever or behavior change, until the physician has determined that the illness is not contagious.



When to stay home from school with COVID-19 symptoms

- The best way to prevent the spread of infection is to avoid exposure to others, especially if your child is showing symptoms of COVID-19.
- Keep your child home if they shows the following symptoms:
 - Fever or chills
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - Fatigue
 - Muscle or body aches
 - Headache
 - New loss of taste or smell
 - Sore throat
 - Congestion or runny nose
 - Nausea or vomiting
 - Diarrhea



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





If your child has lice...

- Use a shampoo with Permethrin as an ingredient



Before school starts, please let us know if your child has:

- A medical condition
- Food or other allergies
- Physical conditions

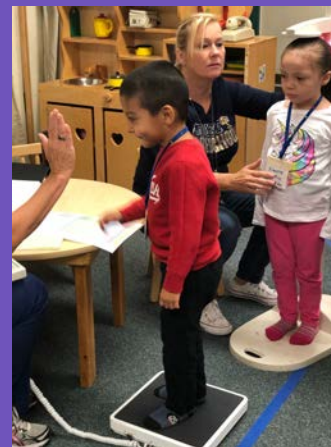




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MASKING

- Not required
- Optional





Prior to the First Day of School:

KinderSmart

- Paperless sign-in/out program
- Download the KinderSmart California App
- Ultimately, you will add anyone that *might* pick your child up from school to your account
- Each approved adult will have a QR code specific to them and their device



Important Items to Remember:



- **Drop Off/ Pick-up** (please be on time to pick your child up from school... late pick up result in charge of \$1 per minute)
- **Birthday/Holiday Celebrations** (please notify your child's teacher if you do not celebrate a certain holiday)
- **Water bottles**- with name, kept in cubby
- **Licensing Regulations** (we are held to licensing regulations and they do surprise visits at least once per year)
- **Parking Lots** (drive by your child's school site before the first day of school to familiarize yourself with where you will be parking to drop your child off...always remember that patience is they key)
- **Policy Regarding Backpacks**
 - NO Backpacks Allowed



First Day of School: 8/15

- *Minimum Day - approximately 1 hour*
- *"Pass to Class" will give details*
- *Only 1-2 Parent Comes with Child*
- *NO Meal will be served*
- *Next day **8/16** is regular schedule*



Tuesday, August 16

- Regular Schedule
- Meal will be served
- We've got this!!! :)



Meal Time!!



- Breakfast, Lunch, Snack
- Beginning of each session
- Every child receives a meal
- Do not send food to the classroom
- Do remind teacher of any food allergies
- Important time for socialization!

Daily Rest & Relaxation Time



- Rest time will last for one hour.
- Please send your child with a tote bag (labeled with name)
- include a small blanket and soft toy or small pillow.





Volunteering



- Each family is requested to provide a volunteer 2 class sessions per month
- Volunteers can be parents, other relatives, friends, etc., but they must be at least 18 years old
- Volunteers help to improve our 1:12 ratio
- Advantages
- Expectations
- Licensing vaccination requirements
- Video





Opportunities



- Monthly Parent Meetings
- Classroom Libraries
- Parent Teacher Association
- Parent Education Classes
- Learning Link
- Parent Conferences
- School Readiness Nurses





Play gives children a
chance to practice what
they are learning

-Mr. Rogers





Dual Language Programs



Monroe, Russell, and Murdy

Luisa Rogers, Director,
English Language Programs

Department of K-12 Ed
Services

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Finishing Up...
Before picking up your
“Pass to Class”,
Make sure you have...



**A current Parent
Square
account**

**A completed
ASQ for your
child**

**Signed up for
KinderSmart
App**



Last Step “Pass to Class”



- The last step in the process
- Starting the week of Aug.8th
- Come by the Skylark Office to pick up

School Spirit Shirts

Preschool t shirts can
be ordered at Skylark:

Short Sleeve

Hoodie w/ zipper

CASH ONLY



Boys and Girls Club of Garden Grove

- Jerica Hinojosa
 - Skylark Site Supervisor
- Sarah Pham
 - Director of Child Development Programs



BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE



Before School
7:00am-8:00am

After School
3:00pm-6:00pm

Engaging activities, physical play, and after-school snack

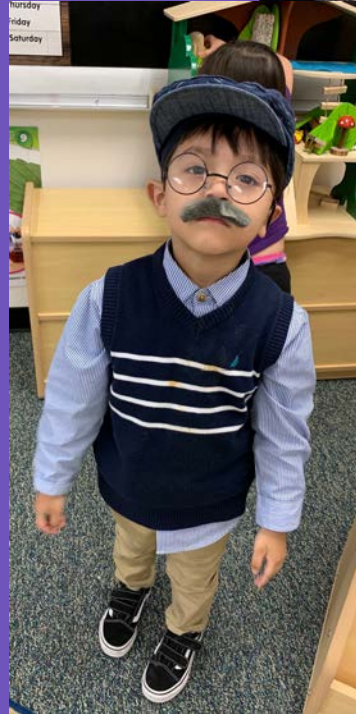
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• Get ready for an
AMAZING year!



Thanks!



Please call our Skylark Preschool
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