

Parent Engagement for Active Child Enrichment



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Recent PEACE Workshops

9/4: Nurturing the Growing Mind Series - A Young Child's Cognitive Development

(Based on Neuroscience Research)

Partner Location: Santa Maria Hostel (SMH)

9/20: Advance You Child's STEM Thinking

Partner Location: Chinese Community Center

10/2: A Young Child's Social-Emotional Development

Location: SMH. (Based on Serve and Return model from: <https://developingchild.harvard.edu/>)

Upcoming Events in 2018

10/12: Nurturing the Growing Mind Series - A Young Child's Cognitive Development

(Based on Neuroscience Research)

Partner: Alief ISD Teen Parents Program

10/18: On-the-go Games and Conversations to Enrich Your Child's Language

Partner: Chinese Community Center

10/25: Nurturing the Growing Mind Series - A Young Child's Literacy Development

(Based on Serve and Return model from:

<https://developingchild.harvard.edu/>)

Partner: Alief ISD Teen Parent Program

11/3: Annual PEACE Conference @ Bayland Community Center, 6400 Bissonnet, Houston.

11/6: A Young Child's Literacy Development (Research-informed strategies)

Partner: Santa Maria Hostel

11/8: Nurturing the Growing Mind Series - A Young Child's Social-Emotional Development

(Evidence-based Strategies)

Partner: Alief ISD Teen Parent Program

11/29 (AM): Nutrition, Health and Safety of Infants and Toddlers (Presentation by a Pediatrician)

Partner: Alief ISD Teen Parent Program

11/29 (AM): Behavior Strategies to Handle Discipline Issues with Creativity and Calmness

Partner: Chinese Community Center

Participate in our Annual PEACE Conference

Conference Title: 'Together We Succeed'

What will you learn?

- ✓ Positive Behavior Approaches and
- ✓ STEM-focused Activities to Advance Academic Success

Who can participate? Parents/Caregivers with their Children

Age range of children: Only 5+ to 12 years of age

When? Saturday, November 3rd, 2018

Where? Bayland Community Center, 6400 Bissonnet, Houston

Register: call 832-415-3088 or Email: pps4peace@yahoo.com

A Conference Workshop Session



Research Informs Us: Parent involvement starts—and ends—with powerful everyday messages.

The link between family engagement and student and school success is well established. Based on conclusions from research on parent involvement by Jeynes, (2011), the parenting style most correlated with student success combines love and support with structure and discipline.

Parental communication of high expectations for learning aren't delivered to their children as thou-shalt-go-to-college proclamations, says the researcher. What should be emphasized in everyday communication from a parent to a child is the value of education, sacrifice, and hard work that children come to internalize as high aspirations for themselves.

Parent-Child Engagement Tips and Activities

- **Build your child's persistence to stay on task and complete the task.**

For example, if your son/daughter is struggling with solving a math problem, encourage your child to try new strategies and seek input from others. When they're stuck, avoid making statements such as, "I was never good at math!" It will not encourage your child to keep trying.

The PEACE mission: To enable caregivers with limited resources to actively engage with their children to enrich their growing minds and prepare them for school and life success.

Why we do what we do?

Research shows that a home environment that encourages learning is even more important than parents' income, education level, or cultural background.

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Book Recommendations

Theme: Self-Directed Engaged Learning

Self-Directed Engaged Learning: “It is through learning that we can realize our potential. As the world changes, so can we, for as long as we live—as long as we learn.”

([Mind in the Making](#))

- The age levels listed below are just recommendations. You are the best judge of which books are appropriate for your child, regardless of age.

* Indicates a Spanish edition is available.

Age range: Infants and Toddlers

Title: *From Head to Toe** **Author:** Eric Carle

Title: *Where's Spot?* * **Author:** Eric Hill

Age range: 3-5 years

Title: *My Five Senses** **Author:** Aliki

Title: *The Snowy Day** **Author:** Ezra Jack Keats

Title: *Miss Rumphius**

Author: Barbara Cooney

Age range: 6 -8 years

Title: *Lemonade in Winter*

Author: Emily Jenkins

Title: *Home at Last**

Author: Susan Middleton Elya

Age range: 9 -12 years

Title: *Rickshaw Girl*

Author: Mitali Perkins

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- **We're All Born With Mathematical Abilities (And Why That's Important)** – Listen to the at National Public Radio interview and report at:
<http://www.npr.org/sections/ed/2017/08/01/530053714/guess-what-were-all-born-with-mathematical-abilities>.

One of the most important math skills that you want your child to acquire from a young age is the ability to estimate quantities. It is predictive of later math achievement.

As you are shopping, while riding in the car, or walking with your child, get your child to estimate.

- ✓ Walking to the store: estimating how many steps it will take to walk from the car to the store
 - ✓ At the store: estimating how many apples/tangerines/berries in a bag/box and coming home to check it
 - ✓ Riding in the car: Have your child estimate the number of traffic lights from point A to B and then count the lights.
- **Persuade your child to work harder to overcome obstacles through making encouraging comments.** It will help to build your child' confidence and self-concept.
 - **Read daily (15 pages a day from books, magazines, etc.).**

When we read on devices we don't linger; we look for the next rush of new information. Set aside some device-free time to spend time reading (yourself) and reading to your child and interacting with him/her! Take the #15Pages Pledge: www.howlifeunfolds.com/15pages/

Investor and philanthropist Warren Buffett says knowledge builds up like compound interest when you commit to reading. He reads 500 pages a day—almost all on paper.

- **Highlight the importance and value of education and the life-long rewards it brings.**

Model for your child your love of learning through reading and engaging in back and forth conversations with your child. Discuss books, relevant news items that grab both your interests, and brainstorming together how to solve a problem.

Padmaja Sarathy, the president of PEACE, who develops these newsletters with research-based parenting tips, is the author of multiple books (www.infinitepossibilities-sped.com).

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