

Preschool connections

1. Write notes to your child.
2. Talk about "taking turns".
3. Catch him/her doing something right and praise him/her.
4. Treat accidents casually.
5. Get to know his/her friends - and the friends' parents.
6. Cook together.
7. Play cards and other games.
8. Plan special outings and adventures together.
9. Participate in school activities.
10. Provide opportunities to pretend.
11. Take fears seriously.
12. Look at the lesson plans and the "Today We..." notes so you can engage in specific conversation about your child's day.
13. Teach simple songs and poems.
14. Read familiar books.
15. Allow your child to make choices, such as what to wear.
16. Involve your child in chores and helping to clean up.
17. Let your child dictate stories to you and write them down.
18. Enjoy outdoor time with your child.
19. Give opportunities for your child to think and learn by doing.
20. Ask "what if" questions.
21. Be supportive of efforts to try new things.
22. Provide encouragement and praise.
23. With mistakes, ask how they might do better next time.
24. Give lots of physical and verbal affection.
25. Use logical consequences for problem behaviors.
26. Keep your sense of humor.