



Growing Green Child Development Center

Parent Newsletter

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Director's Note

How many times have you tried to gather information about your child's day, straight from them? How often do you get a short answer with little to no information included? I'll bet almost every time! Here are a few ways to get the most out of your conversations about school:

- ✓ Ask specific questions. "How was your day" is just too general. It doesn't really hold a lot of meaning to a young child. The best way to get a lot of great information is to ask a lot of good questions. Ask them things like, "What did you have for lunch?" or "Did you like art today? What did you draw or paint today?". Our Let's Share app is a great tool to give you information to work from.
- ✓ Wait until they have a moment to decompress. Think about it from your perspective. If you got picked up each day from work and were immediately drilled about your day, how receptive would you be?
- ✓ Find ways to engage them in preschool activities at home. This will help them make that all important home-school connection. It is a lot of fun for parents. Try buying or checking out books at the library that they may have seen at school. Or if you know what the classroom theme is, plan a field trip to learn more about the topic.
- ✓ Modeling behaviors, language and pretty much everything for your kids is the best way to get them to do what you want. It is a huge part of parenting. Therefore, if you want them to talk about their day at school then tell them about your day while you were apart. Tell them what you ate for lunch, if you met anyone new or even if you learned something new! This type of modeling will encourage them to share with you.

I hope this helps in your daily conversations. Once again, make sure you are checking Let's Share for ideas on how to start conversations or even to share pictures with your child from the day!

Monkey Joe's Night

Wow! What a great night! We had a wonderful turnout of almost fifty children. I loved walking around Monkey Joe's seeing all of those students full of joy. We hope this family activity was both fun and a chance for you to connect with other families. Stay tuned for our next family event in the near future!

Classroom Happenings

Happy St. Patrick's Day to all our little lads and lasses!

