

A stylized, colorful illustration of a landscape. The foreground features rolling green hills in various shades of green, with a dark brown path winding through them. On the left, there is a green tree with a brown trunk, a purple flower with a pink center, and a cluster of orange flowers. A small red bird is flying in the sky above the tree. The background consists of light blue and white wavy bands representing a sky or water. The overall style is flat and modern.

Preschool 2024/25

Jackson Township School District

READY! SET! LEARN!

All About the Program

- Preschool Classroom for 3, 4, 5 year old children.
- Student population embraces an inclusive model - educating and serving the needs of both typically developing preschool children and preschool children with special needs together in a preschool classroom.
- The curriculum design is driven by New Jersey Department of Education's Preschool Teaching and Learning Standards (2014) and facilitated through **Creative Curriculum**.
- Curriculum focuses on four key developmental areas: Cognitive, Language, Social/Emotional and Physical.
- New Jersey State certified teachers, assisted by paraprofessionals

Together We Learn Better!

- *Differentiated Instruction increases student engagement
- *Respect for diversity creates a welcoming environment
- *Opportunities to master skills by practicing and teaching others
- *Fosters meaningful friendships



Curriculum

CREATIVE CURRICULUM

- Research-based framework that embeds unit of studies through center based exploration of learning
- Based on developmentally appropriate topics that students explore with teacher guidance for several weeks
- Units of study will be communicated with families to encourage family involvement

Curriculum

SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL LEARNING

- Social and Emotional Learning will be highlighted daily through Creative Curriculum, Pyramid Model and various resources
- Areas of focus will be: Friendship Skills, Emotional Literacy & Competencies as well as Problem Solving Skills

Curriculum

SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL LEARNING

PYRAMID MODEL

- Framework of evidence based practice to promote healthy social and emotional development in early childhood settings
- Tiered framework provides universal supports to all children with ample opportunity to scaffold skills for those who may need more targeted support within the classroom setting
- Allows for consistency across the classroom and school environment making students feel welcomed, supported and safe



Daily Schedule includes:

- Arrival & Unpack
- Large Group
- Read Aloud
- Gross Motor
- Centers
- Handwashing for lunch
- Lunch
- Handwashing/Bathroom
- Rest/Bathroom
- Music & Movement
- Snack
- Small Groups
- Centers/Gross Motor
- Read Aloud
- Large Group

Classroom Teacher will Review:

Arrival

Bathroom/Handwashing

Lunch

Rest

Snack

SUPPLIES

Change of clothes

Resting sheet and blanket

Pull-ups & Wipes (if applicable)

Water Bottle

Healthy small snack (separate)

****PLEASE LABEL ALL
ITEMS****

HEALTH & SAFETY

Allergies

Medications

COLLABORATION

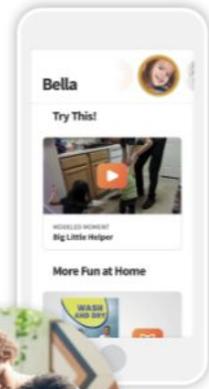
Unit of Study Newsletter

Monthly Calendar

Teaching Strategies Family
App

Teacher Page

Family App



Introducing Teaching Strategies Family

Family involvement in learning is key to your child's success. We want to help you stay connected and support learning at home. The free **Teaching Strategies Family** app will help you support your child's learning. This tool offers two-way communication between school and home; rich, interactive playlists filled with family-friendly activities you can do with your child; and a digital children's library with over 200 titles.

Get **Teaching Strategies Family** for Free Today



How It Works

After you accept the email or text message invitation, each week you will:

1. Watch videos modeling games and conversations that support what we are learning in school.
2. Do the activities with your child and have fun learning together! Mark "We did this!"
3. Share your experiences and expertise with me as I partner with you in your child's journey!

Watch our video!

Make sure to scan the QR code to the right to learn more about Teaching Strategies Family.



English



Spanish



Accept Your Invitation Today!

You will receive an email that says
"Teaching Strategies Family invitation for the family of [Your Child]."

Registration Is Easy!



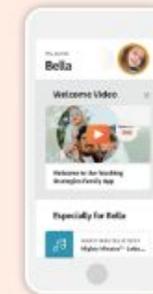
Step 1
Download the free Teaching Strategies Family app.



Step 2
Tap "Get Started Now" in the email or text message invitation to open the app.



Step 3
• Choose your language,
• set a password, and
• tap "Create Account."



Step 4
You are in!
Now you'll receive playlists and activity ideas.

Having trouble getting started?

Check out the [Teaching Strategies Family support page](#) for resources to help you get connected.



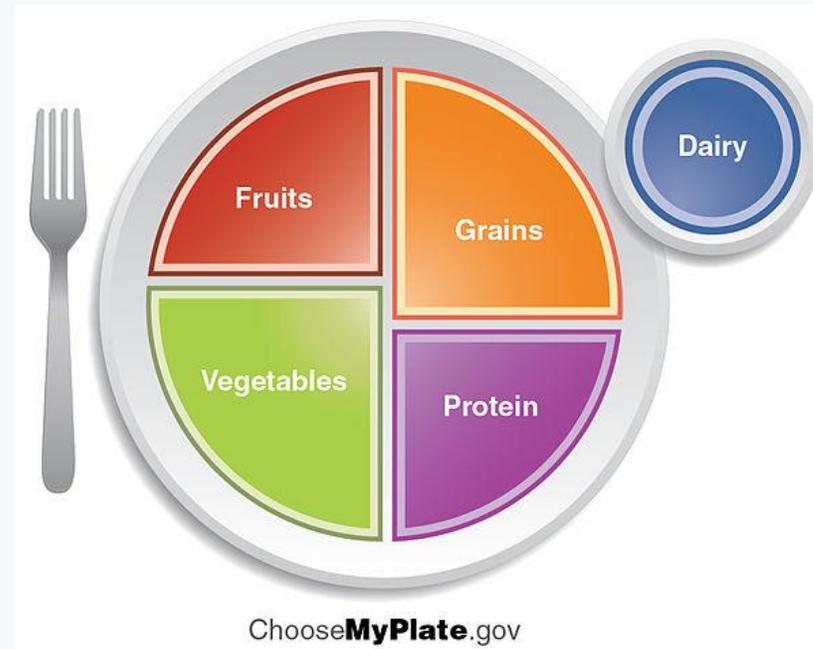
Lunch

“Nutritious meals and snacks are essential for young children's optimal growth and development. The energy provided by healthy foods ensures that children will be ready to fully participate in the day's learning opportunities. During meals and snacks preschoolers learn how to make nutritious choices, discover a wide variety of different foods and develop healthy eating habits.”

-NJDOE

- *See handouts*
- *School Lunch Calendar*

A note on breakfast (advanced notice)





Help Your Child Succeed in Preschool and Kindergarten Build the Habit of Good Attendance

DID YOU KNOW...

Showing up on time every day is important to your child's success and learning from preschool forward.

Missing 10% of school (1 or 2 days every few weeks) can make it harder to:

- Gain early reading and math skills.
- Build relationships.
- Develop good attendance habits.

High quality preschool and kindergarten has many benefits!

- The routines your child develops will continue throughout school.
- Make the most of early grades by encouraging your child to attend every day.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Work with your child and his/her teacher to develop your child's strong attendance.

Talk about it – sing about it – make it an adventure!

- Set a regular bedtime and morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Share ideas with other parents for getting to school on time.

Before the school year starts

- Find out what day school starts and begin a countdown!
- Keep your child healthy and make sure your child has the required shots.
- Attend orientation with your child to meet teachers and classmates and find out about health and safety procedures.

Ready, Set, GO!

- If you are concerned your child may have Covid-19, call your school for advice. Ask for resources to continue learning at home if needed.
- Ask family members or neighbors for assistance if you need help.
- Try to schedule non-Covid-19 medical appointments and extended trips when school is not in session.
- If your child seems anxious about preschool or kindergarten, talk to the program director, teacher, your doctor or other parents for advice.



Review for the First Day

Welcome to Preschool!

We are so excited to welcome you to Crawford-Rodriguez Elementary School. Here are a few things to know for the first few days of school.

Backpack Tags

Please connect the apple backpack tag passed out during orientation to your child's backpack. This will help staffers in the building know your child's name and their teacher.

ID Badges

ID badges must be worn every day.

Lunch

Please send in lunch if your child is not going to purchase it at school. If your child is ordering lunch, please let us know.

Snack

We make time for a daily afternoon snack. Please send in a healthy small snack for your child.

Water Bottles

Please send in a water bottle each day. (This should be separate from your child's lunch drink.)

Take Home Folders

Check your child's folder daily. Notes that require your attention will be placed there along with classwork. You can also use the folder to send notes to school.

Rest Items

Rest items will be sent home to be washed every Friday. Please send them back on Monday.

Family Photos

If you haven't already done so, please email a family photo for our Family Wall. Seeing your beautiful faces makes the day a happier one!

TS Family App

Please sign-up for TS Family App using the invitation sent to your email. This is the platform I'll be using this year to share photos, stories, reminders and other information about what we're learning each week. Additionally, study related activities will be shared.

Communication

I am best reached via email cmcgrath@jacksonsd.org or via messaging on the Teaching Strategies Family App.

Additional Supplies

- Book bag labeled with your child's name (Please make sure a folder will fit inside.)
- Complete set of extra clothes for the classroom (Please label with your child's name.)
- Diapers/pull-ups and wipes if your child is not potty trained
- We can ALWAYS use tissues for the classroom as well!

Please label items!

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