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Dates To Remember

Mar.27- Mar.31 - No School, Spring Break

April 3- Program resumes

April 13- No School, P.D. Day

April 14- No School, Good Friday Holiday

April 17- No School, Easter Monday Holiday

April 28- No School- Staff Planning Day



The Grade 10 Drama Class from the high school came and put on a puppet show for our children! They did a series of mini skits with their puppets. The children had an absolute wonderful time, lots of giggles were heard!! 😊



Teaching Basic Concepts for Early School Success!

Basic concepts are words that depict location (such as up/down), number (such as more/less), descriptions (such as big/little), time (such as old/young), and feelings (such as happy/sad). Children's understanding of basic concepts is important for early school success.

Why are basic concepts important?

Basic concepts help build pre-reading and early mathematics skills, strengthen a child's vocabulary, and are building blocks of early curriculum.

What basic concepts should a child know?

Listed below is a sampling of concepts a child should know between the ages of two and a half to five years of age.

On/Off	Same/Different	Happy/Sad	Full/Empty
Loud/Quiet	Old/Young	Tall/Short	In front of/Behind
Up/Down	More/Less	Top/Bottom	Above/Below
Big/Little	All/None	Front/Back	High/Low
Hard/Soft	Over/Under	Hot/Cold	Middle

What can I do to teach my child concepts at home?

Try playing "I Spy." Use the early developing concepts in your clues. You could say, "I spy something that is empty." "I spy something that is in front of the door."

When talking about *spatial relationships and positions* (where things are), try not to show the child by pointing or gesturing. Use more descriptive words such as "below," "behind," "on top of," "in front of," and "above."

Have your child help you clean up the dishes after supper. Ask them to "Put the spoon in the glass", "Take the big bowl to the sink."

Basic concepts are the building blocks a child needs to have success in school and in everyday life. Use these words often and every day.



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