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A School Readiness and Parent Education Program

Gearing Up for Kindergarten is a **parent and family education** program supporting child development, school readiness and healthy parenting. *Gearing Up for Kindergarten* combines preschool learning activities for children as well as educational opportunities for parents.

Entering kindergarten is a major transition in the life of a child and his or her parents. Kids need to be ready for school. This program prepares **parents and preschoolers** for entry into elementary school and sets the stage for success in school.

The program includes:

- ✓ Classroom environment with parent, teacher, and preschooler
- ✓ Preschooler works on social skills (sharing, taking turns and not interrupting, vocabulary, etc.)
- ✓ Parent education on the importance of reading, children's developmental stages, and age appropriate activities to make and take home weekly, school policies
- ✓ Great materials on the importance of the parent role in children's school success

As a parent, are you wondering....

- Is my child ready for kindergarten?
- Why is it important to read to my child?
- How can I make a difference in my child's education?
- What kinds of activities can I do with my child to prepare for kindergarten?

Questions a preschooler might have ...

- I wonder what it feels like being in a classroom?
- What does the teacher expect of me?
- What do I do in the classroom?
- Are there rules?

The 5 week session begins Thursday, March 14th from 6:00-7:30pm

All students registered for kindergarten this coming school year and current Oak Grove Pre-K students that meet kindergarten entrance dates are asked to please join us for Gearing Up.

Your child can be joined by any adult that will be a part of their school success. **You will be receiving a registration form that will need to be filled out and turned in to the Elementary Office no later than February 28th. Please return the form even if you are unable to attend all of the Gearing Up sessions.**

Gearing Up sessions will run on Thursday's from 6:00-7:30pm on the following dates:

March 14, 21, 28, April 4, 11,

**March 14th will begin at 5:30 so we may enjoy
Pizza with the President!**

Classes are FREE – FREE childcare is also provided!