



Merced City School District

Workshop Description



I. Parent Education

Listening to Your Child Read

This workshop shows parents who don't read can help their children with reading at home by establishing the right atmosphere, creating excitement about reading, and offering positive comments to reinforce reading activities. Listening techniques such as how to listen before the child reads, while the child is reading, and after the child has read will also be addressed.

Oral Language Development

Oral Language is very important in school. What you do with your child is very important in supporting their success in school. This workshop is designed to help parents develop oral language skills with their children. Table Talk, a research-based strategy, using simple evaluating and prescribing questions will be demonstrated. The skills learned are vocabulary development, thinking skills, self-esteem, respect, and creating a supportive environment.

Study Skills

"Study Skills" is one of the programs that has been designed and developed by the Merced City School District, under the Title I fund for disadvantaged students. This program has been presented to parents through training in their primary languages. This is a very effective program because it supports and builds the role of parents, assuring that they know the needs of their children.

Foundational Family Math (K-3)

This workshop is developed to remind parents that math is in our lives daily. Parents will learn that math concepts can be acquired in other ways besides working with numbers. Parents will gain useful ideas to implement with their children at home. Engaging math games that enhance learning mathematical concepts will also be introduced. Math concepts are aligned to the district math standards.

Foundational Family Science (K-3)

This workshop offers a unique hands-on experience on some science concepts at the elementary level. Parents will learn the difference between the Scientific Method and the Engineering Method. The activities demonstrated at this workshop are creating a loop plane, balancing nails, making a Cartesian diver, constructing a truss bridge, building a balloon powered-car and much more.

School Attendance Workshop

This informative workshop educates parents that student attendance in school not only is important, but it's the law as stated in Education Code Section 48200. Parents will learn the difference between excused and unexcused absences. After how many unexcused absences will the child be referred to the Merced City School District School Attendance Review Board (SARB). SARB procedure will also be explained.

What is PBIS?

Merced City School District implements PBIS (Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports) to promote a positive culture for engagement that honors all persons, so that they may experience success in school and in life.

II. PASSport to Success*

Module 1: Parent Attitude

The focus of this workshop is to form a helping attitude regarding student learning. The purpose is to develop an understanding of the role of attitude in becoming a learning facilitator. The skill learned in this workshop is to condition yourself to make a difference in your child learning.

Module 2: The Home Environment

The focus of this workshop is to convert part of the home into a study environment. The purpose is to learn what needs to be done to transform a place in the home into a study area for your child. The skill learned in this workshop is to design a "Special Study Area" for your child.

Module 3: Study Skills

The focus of this workshop is to develop Concentration, Listening, and Time-Management Skills (COLT) as building blocks to effective learning. The purpose is to acquire knowledge about COLT and its impact on learning. The skill learned in this workshop is to plan ways to help your child concentrate, listen and manage time in class.

Module 4: Homework and Learning Expeditors

The focus of this workshop is parents' role with homework and learning expeditors (such as teachers, textbooks, other students, and computers.) The purpose is to learn about the part homework plays in learning and the role of parents in homework, and understanding how learning expeditors can be used to promote learning. The skill learned in this workshop is to help a child get the most out of homework and show a child ways to learn from teachers, textbooks, other students, and computers.

Module 5: Note-Taking Skills

The focus of this workshop is to learn how to take notes and organize information. The purpose is to develop an understanding of note-taking in the classroom and organizing information. The skill learned in this workshop is to guide a child in learning several techniques for recording and organizing information.

Module 6: Preparing for Tests

The focus of this workshop is to prepare for tests in the classroom. The purpose is to become familiar with strategies for helping a child prepare for tests. The skill learned in this workshop is to help a child to prepare for tests.

Module 7: Memory and Thinking Skills

The focus of this workshop is to teach memory improvement and thinking skills at home. The purpose is to examine techniques for improving one's memory; becoming familiar with thinking and problem-solving skills. The skill learned in this workshop is to acquaint a child with useful memory enhancement devices; stimulating a child's thinking skills.

Module 8: Reading Skills

The focus of this workshop is to improve a child's reading skills. The purpose is to learn how to become a reading facilitator. The skill learned in this workshop is to teach a child techniques for reading improvement.

III. Parenting Academy

Ages and Stages

All children progress through general stages of development at their own pace. Progression through these stages enables the child to make sense of their world. This workshop explores those stages of development that include social, emotional, physical and cognitive growth. The specific ages and developmental stages each child experience from birth through middle childhood.

Discipline and Guidance

Parents gain knowledge in positive discipline techniques that promote changing undesirable behavior in their children. An emphasis in understanding child behavior is a major goal for this workshop. All participants will develop discipline strategies that will best fit their families.

Mysteries of Adolescence

Parenting a teenager and what it means to be a teen are topics of this workshop. Parents learn how to develop respect and responsibility.

How to Raise Emotionally Healthy Children

Workshop participants will learn the five critical needs that are essential to children's emotional health. When parents recognize their importance and become knowledgeable as to how to satisfy them, they can develop an effective and consistent approach to parenting.

Internet Safety

Technology is all around us. Information is only a click away. However, excessive and misuse of this tool may have an adverse effect on children. Workshop participants will learn the (negative) impact of internet usage on children and their grades. Strategies on how to keep children safe when they are online will also be shared.

Suicide Prevention (What Every Parent Should Know)

We've heard of the saying, "The squeaky wheel gets the grease." However, that is not always true when speaking about mental health. Sometimes, the person needing the most help is the least vocal. Workshop participants will learn about Risk Factors, Protective Factors, and Warning Signs of youth suicide. Strategies on how to prevent youth suicide will also be shared.

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