

Pacifica School District PK-3rd Grade Alignment

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We received **Close the Gap PK-3 Grant** from **First 5 San Mateo County** and **Silicon Valley Community Foundation**.

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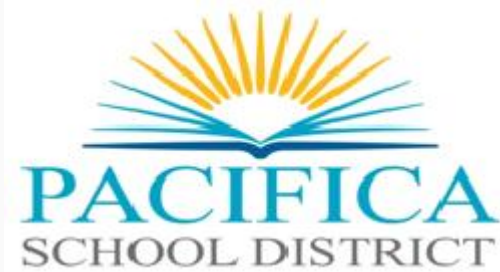


Close the Gap PK-3 Grant supports work to expand alignment of preK-3rd grade:

- Leadership Team will meet 4-5x/yearly
- Reflecting on kindergarten readiness assessment data, Leadership Team will analyze and share findings with the Early Learning Partner Network (ELPN).
- ELPN gatherings twice yearly to share, celebrate, network and provide Professional Development (PD) in targeted areas.
- Provide teacher specific PD 4x/yearly (2x/ELPN gathering and 2x/at PSD) based on areas of need established.
- Public and private preschool partners will be invited to TK/K PD.
- District and School Administrators will attend SVCF Early Learning Leadership Academy 3x/2017-18 school year.

Close the Gap PK-3 Grant supports work to foster collaboration between preschool partners and PSD TK/K in the following ways:

- Implement a buddy system between PK and K classrooms to help foster smoother transitions between grades.
- On-site preschool staff, families and students will be included in site specific activities and events when appropriate.
- On-site preschool staff will be invited to staff meetings and events when appropriate.



Kickoff to Kindergarten 2017

- The Kickoff to Kindergarten program is set to run June 20th-July 14th.
- There are 5 classrooms at 4 sites (Cabrillo, Ortega, Sunset Ridge and Vallemar).
- Nearly 100 children registered to start kindergarten in PSD this fall are enrolled.
- Priority has been given to children with little to no prior preschool experience.
- Mandatory Parent Orientations include a parent education component.



- Introducing the Ready4K texting program, a K-readiness texting program with easy tips for parents, to Kickoff to Kindergarten families this summer.
- Ready4K enrollment forms will be included with registration materials for all incoming TK and kindergarten families for the 2018-19 school year.



What is Ready4K?

“Developed by educational researchers, Ready4K is an evidence-based text messaging program for parents of newborns, 1-, 2-, 3-, 4- and 5-year-olds provided at no cost. Each week, you will receive fun facts and easy tips to boost your child’s learning. Ready4K activities build on the things that you already do with your child -- like getting your child dressed, mealtime, and bathtime -- to make boosting your child’s learning fast, fun, and easy. The research behind Ready4K shows that receiving fun facts and easy tips can significantly increase children’s learning.”

Thank you!