Pre-k Fair Toolkit

The tools included in this kit can be used for a "Prekindergarten Fair" in which the goal is to provide a space for families, students, and community members to experience prekindergarten learning.

Depending on this size of your district/charter, this event can be a district-wide event or an event that takes place at several campuses throughout your district/charter. You could do this in a station format throughout the school or it could be stations set up in a larger area (cafeteria, gym, etc.). The idea is for families to experience what their child will experience in a prekindergarten classroom.

Suggested activities are included to help get your event started. Think of each group as a "station" if that is the format that is decided.

**TIPS:** You will want to be sure that there is a staff member at each station that can speak to what children are learning through the activities. Remember to use the help of pre-k parent ambassadors. Provide a guide for each station so that the person assigned will have some guidance as to what pre-k learning is happening within the activity. *Provide translators that can provide information to families in their native language.

What’s included:

- **Suggested Activity Station Cards** (Use these when planning with school staff. Assign staff members a station. They would then be in charge of deciding on activities and gathering materials for their station)

- **Pre-k Fair Station Signs English and Spanish** (Pre-made signs are included for each station)

- **Pre-k Fair Sample Flyers English and Spanish** (Pre-made flyers are included for advertising the event.)
Suggested Activity Station Cards
For School Personnel

**Library Station**

- **Self-select Books:** Allow families to select books and sit with their child to read.
- **Read to a Puppet:** Provide puppets and encourage children to read to a puppet.
- **Big Book Reading:** Have a big book placed on an easel/big book stand and encourage families and children to use a pointer to read the book.
- **Story Time:** Schedule story times every so many minutes throughout the event.

**ABC Station**

- **Magnetic Names:** Provide magnetic letters and magnet boards/trays and have families help their child to form their name using the letters.
- **Name Puzzles:** Have families write the child’s name on a sentence strip twice. Cut letters apart from one name card. Letters are mixed up and families help child put the name back together using the other name card as a guide. Provide small baggies or envelopes for the family to take the activity with them.
Suggested Activity Station Cards

Math Station

- **Number Puzzles**: Provide number puzzles for families to work on together
- **Number Hunt Sensory Game**: Hide numbers in a tub filled with a sensory material (i.e. rice, sand, straws, etc.). Provide number mats for children to match numbers as they find them.
- **Sorting Buttons Game**: Provide a tub of buttons of various shapes, colors and sizes. Provide sorting mats for families to sort the buttons by shape, color or size.

Science Station

- **Observe Natural Items**: Provide trays of nature items (i.e. rocks, leaves, acorns, plant parts, etc.) and hand lenses. Encourage families to draw what they observe on blank paper.
- **Exploring with Weight**: Provide balance scales and items for families to explore with weighing objects.
- **Ramps**: Using simple ramps made out of cardboard, families can explore with different objects to see whether they roll/slide or which object travels further down the ramp.
Suggested Activity Station Cards

**Dramatic Play Station**

- **Puppet Show**: Provide puppets and a puppet theatre so that families can make a show.
- **Make a Craft Stick Puppet**: Provide materials for puppet making such as craft sticks, chenille stems, feathers, googly eyes, markers, etc.
- **Set up an Example Dramatic Play Center**: Using the actual dramatic play furniture from a classroom set up model dramatic play center that has been converted into a pet shop, grocery store, doctor’s office, etc. Allow families to explore what children would be learning in that center.

**Art/Creativity Station**

- **Easel Drawing**: Set up several easels with large paper. Families can draw together using crayons, markers, and chalk.
- **Create**: Provide a variety of materials for families to just be creative. Examples include: paper, foil paper, chenille stems, ribbon, twigs, rocks paper plates, rubber bands. Include recyclable materials as well.
Suggested Activity Station Cards

Blocks Station

- **Build**: Set out a variety of building materials on a table or carpeted area. Encourage families to build together.
- **Community Map**: Make a community map on a large shower curtain or butcher paper. Include logos of businesses within the community. Provide small cars that can be used to “drive” through the community.

Writing Station

- **Book Making**: Provide blank paper and blank paper-made books so that families can make a book.
- **Sand Writing**: Provide trays with sand for families to practice writing letters, names, etc.
- **Fine Motor Activities**: Provide activities that require the use of fine motor skills such as using tweezers or tongs to move items from one bowl to another.
Suggested Activity Station Cards

Health & Wellness Station

- **Brushing Teeth**: Set up trays with laminated teeth mats and toothbrushes. Families practice brushing the “teeth” by dipping the toothbrush in water or shaving cream. A sensory tub could also be used for this and ice trays turned upside down could be the “teeth”.
- **Nurse**: The school nurse could also be at this station in case families have questions for him/her.
- **Cafeteria Practice**: Allow families to practice going through the cafeteria line with their child. Cafeteria staff can be a part of this station and help with explaining the cafeteria procedures.
- **Hopping game**: Set up poly spot markers in a circle. Families must hop on each spot to travel around the circle.

Family Engagement Station

- **Event Information**: Share information about specific district-wide or school events.
- **Volunteer**: Share information about volunteering in the district/school and have sign-up sheets available.
- **Hobbies/Talents**: Solicit information about families’ hobbies and/or talents. This information can be valuable to use during the school year for events and/or highlighting families in newsletters.
Suggested Activity Station Cards

Registration Information Station

- **Questions**: Have staff available at this station to answer any questions pertaining to registration. Office staff would be a great support for this area.
- **Visuals**: Consider having large visuals of sample documents that are needed for registration.
- **Flyers/Handouts**: Provide handouts with information about registration that families can take with them. Make sure information is in family friendly language.

Routines & Procedures Station

- **Job Chart**: Have a sample job chart displayed to explain to families how the job chart is used in the classroom.
- **Daily Schedule**: Display a sample daily schedule chart with pictures to explain the importance of having a daily schedule in the classroom. Talk about how it is used throughout the day.
- Highlight any other common routines that happen in your prekindergarten program.
Library Station
Pre-k Fair Station Signs

Estación de biblioteca

Early Childhood Education Division
Pre-k Fair Station Signs

Estación de letras

Early Childhood Education Division
Science Station
de ciencias
Estación
Dramatic Play Station
Pre-k Fair Station Signs

dramático    de juego

Estación
Art & Creativity Station

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Estación de arte y creatividad

Estación de arte y creatividad
Writing Station
Health & Wellness Station
Pre-k Fair Station Signs

Estación de bienestar

De la salud

Early Childhood Education Division
Pre-k Fair Station Signs

Family Engagement Station
Pre-k Fair Station Signs

Estación de participación familiar

Early Childhood Education Division
Inscripción

sobre

Información

Estación de
Pre-k Fair Station Signs

Routines & Procedures

Station
Estación de rutinas y procedimientos
Prekindergarten Fair!

Come see what learning is all about in pre-k!

Date: 
Time: 
Location:
Feria de Prekínder

re corrido de salones!

hora de cuentos!

juegos!

información sobre inscripciones!

¡Acompáñenos para ver y experimentar el aprendizaje en prekínder!

Fecha:
Hora:
Lugar:
Discover Pre-k!

Come see & experience what learning is all about in Pre-k!

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