



Dear Families,

Congratulations on your decision to enroll your child in a high-quality preschool program! We know that you and your child are in for an exciting year ahead! As you begin your preschool year, we wanted to let you know that your preschool is part of a unique, countywide effort called The Big Lift. The Big Lift is a partnership between the County of San Mateo, the San Mateo County Office of Education, and the Silicon Valley Community Foundation. The Big Lift's goal is to help children get ready for kindergarten and improve third grade reading proficiency in San Mateo County.

The Big Lift is making a commitment to ensuring that children in San Mateo County receive high-quality preschool experiences. We are working closely with your preschool, your local school district, and community organizations to give all children the opportunities and resources they need to thrive. As a family enrolled in a program that is part of The Big Lift, you will have access to a unique set of services and resources:

Preschool Services

- Your preschool program is working toward achieving a set of nationally recognized early learning standards
- Your preschool teachers are participating in training and coaching with highly qualified early learning experts
- You will receive information at least twice a year about your child's individual learning and development
- Your family will have access to the Raising a Reader literacy program, which includes rotating books for home and interactive parent workshops
- Your family will get reminders and resources to help your child attend school regularly

Summer Learning, Attendance, and Family Engagement

As The Big Lift and your child grow, you will be able to access additional services in your community!

Your family will also be able to take advantage of all of the following:

- Help with the transition to kindergarten
- High-quality summer learning programs to help prevent summer learning loss
- Family engagement and support opportunities
- Additional resources to help your child attend school regularly

We are thrilled to welcome your family to the first year of The Big Lift and look forward to partnering with you to improve your child's education. If you have questions about The Big Lift or would like to find out more, please visit www.thebiglift.org

Sincerely,

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