This year’s class of more than 1,300 Preschool Promise children are learning to love school! Nearly 2/3 of families are participating in Star Attendance, earning a $25 stipend every month their child has a 90% or better attendance rate.

How we’re doing on the 3 pillars of the Preschool Promise

EDUCATING THE COMMUNITY:

- Now in its second year, the Preschool Promise Parent Ambassador program has 11 Parent Ambassadors, representing 10 programs.

- Preschool Promise challenged other Ohio Preschool Initiatives to join the Baby Shark Challenge as a fun way to spread the word about the importance of early learning. Our Baby Shark video had more than 12,000 views on Facebook!

- Preschool Promise spoke at the United Rehabilitation Services Telethon.

- Greater Dayton Premier Management invited Preschool Promise to join with it at DATV to produce a spot highlighting our partnership.

EXPANDING QUALITY:

- More than 250 Preschool Promise administrators and teachers are enrolled in at least 1 of 5 nine-month-long Professional Learning Communities to improve their skills; this represents more than half of the staff in Preschool Promise classrooms.

- Almost 150 teachers and community leaders and partners have taken training in recognizing and eliminating implicit bias.

- All Preschool Promise staff and Dayton Public Preschool teachers and assistant teachers attended implicit bias training.

- In response to data showing that boys are not making sufficient gains in Preschool, we partnered with the authors of Wired to Move to create a new PLC around making classrooms more boy-friendly. We’re also providing teacher workshops on the topic.

- Over 1,800 hours of coaching were provided to childcare providers in their classroom to improve teaching practices.

- Between August and December 2018, 6 Preschools increased their Star Rating under Ohio’s Step Up to Quality initiative.

What Preschool Promise families say:

My son loves his Preschool Promise school. He loves the environment.
ASSISTING FAMILIES:

- We’re making it easier for families to join Preschool Promise by continuing to improve our online application.
- We’re working with a team of teachers to create parent-friendly attendance materials that are customized for different types of Preschool programs.
- Our public school partners are distributing Preschool Promise applications in their enrollment packets.

WHAT WE’RE LEARNING:

- Families prefer communications via text.
- Families love receiving our thrice-weekly Ready4Kindergarten text message tips.
- Our monthly postcards with tips on how to keep children learning at home are a hit.
- Preschool Promise young learners are excited to get a birthday card from us, complete with a pass to the Boonshoft Museum of Discovery and other freebies.

What Preschool Promise families say:

My Preschool Promise experience is perfect.

I think the Star Attendance program is amazing.

Thank you for your generous support of the Preschool Promise!