

preschool PROMISE

Quarterly Highlights October–December 2019



More than 1,450 children are enrolled in Preschool Promise! An additional 75 children were enrolled mid-year.

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

EDUCATING THE COMMUNITY:

- Preschool Promise participated in the **United Rehabilitation Services Telethon**.
- **Over 50 partners** attended the Preschool Promise Community Partner Appreciation Breakfast.

EXPANDING QUALITY:

- **More than 150 teachers** at Dayton-based Preschool sites have applied for a Promise Stipend — a reward for remaining at the same program and in the same classroom, supporting our Book of the Month initiative, and for having a **90% or better attendance rate** themselves for the school year.
- **Over 250 teachers** have received intensive and specialized training this Fall around Conscious Discipline, Quality Through Curriculum and more.
- **Almost 200 early childhood educators** are participating in Professional Learning Communities, including around creating **boy-friendly** classrooms.
- **Nearly 200 teachers** participated in workshops this fall.

ASSISTING FAMILIES

- **Preschool Promise began a new innovative attendance campaign** — we're sharing attendance tips with families and providing teachers fun resources.
- All children are receiving a **free book every month** to keep them learning at home.
- **Preschool Promise partnered with Dayton Children's Hospital** to host a 'picky eaters' class for families in their Community Kitchen.

What Preschool Promise teachers say:

'We're blessed to have such an awesome coach.'



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WHAT WE'RE LEARNING:

- Preschool Promise teachers are showing amazing commitment to professional development. **Over 150** teachers and administrators attended 6 Saturday sessions this Fall to improve their practice of Conscious Discipline.
- We are reinforcing **professional development** with on-site coaching to help teachers adopt the new practices they're learning.
- We're emphasizing **strong Preschool attendance** as we head into winter when attendance typically falls. We're encouraging families to make sure their children don't miss out on learning with bi-monthly text messages, reminding them that missing just **'2 days a month is 2 much.'**
- We're receiving great feedback about the **Book of the Month** that children receive at home and teachers receive in their classrooms. Teachers are reading it to children at school, which increases the excitement for children when they receive it at home. They recognize the book and ask family members to read it again and again! We're excited to **reinforce learning at home** as we build children's literacy skills.

**What Preschool Promise
teachers say:**

'Thank you for always supporting me with resources and new ways to create a more meaningful, engaging environment that helps my children really think, think, think.'

