



It's your Home Visit day

Here's what to expect



HOPES AND DREAMS

Your child's teacher will ask you about your hopes and dreams and your goals for your child this year. Think about these: what would you like your child to learn about this year? How do you want your child to feel about going to school this year? What do you hope your child will be able to do by the end of the year? What expectations do you have about how your child will experience school? You will be receiving a lot of information this day, so please do not hesitate to ask the teachers to walk you through it all slowly.

INCLUDING YOUR CHILD

Invite your child to be with you at the Home Visit, but don't worry if your child chooses not to talk with the teachers right now. Your child's teachers will work hard to build relationships with you and your child, and that can take time. The purpose of the Home Visit is to begin these relationships and so that your child can observe how you and the teachers work together.

FOCUS

Expect the Home Visit to last about an hour. The teachers will ask you to complete a screening form called the DECA, which will help them get to know your child's strengths and goals in Social and Emotional development. The teachers **may** also complete another screening form called the Denver, which is a look at your child's general development. These forms are used to help the teachers create lesson plans specifically to support your child. If the teachers do not complete the Denver at the Home Visit, they will do so at school within the first 10 days of your child's attendance.

TIMING

The teachers will suggest some possible at-home activities to support your child in meeting the goals, hopes and dreams you have described. The teachers may also tell you that they will follow up with more specific ideas and activities within 2 weeks. Your child's teachers will describe the kinds of observations and tools they use to keep track of your child's development.

ASK QUESTIONS

Please do ask any questions about these activities or anything else you learn about during the Home Visit. Head Start/Early Head Start teachers' goals are to work closely and respectfully with all families, knowing that the partnership is key to all children's success in school.