

Skills Your Child Should Learn Before Enrolling in Elementary School

## The "Three Sprouts"



A Brief Childcare Guide

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Every child's development is different. Give your child(ren) time to learn these skills at their own pace. Try to create an environment where children can learn from examples in their daily lives.

### P Daily Life

- ♦ Living a healthy, safe life
- ♦ Independence and self-care skills
- ♦ Taking care of objects/toys







- **♦** Using social skills
- **♦** Expressing themselves with words
- ♦ Knowing the rules, keeping promises

#### Curiosity & Caring

- Having curiosity for a variety of topics, asking questions about the world around them
- ♦ Having an awareness of letters and numbers
- Expressing own thoughts and feelings

# What You Can Do to Nurture the "Three Sprouts"!

The whole family can work to create a warm environment for your child.

#### Daily Life 🕶

What Y o u ♦ Make sure your child goes to bed early, wakes up early, and eats breakfast.



♦ Enjoy playing outdoors with your child.

Can Do! ◇Praise and encourage your child to do what they can; help with what they can't.

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♦ Teach your child where things go and how to clean up.

**Nurtures Independence** 

#### **Interacting with Others**

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**♦**Listen to your child while maintaining eye contact.

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♦ Have your child help in the house every day with tasks they can do.



♦Set good examples in how to greet and interact with others.

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♦ Set clear definitions of good and bad behavior.



**Nurtures Social Skills** 

#### **Curiosity & Caring**



What You Can

Do!

**♦**Explore your child's questions of "Why?" with them.



♦Discover and encourage your child's strengths and efforts.





**Nurtures Love of Learning** 

#### To Parents and Guardians:

If you have any concerns about enrolling your child in elementary school, please talk with teachers at an elementary school or at certified kindergartens, preschools, or daycare centers. Feel free to use this leaflet as a reference during your talk.



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You can download more materials (posters, pamphlets, cards, etc) on the "Three Sprouts" from the Saitama Prefectural Government website by using this QR Code.



https://www.pref.saitama.lg.jp/f2214/mebae02/index.html

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