

Greeting Dearest Playschool, Preschool and Pre-Kindergarten Families,

Our program partners with a fantastic Oak Park non-profit that benefits the education and growth of young children and their families in our community. This organization, the Collaboration for Early Childhood (aka the “Collab” at www.collab4kids.org), provides resources to early childhood professionals and families in our community regarding training, family and teacher education, and child assessment to name a few.

We participate in the online developmental screening project, which imbeds the nationally recognized [Ages and Stages Questionnaire – 3 \(ASQ-3\)](#) and the [Ages and Stages Questionnaire: Social Emotional \(ASQ: SE-2\)](#) screening tools into our programs.

Families are expected to complete the ASQ -3 and the ASQ: SE-2. Last year, our program as a whole was at a 95% completion rate!

If you have not yet completed this tool, or would like a refresher...

Park District of Oak Park screens children in the fall and spring. It is important that all children are screened regularly (at least every 4-6 months) at this very early age. This allows our teachers to be sure that we are meeting each child’s unique strengths and needs. Routine screening also provides you with the opportunity to periodically take a closer look at all of the wonderful growth and development that your child is experiencing. Frequent and routine screening also helps us to identify and quickly support any developmental areas in which children may need more focused support. Our goal is that, together, we can make sure that all children enrolled at Park District of Oak Park are receiving everything they need to be the very best they can be.

What we can do together:

- You can help us by completing **BOTH** questionnaires. The web links are provided below. The web links will be provided to you at least 2 TIMES PER YEAR, once in the fall and once in the spring of the school year. You must enter the entire link in the URL bar of your browser page. They will not work if you enter them into a search engine bar, e.g. “Google” or “Bing”.
- You will be asked to answer questions about some things your child does and does not do. You will need to complete the ASQ-3 with your child. You may complete the ASQ:SE-2 without your child present. Each questionnaire should take approximately 10-15 minutes to complete.
- Please remember...
 - o Make it fun for your child.
 - o Make sure that your child is rested and fed first.
 - o It is OK if your child “learns” a skill during screening.
 - o Score a skill as “sometimes” if it’s new or if you can still count the number of times they’ve done it.
- If the completed questionnaire indicates that your child seems to be developing without concerns, we will let you know and we will then plan to advance your child’s skills in all areas of development, providing additional challenges in areas of strength.
- If the completed questionnaire suggests that there may be concerns about your child’s development, we will contact you directly to discuss all options; you may wish to have your child’s doctor or another agency conduct a further assessment.
- Information gathered from the screening will be used in planning for each child’s individual strengths and needs.
- All information about your child and your family will be kept confidential. As you enter the online questionnaire you will be able to read the confidentiality statement that will then ask you to indicate that you agree to the terms by pressing the submit button.

If you have questions about your child, we are happy to meet with you at any time to discuss your child’s development. Let us know if you have trouble accessing the questionnaires.

ASQ-3: <https://www.asqonline.com/family/547c23>

ASQ: SE-2: <https://www.asqonline.com/family/6d268b>

Sincerely,
Barb Grooms, ECE Program Supervisor