



Dear Families:

We are very excited to invite you to participate in our program by communicating with us through *Teaching Strategies GOLD™* online! Accurate assessment of your child's development and learning is an essential part of our program because it enables us to plan meaningful activities that match his or her strengths, needs, and interests. To accomplish that, our program uses the online version of *Teaching Strategies GOLD™*, an exciting assessment, reporting, and planning system. It helps us collaborate with you as we follow your child's progress and plan our program.

The *Teaching Strategies GOLD™* family site makes it easy to communicate with you about your child's ongoing development and our classroom activities. We hope you will use the family resources available on this online system. There is no fee for you to use them.

Through the family site, you will be able to

- Use our **messaging system** and **event calendar** to keep in touch with us and stay up-to-date about what your child is doing at school. You will also be able to view our **weekly planning forms** so you will know about both special events and our day-to-day classroom activities.
- View the **documentation** we enter to show what your child knows and is able to do. That includes photos, scanned artwork, and other electronic samples of his or her work and play at school. You can also share your documentation with us by entering it in the system!
- View reports about your child's development and learning. The "**Development and Learning Report**" shows your child's current knowledge and skills and what his or her next developmental steps are likely to be. On the basis of your child's current levels of development, the report also recommends fun activities that are related to our curriculum so that you can support your child's learning at home.
- Prepare for family-teacher conferences by viewing the "**Family Conference Form**" we fill out for your child. During the conference, we will use the information on the form to begin our conversation and together plan ways to support your child's continued development.

To send invitations to use *Teaching Strategies GOLD™* family tools and resources, I need the e-mail address of each adult family member to whom you would like us to give access. Please complete the attached registration form for each person you want us to invite. Then please return it to me.

When we receive your e-mail address, we will send an invitation that can be accepted by clicking on the link in the message. You will be asked to register (at no cost) by selecting a username and password. Once you have registered, you will be able to log in.

You can visit the family site through any computer with access to the Internet. Go to www.TeachingStrategies.com or www.TeachingStrategies.com/gold/parents. When the homepage appears, log in by entering your username and password.

Please feel free to ask us about *Teaching Strategies GOLD™*. I look forward to having this additional resource for partnering with you in your child's education. Thank you for supporting our program!

Yes! Please invite me to the *Teaching Strategies GOLD™* family site!

Please complete this form for your own child(ren) in the program. Include all adults in your family who would like to participate.

Child's name: _____

Teacher's name: _____

Child's name: _____

Teacher's name: _____

Child's name: _____

Teacher's name: _____

My name: _____

My e-mail address: _____ @ _____ . _____

Other authorized adult's name: _____

Other e-mail address: _____ @ _____ . _____

Other authorized adult's name: _____

Other e-Mail Address: _____ @ _____ . _____

Other Authorized Adult's Name: _____

Other e-Mail Address: _____ @ _____ . _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____ / _____ / _____