



frequently asked questions

Galileo® PRE-K PARENT CENTER

Preschoolers are active and continuously engaged learners finding any environment an appropriate place to explore, discover, and grow. This love of learning bubbles over into all areas of a child’s life. A strong partnership between parents and educators may significantly enhance children’s learning and development environments allowing children increased opportunities to thrive at home and in the classroom. The *Galileo Pre-K Parent Center* offers a dynamic tool that supports a family’s engagement in their child’s educational experience.

The *Pre-K Parent Center* offers educators a platform to communicate with families and from which family involvement and engagement in a child’s education can be supported and monitored. Family involvement in a child’s education is an important reporting component for Head Start and Early Head Start programs.

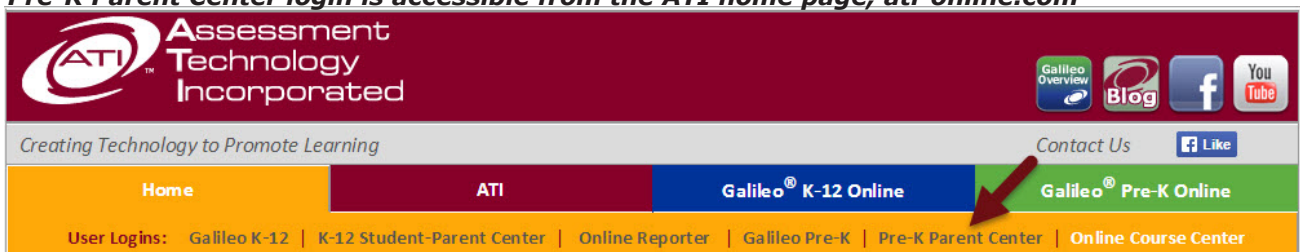
What is the Pre-K Parent Center?

The *Pre-K Parent Center* is a secured area within Galileo Pre-K Online where parents can access up-to-date information about a child’s learning and classroom experiences. The *Pre-K Parent Center* offers a unique way for teachers to communicate with parents regarding their child’s development and to share upcoming activities and lesson plans designed to promote learning. The *Times for Learning* activity library available through the center offers numerous learning activities a parent can use with his or her child at home.

How does a parent access the Pre-K Parent Center?

Accessing the *Pre-K Parent Center* is quick and easy. Parents navigate to the Assessment Technology Incorporated home page, ati-online.com, and click on the *Pre-K Parent Center* link available on the gold Home tab. After entering the login name and password provided by the child’s teacher, a parent will automatically be brought to the *Pre-K Parent Center*, which is available to parents 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Pre-K Parent Center login is accessible from the ATI home page, ati-online.com



How does the Pre-K Parent Center encourage family engagement and foster communication between programs and families?

Through the *Pre-K Parent Center* families can remain continually engaged in their child's education. The Center serves as a platform through which two-way communication is facilitated and family involvement in and monitoring of the child's developmental progress is encouraged.

Through the Center, parents have access to:

- **At-Home Activities:** These activities are designed to facilitate fun educational experiences for families to share with their children. Each activity aligns to one or more of the knowledge areas identified within the *Galileo G3 Assessment Scales*. These activities will help children achieve key capabilities that may increase school readiness leading to a more successful educational path lifelong. Teachers may also post their own custom activities for families.
- **Computer-Based Activities:** Families may access *Storyteller* activities constructed to promote language and literacy development. These developmentally appropriate, computer-based educational activities motivate learning with their rich, multimedia visual and auditory presentations.
- **Lesson Plans:** Teachers may post lesson plans for families to stay up-to-date on what skills the child will be learning throughout the program year. Families may select to print at-home activities which correlate to the knowledge areas the teacher is focusing on each week, creating a holistic approach to their child's learning.
- **Class Notes and Child Notes:** Teachers and program staff can post announcements or notes which can be made available to families of all children in a center, program, or class. Additionally, they may post personal notes to parents which are specific to an individual child. This gives teachers a simple way to stay in touch with the families in their program.

When a teacher posts observations on a child to the *Galileo G3 Assessment Scales* the information is automatically available through *Pre-K Parent Center* reports. This offers a way for families to stay continually updated and involved in their child's progress. Examples of reports include:

- The *Individual Observation Record* worksheet guides parents through observing their children's development at home by providing a checklist to record the new capabilities being demonstrated. These home observations may then be returned to the classroom teacher.
- The *Individual Development Profile Report* outlines what a child has learned and is ready to learn now based on observations entered by the child's teacher and program staff. A parent signature line may also be added to the report.

Can I print a report showing Pre-K Parent Center activity?

Yes. The Galileo Pre-K Online *Parent Activity Report* provides valuable information regarding usage of the Galileo *Pre-K Parent Center* including when and how often families have logged in to the Center. This report can be used by agency administrators when monitoring family engagement activities.

For more information on the *Pre-K Parent Center*, contact an ATI Field Services Coordinator at 1.877.358.7611 or at GalileoInfo@ati-online.com.