



Meet Renuka



Finding a network of support for early learning.

When Renuka of Colonial Park learned about a school readiness workshop in her neighborhood, she knew this was a great opportunity for her daughter, Paridhi.

While Renuka and her husband work, Paridhi spends her days with her grandparents who only speak Nepali.

As a child, learning English is essential for Paridhi to be prepared for kindergarten.

In 2023, Renuka and Paridhi started attending United Way of the Capital Region's **Ready for School, Ready to Succeed** workshops which help prepare children academically and socially for kindergarten.

Within a few short months, Paridhi was learning the English alphabet and socializing with her new friends. The workshops also provide activities for Renuka and Paridhi to complete at home.

Paridhi is now four years old and looks forward to starting kindergarten next year.

"Thank you so much to United Way of the Capital Region for funding the program," Renuka adds. "The program is working because of you."

"Being a mom, it's a pride feeling to see her speaking English with her friends."

- Renuka

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