



H.O.P.E. Preschool NEWSLETTER

Note from the Director

While our children are one of our most precious assets, we are constantly looking for ways to care for and improve their lives. In this age of "no child left behind" let us not be guilty of being so busy that we fail to pay attention to our own children — particularly their educational opportunities. With more and more pressure put on children "these days", there are so many more obstacles out there just waiting to attack them. H.O.P.E Preschool strives to be a positive avenue to enrich our kids at a tender age. We



accept three and four year old children into our preschool program. Although this program is part-time (Tuesday through Thursday 8:30—11:30) we feel that exposure to structure in an educational environment at an early age is essential to the success of children in kindergarten and the grades that follow. While school has the responsibility of teaching our kids, the parents play a vital role in this educational process. Without parents doing their part, the teachers have an even greater responsibility in the absence of the parents. Teachers become mother, father, extended family and wear so many hats that the

hat of teacher is only worn part-time. H.O.P.E endeavors to form a partnership with the parents of the students enrolled. We must nurture these children together. This partnership will allow us to overcome any obstacle that is set before us if we will just work together! Education is more than ABC's and 123's..it is also finding ways to encourage our children to make good choices. We are committed to finding and using the necessary tools to meet the needs of your child and to Help Others Prepare to Excel. Did I tell you this program is free!! Contact, Lia Tate at 501-358-0054.

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ARCH FORD EDUCATION FOUNDATION

HO.P.E Preschool partners with the Arch Ford Education Service Co-operative. Arch Ford provides Early Childhood Special Education Service. These services are activities designed to enhance the development of the preschool child and provide

experiences in one or more of the following areas: talking, seeing, hearing, learning, walking, behavior. The following services are provided as needed at no cost to the family:

- screening, evaluation,
- preschool instruction,

- speech/language therapy, physical/occupational therapy,
- family training, other appropriate services

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Tips for Parents

Children today need all the help parents can provide with regards to getting the most out of our education system. Here are some tips that prove to be assets when assisting children with the education process.

- Value and have a positive attitude about learning
- Set aside time and space for homework
- Form a two-way communication between school and you
- Talk and listen to your children about school
- Make sure your children are well rested, well fed, and healthy
- Know the grade level requirements for your children
- Use the library and other community resources
- Form relationships with your children's school and teachers, and attend school functions
- Set aside family time
- Support your children's school by notifying the school of your willingness to volunteer
- Patiently set limits on behavior and discipline

HOMEWORK...IT'S NOT TOO EARLY!

Homework can have many benefits for young children. It can improve remembering and understanding of schoolwork. Homework can help students develop study skills that will be of value even after they leave school. It can teach them that learning takes place anywhere, not just in the classroom. Homework can benefit children in more general ways as well. It can foster positive character traits such as independence and responsibility. Homework can teach children how to manage time. Homework assignments typically have one or more purposes. The most common purpose is to have students practice material already presented in class. Homework is meant to reinforce learning and help the student master specific skills. Research also shows that par-

ent involvement can have either a positive or negative impact on the value of homework. Parent involvement can be used to speed up a child's learning. Homework can involve parents in the school process. It can enhance parents' appreciation of education. It can give them an opportunity to express positive attitudes about the value of success in school. When mothers and fathers get involved with their children's homework, communication between the school and family can improve. It can clarify for parents what is expected of students. It can give parents a firsthand idea of what students are learning and how well their child is doing in school. H.O.P.E Preschool believes homework simply helps the child master the task. Homework is sent home each Thursday to be returned on the following Tuesday.

Homework...it's not too early!

Have You Heard?

Name that Newsletter!

Here at H.O.P.E Preschool we are excited about the addition of our quarterly newsletter and our webpage "under construction". However, we have not decided on a name for the publication. We are asking you to join with us in making suggestions for a title for the newsletter. Please have your suggestions submitted by July 31, 2008.

You may contact Leona Walton at 501-697-0930 or Lia Tate at 501-358-0054.



H.O.P.E Preschool will start accepting applications for the fall of 2008 on August 11, 2008. To get your application, contact Lia Tate 501-358-0054.

