



# September Newsletter

We want to extend a warm welcome to all our new students and staff. And a very welcome back to our returning staff and students.



We have two new staff members this semester Darlene Reynolds and Veronica Burrows. The returning staff are Georgia DeBerry, Donna Burrow, Jeanette Moore and Amber Ingram This is a very qualified staff, they will make learning exciting and fun for the children.

We are continuing to use HighReach Learning as the curriculum for our Pre-school classes. In each classroom, the curriculum provides materials and activities designed specifically for that age group. The daily learning experience captures and supports the learning of important skills and concepts. Throughout each month, your child will be bringing home materials to keep you up-to-date on what he/she is learning at school. Creative art projects such as painted pictures and collages, child-created books, and decorated puppets are

just a few of the items your child may enjoy creating. Be sure to spend time talking with your child about what he/she is learning at school. You'll be amazed to discover how much your child is learning.



We will have 2 sign-up sheets One if you would like to bring something and a second to know how many to plan for.

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## **AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM**

The evening staff remains the same as last year. Jennifer Pugh. Kryston Ellis Jamie Ewing and Danielle Johnston will plan and create a fun learning environment for the evening program.

## **Up Coming Events for the Center**

In an effort to get to know our parents and have you know each other we are planning several events this year. The first event is a cook-out. The cook-out will be here at the center on Friday evening, September 19th.

## **Volunteering for Success**

Did you know that when parents are involved in their children's education, schools and communities grow stronger? Ask your child's teacher how you can help in the classroom or center. Your involvement will make a difference.

There are several opportunities for you to be involved with your children at the center. You can have a direct input by serving on the Parent Advisory Board. If you are interested in serving on the Advisor Board or would like more information., sign-up at the front desk.

Parents are encouraged to volunteer at the center each semester. If you have a special talent to share or if you would read or have other ideals to share see Mrs. Scott. If you would like to volunteer give your name, the time and day to Angie or Sandra.

## **Parent's Corner**

### **Encourage a love of reading**

Want to get your child hooked on reading? The easiest way is to spend 10-15 minutes daily reading stories aloud to her. Visit your local library for a variety of books—stories, rhymes, picture books, nature books and more. Once you're home, find a cozy spot and snuggle up together.



Another way to encourage a love of reading is to help your child make her own books. Here's how. Fold large sheets of paper in half. Punch two holes along the fold and thread string through them or staple them together. Your child can include drawings or pictures of family, pets, and toys. She can collect pictures of her favorite things from old magazines. If your child wants help writing something on the pages, let her tell you what to write.

We will begin using our "Rolling Library" next week. Checking out books from the library is always an exciting time for the children. The library is a great aid with encouraging the love of reading.