First Steps

* Centered Based Drop-in-Room: Feel free to stop by the First Steps room located at Coffeen School anytime Monday thru Friday 8:00-4:00 on school days when school is in session. The toys and the books in the room are available for fun learning experiences with your child. Also, you may check out books, toys, and magazines when you visit.
* Lending Library: We offer many fun, age appropriate toys and books to be checked out. Your young child’s interest and learning needs are changing rapidly. A lending library is a great opportunity to keep up with these interests. We also have books and magazines for parents.
* Parent/Child Playgroups: This is a great opportunity to see and use the First Steps room. Playgroups give your child a chance to play with other children their own age and also give parents a chance to talk and share ideas with other parents. Playgroups are typically every Wednesday from 10:00-11:00 and take place in the First Steps room. However, from time to time the playgroups will be held at various places around the district.
* Parenting Resource Nights: Throughout the school year, we will offer evening events focusing on critical issues concerning parents. The topics may include discipline, car seat safety, picky eaters, or sleep habits. Please feel free to suggest any topics you would be interested in learning more about or discussing with other parents.
* Home Visits: We offer weekly and monthly home visits. During home visits parents can check out books or toys. This is also a chance to discuss parenting issues and developmental milestones in a more private setting. Home visits are a fun experience for parents and their children.
* Newsletters & Calendars: Monthly newsletters and calendars will be provided to parents who are involved in our program. The newsletters include updates or changing information, community information, and parenting information. The calendar includes important monthly dates and activities.

**All First Steps activities are at NO CHARGE to families. If you are working during the day and want your child to participate in playgroups or visit the room a relative or caregiver is always welcome to come with them☺**

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