

# First Steps Services Offered

- Center based drop in room
- Lending Library
- Parent/Child playgroups
- Parent resource & family fun nights
- Home visits
- Newsletters & calendars



#### **About Us**

Hillsboro Community School District has a treasure that needs to be shared! That treasure is a birth to three program called First Steps. There are many different services offered to families who reside in the district.

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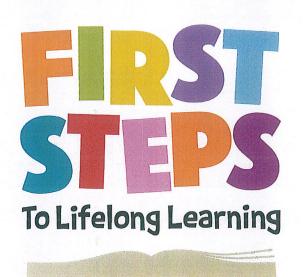
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Check out our Facebook page for updates on events and other information: Hillsboro First Steps

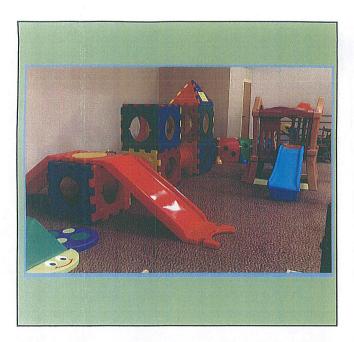




## Hillsboro First Steps

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It is the mission of the First Steps Program to support parents as their child's most important teacher, by providing them with: realistic developmental expectations; opportunities to interact with other parents; knowledge of what is available to them in their community; and reassurances as their child moves through the natural cognitive, social, and emotional stages of childhood.



There are a lot of fun things to do in the First Steps Classroom!

### Center Based Drop-In Room

Feel free to stop by the First Steps room, located at Coffeen School, any time Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:00pm on days when school is in session. The toys and books in the room are available for fun learning experiences with your children. Also, you may check out books, toys, and magazines from our Lending Library 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 Playgroup

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.

Mobile playgroups will be every Monday from 1:30-2:30. (The location will be specified in our newsletter.) Coffeen playgroups will be held every Wednesday from 10:00-11:00 in our First Steps room.

#### **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!



Check out the soft play place that is fun and safe for climbing!

# **Parent Resource & Family Fun 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 sleeping habits. Please feel free to suggest any topics you would be interested in learning more about or discussing with other parents.

# Newsletters & Calendars

Monthly newsletters and calendars will be provided to parents who are involved in our program. The newsletters include updates, changes, and parenting information. The calendar includes important monthly dates and activities.