

READY FOR PRESCHOOL!

Now that school has officially started it's time to get organized, set some rules, review the bus and school rules, and get started on the right foot.

FIGHTING THE PAPER CHASE

- Use a manila folder to keep everything together.
- Read school newsletters.
- Write important dates on your calendar.
- Save important papers in a separate file folder.
- Save important work that your child has done in his own folder.

RULES

- Review the school rules.
- Review the bus rules.
- Set new household rules.

GETTING INVOLVED

- Volunteer in your child's classroom.
- Do the "Take Home Activities" with your child.
- Talk with your child about his day.
- Ask open-ended questions, not yes or no questions.
- Look at school papers together and praise good work.
- Read the newsletters; mark important dates on the school calendar.
- Go to Family Fun Times each month.

CHARACTERISTICS OF THREE-YEAR-OLDS

- Show improved coordination.
- Become more skillful with their hands.
- Are often very active and loud.
- Enjoy giving and sharing.
- Become more cooperative.
- Are very curious which may lead to unintentional destruction.
- Understand simple questions, statements, and directions.
- Ask many questions.
- Like rhythm, repetition, humor, and stories.
- Like to please and seek recognition and encouragement.

CHARACTERISTICS OF FOUR-YEAR-OLDS

- Are noisier, faster, and have stormier behavior.
- Are destructive unintentionally.
- Are more skillful with their hands.
- Are more skilled in motor activities.
- Are often not concerned with other's feelings.
- Are sometimes not very sensitive to praise or blame.
- Like to do "their own thing."
- Are not bothered by occasional frustrations.
- Are emotionally dependent on adults.
- Ask questions constantly.
- Have a great imagination.
- Move from one activity to another.
- Dislike repetition.
- Like dramatization.