

Northpoint Christian School

**JUNIOR KINDERGARTEN
AND
EXTENDED DAY PROGRAM
HANDBOOK**

Dear V.I.P. (Very Important Preschooler)

WELCOME

We are looking forward to being your
Kindergarten and Extended Care teachers this year.

We already love you and your family.

The first week of school we'll have a "Beary" good time!
We might go on a bear hunt or hunt for the Gingerbread Boy
while taking a tour of great Northpoint Christian School !

OUR MISSION

As a Christ-centered college preparatory school,
Northpoint Christian School enables our students to:

- know and honor Jesus Christ
- grow in knowledge and wisdom
- reach their God-given potential

You are each different and so special. Please ask Mama or Daddy to read this poem to you soon:

People Are Different

It is exciting to meet
So many different people
In school.

Some will be tall or short,
Thin or Big,-----_-----

But each child will be
Someone special.

Some children will learn quickly,
And others will learn slowly.
A few will run very fast,
And others will tag behind,-----

But each child will be
Someone special.

Maybe there will be children
In your classroom
Who have a different color skin
Than you have.

Some might be dark or light.
Their hair might be long, short,
Blond, black, brown, or red,-----

But each child will be
Someone special.

Some children will get angry easily,
A few will talk loudly.
Some will talk so softly
You can barely hear them,-----

But each child will be
Someone special.

No two children will be the same.
No one will be exactly like you.
You won't be exactly like anyone else.

There are different children
Where you live
And where you go to church.
Now you will meet many more.

Do you ever wonder why God
Made us so different?
Aren't you glad He did?
Now you can meet 10 or 20 new people.
It will be interesting
To know new people.-----

Each child will be
Someone special.

Jesus loved the little children.
That's why he held them closely.
"Then He took the children into His arms." (Mark 10:16, TLB)

by William L. Coleman, *GETTING READY FOR MY FIRST DAY AT SCHOOL*

NEAT NOTES
ABOUT BEGINNING SCHOOL FOR VERY IMPORTANT PRESCHOOLERS
(mostly for parents)

Understanding **DEVELOPMENTAL GROWTH** and **ACADEMIC SKILLS**:

We feel that it is important that a child be developmentally ready for kindergarten and first grade. His chronological age is a guide, but we must remember that not all children develop at the same rate, and as parents and teachers, we should be ever conscious of this. We feel it is extremely important that a child be developmentally ready for tasks which will be required of him in first grade. A child may be cognitively capable, but not developmentally ready in other areas such as the physical, social and emotional. If he is developmentally young or immature, he would not be able to achieve at his maximum ability level. At the beginning of Jr. K and all through the year, we are constantly evaluating the child's natural cognitive abilities, his experiential background, his academic growth, and his developmental or maturity level.

Four times during the school year you will be given a Skills Check List recording the specific achievements and developmental levels of your child. If we feel that any child needs a "Gift of Time" to grow another year before Sr. K, this will be shared with you. We want to work hand in hand with you in giving your child the best opportunity for having a successful and rewarding school experience.

FEEL FREE TO CALL us whenever you feel a conference would be beneficial to you, and we will do the same. We encourage you to confer with the teacher concerning your child, but please do not do so in his presence. Be supportive and positive in your conversations about your child's school and teacher, and he will be confident and positive also.

The Northpoint Christian School teachers are degreed and dedicated early childhood development professionals with whom you have entrusted the care of your child for a large part of the day. Your child's **ATTITUDE** toward his teachers and school in general will be largely influenced by the **RESPECT** and **DIGNITY** he sees in your comments and conduct toward the teachers and staff.

Language Skills

Language skills should be developing at a rapid rate at this age. Children should be using complete sentences and able to verbally communicate to the teacher and the children in an understandable way. Parents need to encourage verbal communication by allowing them to demonstrate these skills at home. Children learn by example.

ALL ENROLLMENT FORMS for the child must be completed by the parent. Four year olds are required to have a birth certificate, and an immunization record. These credentials are due in **BEFORE SCHOOL BEGINS**. If there has been a delay, contact the child's teacher.

The forms must be in **NO LATER** than one week after the beginning of school. If additional booster shots or inoculations are given, please send us a copy of this, signed by the health care giver, so that our files can remain current.

Pick Up Of Children

PICKUP OF CHILDREN IS CONTROLLED! We monitor pickup through the ENRICHMENT CENTER FRONT RECEPTION DESK. Please send a NOTE if a different person will be coming for your child. Only the people AUTHORIZED on your child's information sheet will be allowed to pick up your child! If the person picking up your child is unfamiliar to our staff, they will be required to show identification (e.g., driver's license or similar I.D.)

Legal Decisions

LEGAL DECISIONS regarding issues of CHILD CUSTODY will be respected. In fairness to parents and children, legal documentation of the rights of each parent is required in order to restrict pickup.

Need Up To Date Contact Information

Let us know immediately of any PHONE or ADDRESS changes (AT WORK, also). If there's an emergency we need to reach you!

Be sure to let us know if there is an emotional disturbance or physical problem that might influence your child's school life and performance. Sometimes we can adjust situations to help.

Accidents - Insurance

The school has no accident or hospitalization insurance on the students. The obtaining of such insurance protection, if desired, is the responsibility of the parents alone. The school will make available at the beginning of the school year accident insurance coverage to provide protection to a student during school hours (with an option available for 24 hours). The school encourages participation in this plan.

IN CASE OF AN ACCIDENT OR ILLNESS TO THE CHILD, THE SCHOOL NURSE/ WORKER WILL PROMPTLY TAKE SUCH REASONABLE MEASURES AS ARE, IN HER JUDGMENT, IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CHILD AND WILL NOTIFY THE PARENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Daily Class Times

PROMPTNESS in bringing and picking up your child is important. The morning classes are from 8:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. and the afternoon classes are from 12:15 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. except on Wednesdays when they are dismissed at 2:40 pm for teacher faculty meetings. Childcare is available in the Enrichment Center from 7:00 a.m. and until 6:00 p.m. each day. Although Enrichment Center Staff may be in the building please do not enter the building until 7:00 a.m.

Children that need (because of parent's schedule) to arrive at school earlier than 15 minutes before classes and/or be picked up later than 15 minutes after dismissal may enroll in childcare in the Enrichment Center and are charged an additional fee for this. (A schedule of fees is available). You may want to discuss your individual situation with the Extended Care Director. Please feel free to do so.

Parents who have Jr. K children enrolled in the Enrichment Center for before or after kindergarten childcare will need to stop by the Reception Desk on MONDAY of each week to pay fees.

ANY CHILD PICKED UP LATER THAN 15 minutes after class dismissal or arriving more than 15 minutes early for class without enrolling in childcare will be charged the "drop-in" rate fee for childcare. Additional late fees will apply for pickup after 6:05 p.m.

If it is necessary for your child to LEAVE SCHOOL OTHER THAN AT NORMAL TIMES, clearance with the Enrichment Center Front Reception Desk must be obtained. Students will be released only to their parents or a previously designated person. Do not go directly to the classroom. Report to the Enrichment Center Front Reception Desk, and the teacher and student will be notified. Students are to be signed out at the Enrichment Center Front Reception Desk. If the child returns the same day, the student or parent should report to the Enrichment Center Front Reception Desk.

Discipline

In the matter of discipline and child management, we want to help the child manage himself in a positive way, always working toward self-discipline and good self-esteem. We respect the individual development of each child. This includes the areas of potty training. We require that each child be *FULLY POTTY TRAINED* before entering our Jr. K program (this includes no pull-ups worn at school). We understand that accidents may occur occasionally. However, if accidents occur on a persistent basis, the situation will be evaluated by the administration regarding their further attendance at Northpoint Christian School.

When we need to help a child with his behavior, we use two basic ways—distraction (redirection) and time out (removal from the group). If these two methods do not work, it may become necessary to confer with the parents. Our teachers will use their best judgment when dealing with the children, understanding that individual personalities and situations require special methods and attention.

All serious discipline problems will be discussed with the parents. (ex. biting, hitting, fighting or any harmful acts towards others.) A parent-teacher conference will be requested if deemed necessary to discuss the best way to handle the situation. If the behavior does not improve, the child may be placed on probation for a 2 week period. At the end of this period, the child will be re-evaluated to determine progress made during this time. Please remember that the Junior-K Program/Extended Day Program at Northpoint Christian School is a school setting not a childcare. Northpoint Christian School reserves the right to dismiss any child if after entering he or she seems unable to participate in a group setting.

Any Enrichment Center student receiving two out of four grades of "N" or "U" on his/her skills checklist or who has received discipline by the faculty or administration for a pattern of three or more major offenses will be placed on behavioral probation with the possibility of suspension or dismissal from school should the behavior not improve.

If your child registers at Northpoint Christian School after the 1st 9 weeks of the school year, he/she will be admitted on a probationary basis. After a week of observation by the teacher and assistants, the decision will be made on whether the child is developmentally ready for the academic program that we offer.

School Property

We strive to maintain the school facilities and property in the most attractive and usable condition, and we expect students to assist in this effort. The parents of any student known to deface or destroy school property will be assessed the full cost of repairs and the student will be subject to discipline. We strongly believe the student should learn to be responsible for his actions.

Dress Code

- Shirts or blouses should have no writing, lettering, or pictures of an objectionable manner.
- All skirts, dresses, culottes or shorts should be long enough to be modest when seated as well as standing.
- Since all students are taking outdoor recesses throughout the year, your child should wear the appropriate clothing, shoes, and coat for the weather.
- Hair must be neat and clean at all times and such that it does not interfere with normal school activities. Boy's hair must be off the collar and a portion of the ear must show.
- Please mark your child's name on all sweaters and jackets.

Activities/Projects

Each **Thursday** we ask that your child bring 25 cents for *MISSIONS*. This is very important in his learning to be caring about other people. Perhaps a note on the refrigerator would help remind.

YOU CAN HELP....

Please send *CAMPBELL SOUP LABELS*.

We buy new playground balls with these each year.

We also collect *BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION* that are found on *General Mills* products.

Please help us collect nature items for science areas, so that we can change displays frequently and keep the area interesting.

Please help us collect recyclable items for art and other projects. Any of the following would be helpful: computer paper, yarn, scraps of ric-rac or any items that you might think safe and educationally useful. We also recycle "Happy Meal" toys for our treat boxes.

Communication

***CALENDARS** will be sent home monthly with important information. Please post these on your refrigerator or bulletin board. The Bible verse being studied each week will be on the calendar. The children are to memorize this verse each week. Please help them each day at home so they will feel good about themselves and be confident when it is their turn to say it on Friday. The calendars will also give the reading sound being studied for the week, the units of study, special happenings, field trips (dates, times, etc.), and parent helps. We think you will find the calendar a great source of information!

***SKILLS CHECKLISTS** will be sent each 9 weeks. This is a copy for you to keep.

***IN TOUCH NEWSLETTER** available weekly at www.ncstrojans.com. The newsletter is also emailed to each family in our database on Wednesday afternoons.

Children will bring their work and notes back and forth between school and home in a folder. Please be sure this folder comes back to school each day. Extended care teachers send home folders once a week.

Occasionally, your child will bring home notices about special school or class activities. Please read them and let your child know that you have. Sometimes messages need to be returned. Be sure that the child knows about the notice and is reminded to give it to his teacher. When money is sent from home, always place it in an envelope with the child's name on the outside, the reason for sending it, and the amount enclosed.

It is very important that money requested be turned in at the **CORRECT TIME** and that forms needing your signature be returned promptly. It saves time when we don't have to call to remind.

When your child has something of real educational value to bring and show, he may do so. Please don't allow him to bring toys of violence. Also, small cars, stuffed animals and cartoon characters are easily lost and must be left at home.

PLEASE UNDERSTAND THAT WE ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR LOST OR DAMAGED ITEMS.

Lunches/Snacks

Lunch is from 11:15 am-12:05 pm. If your child is here during this time they will need to bring a nutritious lunch, high in protein and vitamins. We recommend sending sandwiches, soups, pastas, fruits, and cut up vegetables. A small container of dip could be included. Please send a minimum of sweets. Send hot or cold things in a thermos. You may send a beverage in a thermos, i.e., fruit juice, but milk is provided. Please do not send soft drinks. Cut sandwiches in $\frac{1}{4}$'s. We find that the children will more readily eat the smaller portions. A neat note saying, "I love you and hope you're having a nice day", also adds joy to the members of the lunch bunch.

***A **hot meal plan** is available through the school cafeteria and may be purchased on a semester basis. Order form and payment must be received in advance. Late payments are not accepted. The cafeteria handles all payments and inquiries about the meal plan. These meals are served in the Enrichment Center when the school cafeteria is open. During holidays from school or $\frac{1}{2}$ day dismissals meals are not served and a lunch must be brought from home.

Morning and afternoon snacks are provided and weekly foods prepared by the children and teacher that relate to the units of study.

TREATS AND SNACKS from home may be brought to be shared when there is enough for the whole class. These are especially appreciated when they are related to a sound which they are studying. We suggest that a special snack be sent to celebrate your child's birthday. Please be as nutrition-minded as possible with the special refreshments. A nutritious snack can be made by cutting slices of processed cheese with a cookie cutter! Hearts, pumpkins, etc., can be decorated and become a fun and healthy snack; apples, small oranges, popcorn, pretzels, nachos and dip, fruit juice in different combinations make for fascinating snacks!

PLEASE BE SURE TO CHECK WITH TEACHERS ABOUT ANY FOOD ALLERGIES IN THEIR CLASSES.

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOUR CHILD HAS A FOOD ALLERGY.

Clothing and Personal Items

Let the children dress in play clothes. Sometimes we have spills and do messy things. Be sure removable clothes like sweaters and coats are labeled. Paint smocks or shirts will be provided. Please be sure your child has a sweater or jacket for cool days. Each child in Jr. K must have an extra set of clothing to be left here in case of an accident. This can be an old set of clothes (seasonal, i.e., shorts-summer, pants-winter), easy to fold, and put into an identified zip-lock bag. PLEASE LABEL ALL CLOTHING ITEMS. If an accident occurs please wash & return promptly the following day.

If your child will be attending the Enrichment Center ALL DAY, please send a 1"x19"x45" mat which folds to 10"x19" for compact storage. All mats must be covered with a mat cover for comfort and sanitary reasons. Please also send a **SMALL BLANKET** and if you wish, a **SMALL CRIB SIZE PILLOW**. We have very limited storage space and need your cooperation in this matter. PLEASE LABEL ALL ITEMS WITH A PERMANENT MARKER.

Always check for napping mat covers, blankets, and pillowcases on the last day of the week that your child stays in extended care so they can be washed and returned ready for a new week. Occasionally, these items may be sent home if an accident occurs, please wash and return promptly the following day. We are asking that you please refrain from sending nap toys with your child.

Field Trips, Parties, And Celebrations

PARENTS WILL BE ASKED TO SIGN IN AT THE ENRICHMENT CENTER FRONT RECEPTION DESK, WHERE THEY WILL BE GIVEN A NAMETAG TO WEAR WHILE VISITING NORTHPOINT CHRISTIAN SCHOOL.

Overall Room Chairman

Each class will have an overall room chairman. The classroom teacher determines the responsibilities for this person. Some of the responsibilities may include:

- To contact parents to help plan and help with class parties.
- To assist with school fundraisers.

Special Events:

- The PUMPKIN PATCH PARTY is a special celebration of the beautiful fall season. No Halloween characters, decorations or games on this day! Thank you for cooperating in this matter.
- The KINDERGARTEN CHRISTMAS PROGRAM will involve all the children of the Enrichment Center and will be held during the morning hours in December. A Christmas tea time in the gym will follow the program. You will be notified of the exact date, time and location of the Christmas program at a later date.
- The TROJAN KIDS CLASSIC will involve all the children from PreK-6th grade. The Room Chairman will be informed of items needed for this event.

Field Trips

Things learned through a variety of life experiences are often more valuable than what is learned in an academic setting alone, especially at the kindergarten and primary levels. What may appear to be merely a trip to the zoo or candy store is an important part of language development. For example, studies show one of the most important factors in reading comprehension is that students be exposed to a broad range of activities and experiences strategically planned. Field trips can also supplement other areas of the curriculum, including math, social studies, and science as well as social skills. You will be notified of the dates and times of field trips. Times will be posted on the scheduled day of each month's calendar. This note will also allow you to sign up as a driver for the field trip, if you would like to attend. If you would like to attend any of the field trips and are not scheduled to drive, please feel free to join us! Please understand that should a driver be hindered from driving, the driver for a group might change.

SIBLINGS MAY NOT BE BROUGHT ALONG ON FIELD TRIPS, AS THEY CAN DIVIDE ATTENTION FROM STUDENTS.

Also, later when the younger siblings are in this grade, the field trip will not be special for them.

ILLNESSES OF THE CHILD

WE ARE NOT ABLE TO KEEP ANY CHILD WHO IS SICK. (YOU WOULDN'T WANT US TO LET SOMEONE ELSE'S SICK CHILD INFECT YOURS.) YOU ARE URGED TO KEEP YOUR CHILD AT HOME IF HE SHOWS SIGNS OF ILLNESS. IF A CHILD HAS A FEVER OF 100, HE SHOULD NOT RETURN TO SCHOOL UNTIL FREE OF FEVER FOR 24 HOURS (WITHOUT THE AID OF MEDICATION LIKE TYLENOL).

EXCESSIVE AMOUNTS OF YELLOWISH GREEN NASAL DISCHARGE, SEVERE OR PERSISTENT COUGH,

SORE THROAT WITH SWOLLEN LYMPH NODES, THE CHILD NEEDS TO BE FREE OF SYMPTOMS OR CLINICAL CLEARANCE TO RETURN TO SCHOOL.

UNTREATED, WATERY OR DRAINING EYES NEEDS CLINICAL CLEARANCE TO RETURN TO SCHOOL.

VOMITING AND DIARRHEA (TWO OR MORE LOOSE, WATERY STOOLS) FREE OF SYMPTOMS FOR 24 HOURS WITHOUT THE AID OF MEDICATION BEFORE RETURNING TO SCHOOL

UNTREATED, EXPOSED, AND DRAINING SKIN LESIONS SHOULD BE COVERED WITH A CLEAN DRY BANDAGE TAPED ON ALL FOUR SIDES OR CLINICAL CLEARANCE TO RETURN TO SCHOOL.

WHEN YOUR CHILD STAYS HOME, PLEASE CALL AND LET US KNOW THE REASON FOR THE ABSENCE AND SEND A NOTE EXPLAINING THIS UPON HIS RETURN. SHOULD THE CHILD HAVE A SERIOUS AND CONTAGIOUS ILLNESS, WE MUST BE NOTIFIED IMMEDIATELY. THE CHILD WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO RETURN UNTIL ALL DANGER OF CONTAGION IS PAST.

CERTAIN DISEASES OR MEDICAL CONDITIONS MAY REQUIRE THE ATTENTION OF A PHYSICIAN,

WE WANT TO BE NOTIFIED IF WE'RE NOT ALREADY AWARE OF THE ILLNESS. THESE INCLUDE:

IMPETIGO- A SKIN INFECTION CONSISTING OF BLISTERS SURROUNDED BY A REDDENED AREA.

CONJUNCTIVITIS- AN EYE INFECTION COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS "PINK EYE". THE EYE WILL HAVE

UNEXPLAINED REDNESS AND THERE MAY BE A THICK YELLOW DRAINAGE, THE CHILD MAY BE RE-ADMITTED WHEN TREATED AND FREE OF SYMPTOMS.

STREP THROAT- SERIOUS THROAT INFECTION USUALLY ACCOMPANIED BY FEVER AND REQUIRING ANTIBIOTICS. THE CHILD MAY RETURN ONLY AFTER FEVER IS GONE AND MEDICATION TAKEN FOR 24 HOURS.

CHICKEN POX, MEASLES, MUMPS, RUBELLA AND OTHER CHILDHOOD CONTAGIOUS DISEASES REQUIRE CAREFUL MONITORING AND TREATMENT. CHILDREN WITH CHICKEN POX MAY RETURN THE MORNING WHEN THE ERUPTIONS HAVE DRIED AND SCABBED OVER.

HEAD LICE- A PARASITIC INFECTION UNRELATED TO CLEANLINESS OR QUALITY OF CARE. THE CHILD MAY RETURN THE MORNING AFTER RECEIVING TREATMENT PROVIDED THAT THE CHILD IS FREE OF ALL NITS IN THEIR HAIR.

PINWORMS - AN INTESTINAL PARASITE. THE CHILD MAY BECOME RESTLESS AND IRRITABLE AND MAY COMPLAIN OF OR BE OBSERVED AS HAVING RECTAL ITCHING. CHILDREN MAY RETURN AFTER TREATMENT WITH PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS.

BRONCHITIS- A CONDITION CHARACTERIZED BY A SEVERE CONTINUOUS COUGH THAT INTERFERES WITH ACTIVITY AND WELL BEING.

FIFTH DISEASE- A CONTAGIOUS VIRUS, USUALLY OCCURRING IN THE SPRING, IN WHICH INTENSELY ROSY CHEEKS MAY BE THE ONLY SYMPTOM. A DOCTOR'S VISIT MAY BE NECESSARY TO RULE OUT SCARLET FEVER. THERE MAY BE A LOW GRADE FEVER AND USUALLY THERE IS INTENSE ITCHING. THE RASH WILL DISAPPEAR IN 5 TO 10 DAYS. IF A PREGNANT WOMAN BECOMES INFECTED, IT CAN HARM HER UNBORN BABY. YOUR CHILD MAY RETURN WHEN HE IS FREE FROM FEVER.

SHOULD YOUR CHILD BECOME SICK DURING THE SCHOOL DAY YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED.

Guidelines for the Administration of Medications at Northpoint Christian School

Medications should be limited to those required during school hours and necessary to maintain the student in school. No daily or twice daily medications will be given at school. The following guidelines are to protect the safety of your child.

All medications both prescription and over the counter must have written parental consent. NO medications will be administered at school without written consent. Handwritten notes from home are not acceptable. The necessary authorization forms are provided in the nursing office and it is the parent's responsibility to complete the form and return it to the school nurse. These forms must be updated every school year and anytime a medication or dosage changes, you must submit an updated form. No changes in the administration of medication will be made until the form is submitted. A physician's signature is required on the authorization form for prescription medications.

Prescription Medications

Prescription medications must be brought to school in the original pharmacy labeled container. The container shall display:

Student's name

Prescription number

Medication name and dosage

Administration route or other directions

Date of expiration

Licensed prescriber's name

Pharmacy name, address, and phone number

Non-Prescription Medications

All non-prescription medications must be in the original container with a label identifying the medication and dosage schedules listed on the container.

No medication may be brought to school in a zip lock bag.

The child's name, grade, and teacher must be affixed to the container.

PLEASE SEND A NOTE IF YOUR CHILD NEEDS TO STAY IN THE ROOM DURING OUR PLAYGROUND TIME; OTHERWISE HE WILL BE REQUIRED TO GO OUTSIDE. WE FEEL OUTDOOR PLAY IS IMPORTANT. WE GO OUTSIDE WEATHER PERMITTING AS LONG AS THE TEMPERATURE IS 40 DEGREES OR ABOVE.

CLOSING:

THE ENRICHMENT CENTER WILL BE CLOSED ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS:

NEW YEAR'S DAY

GOOD FRIDAY

MEMORIAL DAY

INDEPENDENCE DAY

LABOR DAY

THANKSGIVING DAY AND THE DAY AFTER

CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY

EXTENDED CARE MUST BE PRE-ARRANGED FOR STAFFING PURPOSES. YOU WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYMENT OF DAYS REQUESTED. YOU WILL BE SENT A FORM TO FILL OUT FOR EACH SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLOSING AND NEED TO RETURN IT TO US BY THE DATE INDICATED.

IN THE RARE EVENT OF SEVERE AND DANGEROUS WEATHER, OR SIMILAR CIRCUMSTANCE, A SPECIFIC ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE MADE ON THE RADIO AND T.V. ALONG WITH THE TEXTING PROGRAM THROUGH NORTHPOINT CHRISTIAN SCHOOL.

PARENTS ARE VERY, VERY IMPORTANT PEOPLE

DEAR V.V.I.P.:

IT HAS BEEN SAID, THERE ARE ONLY TWO LASTING BEQUESTS WE CAN GIVE TO OUR CHILDREN:

ONE IS ROOTS.
THE OTHER IS WINGS. (COPIED)

HELPS FOR WING BUILDERS:

BE MATH CONSCIOUS; COUNT OBJECTS, ASSIGNING 1 NUMBER TO EACH OBJECT AS YOU COUNT; ADD AND SUBTRACT USING CONCRETE OBJECTS, I.E., BEANS, BUTTONS, OR LARGER OBJECTS THE CHILD HAPPENS TO BE INTERESTED IN.

READ, READ, READ TO YOUR CHILD AT HOME. TALK ABOUT, ASK QUESTIONS ABOUT THE STORIES TO DEVELOP LISTENING COMPREHENSION.

PLEASE SCREEN THE T.V. PROGRAMS THAT YOUR CHILD WATCHES. WE SEE SO MUCH EVIDENCE OF THE VIOLENCE TO WHICH THEY ARE EXPOSED AND INFLUENCED ON T.V.

MOST CHILDREN ARE HAPPIER THE NEXT DAY IF THEY HAVE BEDTIME AROUND 8:00 P.M.

HELP YOUR CHILD LEARN ABOUT HIS ENVIRONMENT. TAKE HIM ON TRIPS TO THE FAIR, PARKS, FARMS, HISTORICAL PLACES, MUSEUMS, AND OTHER PLACES OF INTEREST. DON'T OVERLOOK YOUR OWN BACKYARD!

DEVELOP SELF CONFIDENCE AND SOCIAL INTERACTION BY VISITING FRIENDS AND HAVING FRIENDS OVER.

GIVE THEM TASKS TO DO AT HOME SUCH AS TAKING CARE OF CLOTHING, BOOKS AND TOYS, HELPING WITH SIMPLE HOUSEKEEPING CHORES, AND MAYBE HELPING TO CARE FOR A PET.

USE CLEAR, CORRECT SPEECH. ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD TO SPEAK PLAINLY AND CLEARLY.

WHEN YOUR CHILD DRAWS A PICTURE, ASK HIM ABOUT IT BY SAYING, "TELL ME ABOUT YOUR PICTURE."(DON'T SAY, "WHAT IS THAT?". IT'S AN IMPLIED PUT-DOWN, SINCE YOU'VE SAID YOU CAN'T SEE WHAT IT IS.)

WHEN LETTERS BEGIN TO APPEAR ON THEIR PICTURES, THEY ARE BEGINNING WRITTEN LANGUAGE. ACCEPT THEIR SPELLING. ASK THEM TO TELL YOU WHAT THEIR LETTERS SAY, EXPLAINING THAT SOMETIMES ADULTS DON'T UNDERSTAND CHILDREN'S WORDS, BUT THAT IS OKAY. YOU MIGHT EVEN ASK THEM IF THEY'D LIKE YOU TO WRITE WHAT THEY'VE WRITTEN IN ANOTHER WAY. THE IMPORTANT THING IS NOT TO TIE DOWN THEIR CREATIVE THINKING AND

EXPRESSION TO "ACCURATE ADULT SPELLING." IT IS ENOUGH THAT THEY ARE BEGINNING TO PUT SOUNDS TOGETHER; OFTEN JUST BEGINNING, SOMETIMES ENDING, AND OCCASIONALLY A MIDDLE SOUND. DISPLAY THE CHILDREN'S WORK. GROW A GOOD SELF-CONCEPT IN YOUR CHILD!

ANSWER THE CHILD'S QUESTIONS. THIS IS ONE OF HIS WAYS OF FINDING OUT ABOUT THE WORLD AROUND HIM.

BEGIN EACH DAY WITH A GOOD BREAKFAST AND ENCOURAGE HIM TO BRUSH HIS TEETH AFTER EVERY MEAL.

TEACH HIM HIS NAME, BIRTHDAY, ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER.

TEACH HIM TO DRESS HIMSELF AND TO BE INDEPENDENT IN HIS TOILET HABITS.

TEACH HIM TO TIE HIS OWN SHOES.

TAKE TIME WITH YOUR CHILD. NOTHING CAN BE A SUBSTITUTE FOR THIS. AFFIRM GOOD EXPECTATIONS IN YOUR CHILD. BE REALISTIC, BUT POSITIVE IN YOUR EXPECTATIONS OF HIM. BUILD A GOOD SELF-ESTEEM. AT THIS POINT HE BECOMES FREE TO LEARN.

TALK WITH YOUR CHILD SO THAT HE WILL LOOK FORWARD WITH PLEASURE TO HIS NEW ADVENTURE IN SCHOOL. HAVE A POSITIVE ATTITUDE ABOUT SCHOOL WITH YOUR CHILD. PLEASE DO NOT ADOPT THE ATTITUDE THAT "IT'S JUST KINDERGARTEN", AND CASUALLY LET HIM MISS SCHOOL. SCHOOL BEGINS WITH KINDERGARTEN, AND EACH DAY IS IMPORTANT.

TEACH HIM FIRST AND FOREMOST AT A VERY YOUNG AGE THIS BASIC TRUTH FOR ALL LIVING AND LEARNING:

"AND THOU SHALT LOVE THE LORD THY GOD WITH ALL THINE HEART,
AND WITH ALL THY SOUL AND WITH ALL THY MIGHT."

DEUTERONOMY 6:5