

The Fox Den News

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Building Updates

WALLS! WALLS!! ...AND MORE WALLS!!!!

Have you been by the school site lately? We have walls!! This is so exciting, watching the building take shape. Interior framing is also occurring. Trusses are in for our roof structure! Josh and I will be choosing brick color as well as shingle style next week! **Friday, April 19 at 5P:** We invite our Fox Den families to our site to write an inspirational message on our framing to your child or our staff before the studs are covered with sheetrock!



Next Steps?

Have you scheduled your face-to-face meeting? We have extended hours on Monday and Tuesday until 7:00 PM for those who need a later time. The weblink to sign up for a meeting is:

<https://www.picktime.com/thefoxdenpreschool>

If you need the later time, please text Michelle at 478-370-8648, and she will put you on the schedule.

The goal of these meetings is to address any questions you may have!

Not yet registered? That's OK! Find out more about our Academy!

We have new temporary office space! We will be located at:

211 Tift College Dr Ste 202

We will be using this space through July. Pull around to the back of the building and go through the back door. We are upstairs on the left!

**UPCOMING
EVENTS**

April 27: Autism Awareness Festival
From 9A-5P (Day Springs Church), The Fox Den Academy is partnering with the Anchor of Hope. Come say hello and support the event.

April 19: "Graffiti a Care Message" Day
At 5P, we invite all TFD families to write an inspirational message on the framing of The Fox Den building (185 Thornton Road)

Riddles for our Scholars

What has hands but can't clap?

A: A clock

I have legs but cannot walk...What am I?

A: A chair

What's black, white, and blue?

A: A sad zebra

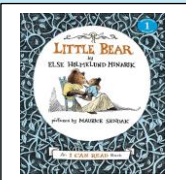
What two things can you never eat for breakfast?

A: Lunch and Dinner

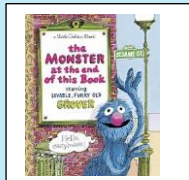


What is your “all-time” favorite children’s book?

Michelle’s:



Josh’s:



April 10: National Siblings Day (give your sibling a hug!)

April 11: National Pet Day

April 13: National Peach Cobbler Day (mmmm....)

April 14: National Gardening Day (did you know your children will grow a garden at The Fox Den?)

April 15: World Art Day

April 16: National Cheeseball Day



Et cetera...

Hiring update:

Michelle is an “interview machine!” She has had 8-10 interviews scheduled daily for the past few weeks. Our final interviews for Ass’t Director will occur next week with an offer to follow. Following that, we will conduct final interviews for Office Managers, Lead Teachers, and Assistant Teachers. As candidates are offered and accept their positions, we will highlight our newest Fox Den staff to our families in future newsletters. We are still seeking amazing Lead Teachers and Assistant Teachers. [Do you have a candidate that we should be interviewing?](#) Please send any suggestions to Michelle at michelleblount@thefoxdenpreschool.com

5 reasons to choose “The Den,” for before- and after-school care for our Gr. K-5 friends:

1. Transportation to and from the three elementary schools in a cool wrapped “The Fox Den” van.
2. Homework support provided to students. Students complete most homework before they are picked up!
3. Learn a new sport, skill, or art technique from our community partners that will lead classes. (more info to come)
4. Explore our STEM/STEAM classroom and learn about robotics, botany, engineering and other sciences.
5. Be a part of snack design creations!

12 Tips to Boost Early Literacy

Through just this one simple act you are bonding with your child, inspiring a love of reading—and are helping them develop strong early language and literacy skills that will become the foundation for their future learning and success. In fact, studies show that reading aloud is a primary driver of young children’s early language development.

To help you and your child get the most out of your story time, here are 12 early literacy tips:

1. Start early. Reading to babies is important for healthy brain development and lays the foundation for language and writing skills.
2. Make reading a part of your daily routine. Establishing a routine helps ensure that reading is part of your daily schedule, such as at naptime and bedtime. It also creates times during the day that both of you can look forward to.
3. Try board and cloth books for babies. By age 1, babies can grab books. Board and cloth books are great options for babies who like to touch things and put everything in their mouths.
4. Take turns with your toddler. By age 2, toddlers can hold a book and point at the pictures. Let your toddler turn the pages of a board book and respond to her when she points or reacts to the story.
5. Ask your child questions. As you read to your child, make the experience interactive by asking him questions, such as “What do you think will happen next?” “What was your favorite part of the story? Why?”
6. Reread your child’s favorite books. By age 3, children can complete sentences in familiar stories. Read her favorite books over and over to help her learn through repetition.
7. Point out similar words. By age 4, children begin to recognize letters. You can point out words in a book that begin with the same letter to your preschooler to help him become familiar with the letter and begin to associate certain words with that letter.
8. Count objects on the page. As you read to your child, count objects on the page together to help her also strengthen her early math skills.
9. Have your preschooler tell you the story. By age 5, children can sit still for longer books and can create their own stories based on the pictures. Ask your preschooler to tell you the basic plot of the book or to make up stories based on what he sees on each page.
10. Read with passion! Using inflection and maintaining the same highs and lows in your voice at the same point in a story helps your child begin to remember the words.
11. Set an example. Let your child see you reading your books to help her develop her own love of reading.
12. Just keep reading. Reading to your child helps him develop a habit of listening to stories and loving books. One of the most important pieces of advice is to make sure you are reading to him early and often.

No matter how old your child is — from babies to toddlers to preschoolers — these tips will help you capitalize on this valuable time with your child, making reading a fun, educational and memorable experience for both of you.