

The Fox Den Academy Newsletter

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Building Updates

Our school is taking shape!

The week of May 27 is a busy week at The Fox Den. Work continues with the low voltage and fire alarms, install of the batten board (exterior), install of grease trap in kitchen, finish-up of the brick knee wall, and irrigation lines. The crew will be setting the transformers, placing the HVAC units on the roof, sheetrocking the walls and ceilings, beginning tiling, pouring the remaining sidewalks, and repairing broken curbs.

Day 1 of school is 64 days away!



Teaching is not about answering questions but about raising questions – opening doors for them in places they cannot imagine.” – Yawar Baig

Did you know?

At The Fox Den, parents are welcome...always! Each classroom has a parent observation area...Pull up a chair and watch your child learn! Additionally, we offer the ability for all parents to access the cameras that align with your child's schedule! Parents will have access to our management software, Brightwheel ®. Wish to volunteer in your child's class? We welcome you! Parents will be invited to monthly events at our school to celebrate the learning. We will appoint a Parent Advisory Panel (PAP) to ensure that we implement the vision and mission that we have set forth for The Fox Den. Interested in taking part in the PAP? Email Josh Hill at hilljosh73@gmail.com.

Parent Strategies for creating foundations with your child's reading and writing.

DID YOU KNOW THAT MOST VOCABULARY LEARNED BY OUR SCHOLARS OCCURS OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL, THROUGH CONVERSATIONS WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS?

DID YOU KNOW THAT DRAWING PICTURES DURING PLAY TIME LAYS THE FOUNDATIONS FOR READING AND WRITING? HERE ARE SOME IDEAS THAT YOU CAN IMPLEMENT OVER THE SUMMER WITH YOUR CHILD TO LAY THESE CRITICAL FOUNDATIONAL READING SKILLS:

- MODEL STRONG HABITS BY READING AND WRITING IN FRONT OF YOUR CHILD.
OUR PARENTAL ATTITUDES ABOUT READING AND WRITING INFLUENCE OUR CHILDREN' S PERCEPTION OF THE VALUE OF THESE SKILLS. EXPLAIN WHY YOU ARE READING OR WRITING TO YOUR CHILD (TO LEARN MORE ABOUT A SUBJECT OR TO EXPRESS THANKS TO ANOTHER FOR A JOB WELL DONE, ETC)
- MAKE READING MATERIALS READILY AVAILABLE TO YOUR CHILD.
FIND OUT WHAT INTERESTS YOUR CHILD AND SEEK AGE-APPROPRIATE BOOKS THAT COINCIDE WITH THEIR INTERESTS. CHECK OUT OUR MONROE COUNTY LIBRARY FOR BOOKS TO CHECK OUT!
- TALK WITH YOUR CHILD...A LOT!
OFTEN CHILDREN EXPAND THEIR VOCABULARY AND UNDERSTANDING OF SENTENCE STRUCTURE THROUGH CONVERSATION. ASK OPEN ENDED QUESTIONS.
- TALK ABOUT THEIR DRAWINGS.
WHEN KIDS DRAW, TAKE THE TIME TO ASK THEM ABOUT THEIR DRAWINGS. WRITE DOWN WORDS ON THEIR DRAWINGS THAT THEY SHARE TO CONNECT DRAWINGS TO THE SPOKEN WORD TO THE WRITTEN WORD.
- READ ALOUD TO YOUR CHILD.
LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT BEGINS IN MOTHER' S WOMB AS THEY HEAR THEIR MOTHER' S SPEECH. INSTILL A BEDTIME STORY ROUTINE. READ ALOUD STORE SIGNS AND STREET NAMES WHILE DRIVING.
- ASK YOUR CHILD TO HELP WITH YOUR GROCERY SHOPPING LIST.
CONNECT THEIR SUGGESTIONS WITH WORDS. USE MAGNETIC LETTERS ON YOUR FRIDGE. LEAVE POST-IT NOTS ON ITEMS IN THEIR ROOMS.
- ENGAGE IN ART PROJECTS.
PROVIDE ACCESS TO CRAYONS, PAPER, AND FINGER PAINTS. HAVE THEM DRAW LETTERS IN SALT OR EVEN PUDDING!



Hiring update:

Michelle continues to interview for teaching positions at The Fox Den. Do you have a candidate we should interview? Please let us know by emailing us at info@thefoxdenpreschool.com. Or have them apply on Indeed.com at the following links:

<https://www.indeed.com/job/co-teacher-f9db9430e2ca41fe>

<https://www.indeed.com/job/lead-teacher-d3dc8c475730d6f5>

Welcome to our new Pre-K 4's Teachers!

Devin Jackson (Lead Teacher):

Hi! My name is Devin Jackson. I'm from Gray, GA, and I'm a mom to a 5-year-old. I have been teaching for almost 9 years. In my free time, I enjoy reading, sleeping, and shopping at Target and Walmart...so, if you see me there, don't hesitate to say hi! I'm thrilled to start this new chapter at the Fox Den and can't wait for you all to see the fun activities your children will take part in!

Lasandra Barkley (Co-Teacher):

My Name is LaSandra Barkley, but I go by Ta'Kera. I'm From Detroit, Michigan. I have 2 beautiful daughters. My favorite Hobby is reading. My favorite color is Green. My favorite restaurant is Coney Island. My favorite Movie is The Lion King. My Favorite drink -Water. My Favorite snack – Muffins. I enjoy outdoor activities, teaching, & being a Mother.

June Birthdays – Happy Birthday!

Hudson B 6/2 Marleigh T. 6/5 Kensley H. 6/16

Tanner M. 6/19 Ciara S. 6/24 Ella S. 6/28

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

FRIDAY, JUNE 7 FROM 4-6P, THE FOX DEN WILL HOST A GET TOGETHER AT OUR BUILDING SITE (185 THORNTON ROAD, FORSYTH). PLEASE RSVP BY JUNE 1ST. WE WILL HAVE JONAH'S PIZZA, DRINKS, AND COOKIES FOR OUR SCHOLARS AND FAMILIES!

<https://rsvp.link/i4fN4>

Laugh Corner for Summer

- What kind of tree fits in your hand?
A: A palm tree!
- What does a mermaid use to call her friends?
A: A shell phone, of course.
- Why don't skeletons like summer holidays?
A: They have no body to go with.
- What do sheep love to do in the summer?
A: Have a baa baa cue!
- What's the best day to go to the beach?
A: SUN-day
- Where do you GO at red and STOP at green?
A: When you are eating a watermelon.
- Where does a ship go when it's sick?
A: To the DOCK

What are we celebrating today?

May 29: National Flip Flop Day
May 30: National "Water a Flower" Day
May 31: National Smile Day
June 1: National "Say Something Nice" Day
June 2: National "Rocky Road" Day
June 3: National Egg Day
June 4: National Cheese Day