

Welcome to Pre-Kindergarten at The Ridge Hill School

2011-2012 School Year

We hope everyone has been having a relaxing and fun-filled summer. We are all looking forward to coming back to school in September for a new year full of exploration and learning. It is a privilege working with your child, our goal is to insure that each child in our classroom has a safe and motivating experience in pre-kindergarten.

At Ridge Hill, we feel that it is most important to capitalize on the strengths of each individual child. We utilize differentiated instruction strategies during our small group learning times to ensure individual success.

Throughout the school year, we will explore many different monthly themes. A favorite theme is our "Famous Artist Month". We will also do an in-depth alphabet study. Each week we will explore specific letters in accordance with our Handwriting Without Tears curriculum. Each child will focus on recognition, letter sound as well as the correct formation of the letters in their HWT journals. Our math curriculum introduces patterning, number recognition and writing.

Your child will constantly be exposed to emergent reading skills in our reading center. We always welcome parents, grandparents or siblings to join us in our classroom to share the gift of reading. We also will be celebrating some famous author's birthdays throughout the school year, we will read "classic" books with activities that correspond to the story.

During the school year, we will have periodic "homework" assignments that correspond to our themes. These help to maintain a strong home/school connection with your family. Below we have listed a few of our favorite websites and some story books that are great for getting your child ready to go to school.

We look forward to seeing you all in September!

The Pre-Kindergarten Team

Favorite stories:

The Kissing Hand by Audrey Penn Will You Be My Friend by Nancy Tafuri

Wemberly Worried by Kevin Henkes

Favorite websites:

www.ridgehillschool.com www.starfall.com www.hwtears.com