

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that summer is ending and that we will begin our pre-school program on August 23<sup>rd</sup>. At Hope Academy we believe that the children learn through repetition, consistency, positive encouragement, love, and respect. Children learn best in a stimulating and fun environment where they can be themselves and have the benefit of learning while enjoying being children.

Our school program offers many educational skills. These skills have been broken down into various groups: language, reading, math, science, culture, manipulative, visual, listening, self-help, and social development. Our program promotes a balance of positive educational and social/emotional experiences.

The children will also learn the Montessori philosophy of order, independence, concentration, and coordination, gradually moving from the concrete to the abstract. Emphasis is placed on developing skills in areas such as language, math, science, geography, and music.

Our teachers encourage and model courteous and thoughtful behavior as your child begins to establish solid and meaningful friendships. Our teachers make ample provisions to meet each child's needs. They help to promote early childhood education and socialization skills that will help them when they start kindergarten. Attached is the daily schedule and letter explaining the curriculum program for the school year; below is a list of the dates we will be closed for the school year. We are also taking enrollment for Soccer and Dance classes. More information to follow.

**We will be closed on the following dates:**

August 20 Teacher Workday  
November 25 and 26 Thanksgiving  
December 31 New Year Eve  
May 30 Memorial Day

September 6 Labor Day  
December 24 Christmas  
February 18 Teacher Professional Conference  
July 4 Independence Day

**THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING HOPE ACADEMY – DEBBIE and CHANEY**

