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PRESCHOOLER'S JOURNEY TO EXCELLENCE HAS  
BEGUN: SCHOOL YEAR 2016-2017



**Hanson Place School**  
**Nursery & Preschool**

Theme:-A Journey To Excellence

Dear Parents/Guardians

It is hard to believe, but we have come full circle. It is that time of the year again - the beginning of a new school year! Welcome back to all our returning parents and a special welcome to our new parents. Even though you are not a part of the teaching here at Hanson Place, you are just as important to your children's education as we are. Indeed, we are on a journey to excellence!

Your children receive the best education when you and our dedicated teachers work as a team to achieve excellence. It is parents' enthusiasm, support and involvement that inspires children to do their best; and a teachers' ability to teach what they need to learn. Together we can achieve wonderful things. This year we have a lot in store for you.

There is a lot of excitement ahead of us, including new books to read, new friends to meet, new skills to master and fundraising drives to help us meet the needs of our precious little ones - I look forward to you sharing in those exciting times. As a parent myself, I know how fast time goes by. One year, your child is in Nursery and seemingly in the blink of an eye they're in Pre-K. At the beginning of the year, some could not talk and now we cannot get them to stop talking.

Our pre-School motto for this year is "A Journey to Excellence." In closing, I encourage you to fully embrace the moment and urge you to take the time from your busy schedule to become familiar with our school, as well as to help us create a friendly home environment that will allow all our children to excel.

Thank you for your commitment to your child's education and I look forward to seeing you in the very near future.

Sincerely,


**Mary Francis**, Director of Pre-School

At Hanson Place Early Learning Center, we have great expectations for our children.

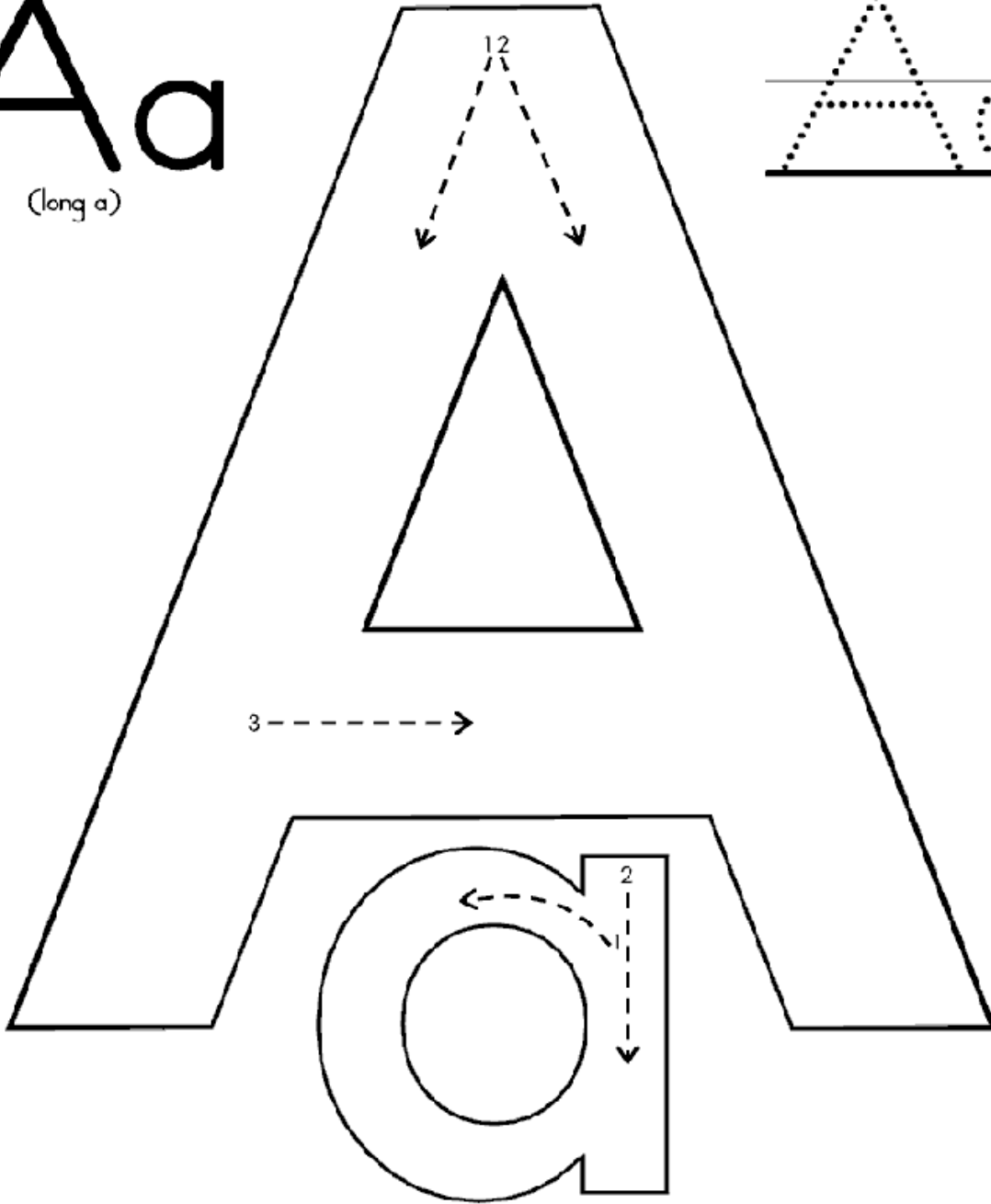
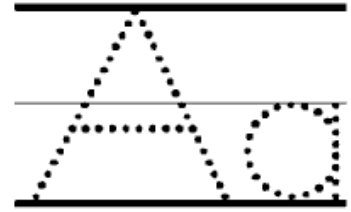
- ❖ We want our children to have respect for themselves, each other, and our school and its supplies.
- ❖ We want our children to have a voice, and be able to use it in a respectful manner.
- ❖ We want our children to have a sense of pride in themselves and their community.
- ❖ And most importantly, we want our children to love learning for learning's sake--knowledge is its own reward- Knowledge is power.

Preschool children learn best through play. If we as teachers incorporate early learning concepts in a relaxed, small group atmosphere, it will encourage increased retention and teacher/child interaction. Introducing children to social concepts such as respect, pride, and a love of learning is, to me, equally important as introducing math, language, and science concepts. Let us be careful of what we teach our children. This refers to both teachers and parents. Don't forget that children learn through modeling after what their parents, teachers and community put before them.

One of my favorite theorists is Lev Vygotsky. He invented the Social Development Theories. Social interaction plays a fundamental role in the process of cognitive development. The theories scaffolding and Zone of Proximal Development (ZPD) are very important to the growth of our children today.

 The Scaffolding Theory describes social and instructional support for students learning new concepts, comparable to structures erected alongside newly constructed buildings. The scaffolding supports the construction (the introduction of new material) and is taken away after completion (or when the lesson is understood.) For example: When teaching the alphabets, First, We would teach children how to identify the letter A. Second, we would then teach them how to identify the upper case "A" and lower case "a". Third, we would teach them how to pronounce the letter A by teaching the children through a song. A says Aaa, Aaa, Aaa, Aaa. The last step would be to show them picture of things beginning with the letter A. Once the child is able to master this task they would be left on their own to accomplish their activity on their own.

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## Nursery

### Devotion:

- ❖ Song service
- ❖ Prayer
- ❖ Bible stories from Beginners Quarterly
- ❖ Question and answers from bible stories.
- ❖ Chapel/Fridays at 8:15am-9:30am

### Circle time:

- ❖ Days of the week
- ❖ The months of the year etc.
- ❖ Seasons, weather, 5 senses etc.
- ❖ Numbers
- ❖ Alphabet
- ❖ Shapes
- ❖ Colors

### Action Songs:

- ❖ Gray Cats
- ❖ Look at me
- ❖ I put my hand here
- ❖ Row, row, row your boat etc.
- ❖ Nursery Rhymes (CD)

## ❖ Nursery Curriculum

### ✚ Monday-Friday

#### ✚ Literacy:

- ❖ Identify letters
- ❖ Alphabet sounds/pronounce letters
- ❖ Name things pertaining to the letters
- ❖ Tracing/handwriting
- ❖ Practice spelling, identifying and writing names
- ❖ Matching activities/letters and objects beginning with letters

#### ✚ Math

- ❖ Counting 1-20
- ❖ Making Collages
- ❖ Patterns
- ❖ Sizes/small, medium, large
- ❖ Shapes
- ❖ Same/different

#### ✚ Social Skills

- ❖ Sharing
- ❖ Good manners
- ❖ Verbal/non verbal communication
- ❖ Exploring

#### ✚ Arts and Crafts

#### ✚ Gym

- ❖ **Mondays:** Literacy
- ❖ **Tuesdays:** Math
- ❖ **Wednesdays:** Social Skills
- ❖ **Thursdays:** Computer/ Arts and Crafts
- ❖ **Fridays:** Gym
- ❖ **Weekly outdoor activities/weather permitting**



<b>Classroom Daily Schedule</b>	
7:30am-8:45 am	Arrival/greetings/Breakfast
8:45am-9:00 am	Free-play/center play/dramatic play
9:00am-9:30am 9:30am-10:00am	Worship Circle Time/recitation of alphabet, numbers, days of the week, etc.
10:00-10:30 am	Morning Snack
10:30-11:00 am	Lesson/worksheet/activities
11:00-11:15 am	Free play/center play/dramatic play
11:15-11:45 am	Outdoor activities (weather permitting)
11:45 am-12:00 pm	Clean-up/lunch preparation
12:00-12:30 pm	Lunch Time
12:30-12:45 pm 12:45-1:00pm	Free play/center play/dramatic play Getting ready for nap
1:00-3:00 pm	Nap Time
3:00-3:15 pm	Wake-up Time/store cots and blankets
3:15-3:30 pm	Dismissal (whisper a prayer)
3:30-4:00 pm	Snack Time
4:00-4:30 pm	Circle Time
4:30-5:00 pm	Media Time
5:00-6:00 pm	Free time/pick-up time
<b>*Fridays pick-up time is 4 pm</b>	

## Fundraising

- ❖ Solicitation Sheets
- ❖ Bake Sale
- ❖ Harvest Sale

Hanson Place Elementary School/Nursery and Pre-K

Solicitation Sheets

Give and it will come back to you.



<u>Names</u>	<u>Amount given</u>	<u>Words of encouragement</u>
1. _____	\$ _____	Knock and the door shall be opened.
2. _____	\$ _____	It is better to give than to receive.
3. _____	\$ _____	Children are a gift from God.
4. _____	\$ _____	Give and it will come back to you.
5. _____	\$ _____	Honor the Lord with your wealth.
6. _____	\$ _____	Whoever brings blessing will be enriched.
7. _____	\$ _____	Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord.
8. _____	\$ _____	Whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.
9. _____	\$ _____	The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it.
10. _____	\$ _____	The silver is mine and the gold is mine.
11. _____	\$ _____	God gave you the ability to produce wealth.
12. _____	\$ _____	From him, through him and to him are all things.
13. _____	\$ _____	God's heart goes out to the poor and needy.
14. _____	\$ _____	When we donate, we reap the joy of sharing.
15. _____	\$ _____	We can't out-give God, but it doesn't hurt to try!
16. _____	\$ _____	Are you a cheerful giver?
17. _____	\$ _____	Do you look for opportunities to share with others?
18. _____	\$ _____	God pours out His blessing!
19. _____	\$ _____	Share His love and goodness with others.
20. _____	\$ _____	God is good to me and so I will share with others.

## Fundraising goals/wish list

- ❖ Projector
- ❖ 2 Desk Top Computers [nursery and pre-k]
- ❖ Slide/mini playground
- ❖ Entertainment Center for TV, DVD, Radio et
- ❖ Educational DVD's
- ❖ Reading Books/Leap frog books/Read Along Books
- ❖ Puzzles/Games
- ❖ Table Toys
- ❖ Building blocks
- ❖ Divider for classroom to separate sleeping area from the rest of the classroom and to separate nursery children from pre-school children.
- ❖ Small Sand Box (pre-k)
- ❖ Miscellaneous ( Disinfectant wipes to clean table, wipe down play areas and bathroom)
- ❖ Arts and Crafts Supplies
- ❖ Plastic toys for Play house, Kitchen and Barn
- ❖ Toys for boys

### Pick-up time:

+ Monday-Thursday 7:30am-6pm

+ Fridays 7:30 am-4pm

❖ Anyone who is late will be charged \$30 for every 15 minutes.

+ Children's Privacy: It is very important to teach your children what areas of the body can and can't be touched. I will speak to each parent individually.

+ Discipline: Discuss form of discipline that can work both at home and at school. We prefer time out. We have a time out table and chair in the classroom. Also, children get limited play time when they misbehave and lose their chance to go outside to be a part of outdoor activities.

### + Evaluation/assessment

Children are required to remain in Nursery until they turn 4 years old. Children who are promoted to Pre-K from Nursery should be 4 years old or turning 4 years old by January 1st of the New Year. Any parents who feel

that their child is an exceptional child and should skip Nursery and go to Pre-K should be evaluated and assessed before sent to Pre-K.

### Breakfast, lunch and snack

All children are required to bring breakfast, lunch and snack

## Calendar of Events/Trips

### September:

First day of school

Nursery/Pre-K Back to School Night

### October

Apple Picking

Columbus Day (School closed)

Fall Week of prayer

Green Meadows Farm/Coach Bus (\$20)

Return Solicitation Sheets/monies

### November

Veteran's Day (School closed)

Thanksgiving Banquet/Dinner

Thanksgiving Recess

### December

**HPS Christmas Program**

Holiday Party/Gift exchange

Christmas Break-Pre-K closed

## January

New Year's Holiday (school closed)

Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday (school closed)

## February

Career Week

Black History Program

President's Day/Nursery-8<sup>th</sup> grade closed

Mid-winter Recess (School Closed: K-8<sup>th</sup> Grade). Nursery and Pre-K will open

## March

**Ringling Bros Circus/Barclay's Center**

Principal's Appreciation Week

Adventist Education Emphasis

Spring Week of Prayer

Good Friday- Nursery-8<sup>th</sup> Grade closed

## April

Spring Break-K-8<sup>th</sup> Grades closed

Adventist Education Rally Day



Administrative Professional Day

 May

Sports Day

National Day of Prayer

Teachers Appreciation Week

International Food Fair

Memorial Day (School Closed)

 June

Kindergarten Commencement Ceremony

Sesame Place

8th Grade Baccalaureate Service

 July/August-summer

Nursery/Pre-K

Classroom activities: work sheets / Arts and Crafts

Outdoor play

[For additional information concerning HPS important dates and events, please referenced the regular school Calendar for k-8th grade.](#)