

Home Ties Highlights

Pre-K Registration

Pre-K registration for Randolph County has begun and HTCDC will once again offer a Randolph County Board of Education collaborative classroom to children who will be 4 years old by July 1st.

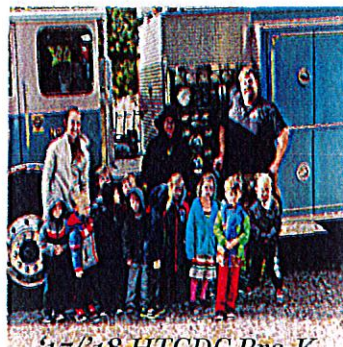
Pre-K is a wonderful opportunity for children to become familiar with the routines and structure of the classroom setting they will be faced with in kindergarten. Our program follows the same guidelines and curriculum requirements that Pre-K classrooms in tra-

ditional school settings follow. Specific skills gained during Pre-K include: learning self-control, how to wait, how to share, how to deal with frustrations and how to solve conflicts, all of which help lay the foundation for a successful school career.

The learning environment at HTCDC creates an opportunity for children who may struggle with transitions, caregivers who need before-school and after-school care, or families that are

just looking for a personable school experience to thrive. Our small setting is ideal for children who may feel intimidated by the larger traditional schools, but are ready to begin their educational journey.

For a complete list of requirements, to fill out an application or for additional information regarding our Pre-K classroom please see Katie or simply stop in the Pre-K classroom.



more successful. All expectations for these children remain developmentally appropriate and teachers work to meet them where they are at

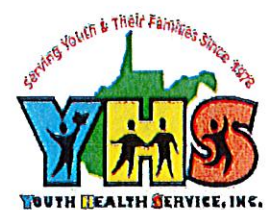
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Early Pre-K Program

If your child misses the birthday cut-off for the traditional Pre-K classroom, HTCDC has another option for you!

HTCDC will once again offer our Early Pre-K program to children who

are 3.5 years old at the start of the school year.

Children in this program work along side students in our Pre-K classroom to begin learning skills that will help make their official Pre-K experience

while challenging them to grow in their skills.

Space is limited based on classroom size. If you or someone you know is interested in this program please stop by the day care office for more information.

Infant/Walker Room

Ms. Gabi & Ms. Holly

The winter weather has not slowed down these little ones! Our youngest at Home Ties have been working on large motor skills, rolling over, using gentle touches and communication skills.

Ms. Holly continues to work with the one-year olds on introductory sign language skills while Ms. Gabi has been focusing more on routines and crawling.

Toddler Room

Ms. Jamie

Our 2 year olds continue to enjoy lots of arts & crafts, and boy does Ms. Jamie keep them busy decorating our halls!

Whether this crew is working on shamrocks, sun-catchers,

A few reminders for this age group:

- ◆ Please be sure to have caps on bottles coming into the center, and provide enough clean bottles for your child for the day.
- ◆ Label all of your child's belongings, including their binkies.
- ◆ All children should have seasonally appropriate clothes on hand. Layers are preferred so that we can easily keep your child comfortable.

- ◆ Please keep fingernails trimmed for the safety of your child and others.
- ◆ Keep Ms. Gabi & Ms. Holly informed of any dietary changes with your child and if breast-feeding, please be sure to send enough for the day.



or pots of gold, you can be sure that the end result will be a masterpiece to be proud of!



Don't forget to check cubbies for art-work coming home!

Ms. Jamie has been working with children who are potty training and asks caregivers to be sure to send plenty of extra clothes as this can be a "messy" learning experience for children!

Pre-School

Ms. Teresa

This group of active kiddos has really kept Ms. Teresa on the move lately!

She is working with them on using their words, taking turns, and being patient. Children in this classroom have

also been working on using listening ears and managing emotions.



While this group enjoys special events, we have recently had some difficulties with be-

haviors during such events. Ms. Teresa and Ms. Jamie will make every effort to keep children in the planned program, but also want parents to be aware that they may be removed from the planned activity if they are unable to be non-disruptive to others.

Pre-K & School Age

Ms. Jackie & Ms. Ashley

Our Pre-K students are already starting some Kindergarten skills!

Ms. Jackie reports this group is excelling with math skills and several students are beginning site words! The classroom will be celebrating 100 Days of School soon and the kids love counting down the days to the party!

Ms. Jackie reminds caregivers to keep extra clothes on-hand

so that if accidents occur children can be changed. If your child is still working on toilet training, please share successes/challenges you're having at home so that toilet training will be a success for your child.



Ms. Ashley's school-agers have enjoyed some time off from school lately! They have been busy with games, crafts and word searches and Ms. Ashley is hoping to plan some field trips to keep them moving!

Ms. Ashley reminds school-age caregivers to be sure your child is dressed appropriately for outside time, and to be sure and clock your child out even when picking up from the playground.

Pre-K Enrollment

If your child will be 4 years old by July 1st he/she is eligible for Pre-K in the '18/'19 School Year!

Home Ties offers a Randolph County Pre-K Collaborative Classroom.

Please see Katie for more information and to fill out an application.

If your child misses the cut-off but will be 3.5 years old by the start of the school year, ask Katie about our Early Pre-K program.

Reminders for All



all other toys are asked to be left at home.

- * Please be reminded that toys from home should not be brought to the center. Children are permitted a "snuggly" for nap-time, but

- * School Age Families— please call the office by noon if your child will not be coming to after-school and does not need transported.



- * For the safety of your child and others, please do not make left hand turns into or out of the main YHS parking lot.

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Mission

Help parents support and safeguard the vitality, growth and development of their young children while they are away from home in the care of others, by providing their children a variety of early care and educational experiences that are age appropriate stimulating, and culturally relevant.

Vision

To be a recognized leader and overwhelming choice for quality, comprehensive early care and education services for children between the ages of six weeks and 12 years.

Fighting Illness this Season



It seems this season has brought relentless illness to the Center. Staff, parents and children all seem to have been impacted in some way by illnesses floating around this cold/flu season.

In an effort to contain as much sickness as we can, we routinely sanitize rooms, hallways and doorknobs throughout the center. We additionally live by the premise that "You can never wash your hands too often!" and

we teach proper handwashing techniques to the children.

We ask that caregivers do their part to contain as much sickness as they can as well.

PLEASE do not send your child to the center if he/she is exhibiting symptoms of fever, diarrhea or vomiting.

PLEASE wash your child's nap linens and return to the center each week. PLEASE encourage good handwashing techniques at home. The

CDC recommends washing thoroughly for 20 seconds, this is equal to singing "Happy Birthday" two times through!

As we've had several cases of RSV and the Flu throughout the center, you will find some information regarding symptoms and treatment attached. Please visit www.cdc.gov for more info or call your child's pediatrician directly with questions or concerns about your child's health.