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Preschool News

K-3

Ms. Sue

Ms. Cindy

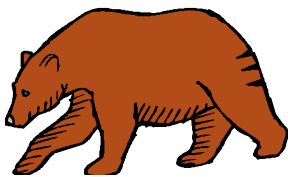
My name is Sue Holsonback and I am the new K-3 teacher at Hope Academy. I will be joined by Cindy Wilson as my assistant teacher, another new face to the Hope family. We are thrilled to join the experienced and energetic team of preschool teachers. Thank you for all the welcoming support we have already received. We look forward to sharing a great year filled with fun and learning with all of you.

K-3/K-4

Ms. Brenda

Ms. Elizabeth

Welcome back to school everyone. September will start the school year off with a bang. The Busy Bee themes are "All about school, All about me, All about families, and Dinosaurs." We will also incorporate the Read it Once Again storybook themes into our curriculum. The first book we will do is Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?



We will enhance certain aspects of these books. We will also begin Handwriting Without Tears as well as many science experiments and social studies activities. I will have a sign-up sheet for Room Moms and field trips as needed. We are very excited about the upcoming school year, and we know it is going to be a wonderful one.

K-4

Ms. Karen

Ms. Lani

We are excited to start a new year of preschool. In September we will be talking about: starting school; Rainbow Fish; me, myself, and I; and Fall. Our book for the month is The Very Busy Spider. We will be using "Handwriting Without Tears" to learn to make our ABC's. During our first day of school we will explore what happens when you take a mouse to school.



We hope that everyone had a wonderful summer. We are looking forward to a great year with your child.

K-4

Ms. Kay

Ms. Bernadette

Ms. Bernadette and I are looking forward to the new class of "Starfish." We hope everyone had a terrific summer. This fall, we have several students who are new to our school. If you see someone new to our school, please make him or her feel welcome.

Our first few days will be spent introducing the children to our school, our routines, and the other students and teachers. We will again be using our reading program and our first book will be The Very Busy Spider. Our handwriting will again be

Handwriting Without Tears. During September, our units will include "Welcome to School," "I Am Special," "My Family and Friends are Special," and "The Very Hungry Spider." Let's all work together to make 2008-2009 the best year ever!

Academy News

Academy 1

Ms. Christine

Ms. Kim

Welcome back! Ms. Kim and I are so excited to be back in school. We've had a great time getting to know our new students. We can already see their wonderful potential. We've asked our new friends what they like most about Academy 1 so far and this is what they said:

- **Rachel** – "Playing outside on the playground and centers"
- **Davis** – "I like to draw."
- **Tessa** – "My favorite thing is playing with my friends."
- **Alex** – "My favorite thing is to color."
- **Brennah** – "I like to stretch."
- **Calib** – "I like playing at the playground."
- **Elli** – "I like the playground."
- **Robert** – "Friends"
- **Lilly** – "Playdoh"
- **Matthew** – "Going outside two times."
- **Jack** – "I like playing on the playground at school."
- **Jake** – "I like numbers at school."
- **Taleen** – "I like playing with new friends."

**Academy 2 Ms. Constance
Ms. Julie**

Hello and welcome to our new school year! I am so happy to be back in the classroom with all my smiling faces!

As always, we have started our year acquiring new daily routines and procedures.

Our first two weeks were busy with student-driven decisions about classroom rules. We also learned how to use tools to make fair and effective choices. A new feature this year is our "Parking Lot." The children can write comments, questions, or suggestions, which are posted in the classroom. We always have a "Parking Lot" meeting everyday to discuss what was posted.

For our first nine weeks theme, we are studying about oceans. Some of our upcoming activities include: an ocean-in-a-bottle, making sand, and investigation of real sea life such as an octopus. The classroom might smell a little fishy, but it's worth the experience.

If anyone would like to assist with an upcoming activity, please let me know.

We are off to a great start! Ms. Julie and I look forward to seeing you at Open House.

**Academy 3 Ms. Marydell
Ms. Marianne**

Greetings everyone! We're all back again for another awesome school year. Hope Academy is a great place to be for any academic year.

Academy 3 is off to a great start. Our students have been working hard with establishing a learning environment that they can succeed in. We have been using many Quality Learning Tools (QLT) to establish our classroom responsibilities and procedures. We are looking forward to all of the wonderful experiences that will happen in our happy classroom home. Let's have a joyous year!

Now introducing the classroom 3 family:

- Zackery Puleo is a future artist.
- Catherine Cassidy is a scientist in the making.
- Cole Jones wants to be a singer.
- Sydni Simpson will be a paleontologist.
- Patrick Van Hook is going to be a robotic engineer.
- Haeleigh Lollis will be a police officer.
- Daniel Judy is a future science teacher.
- Mary Katherine Sizemore plans to become an animal rescuer.
- Chase Peebles will be a proficient freestyler BMX bike rider.
- Andrea Gaynor is going to be a veterinarian and a gymnast.
- Jake Benedict is a future pro football player.
- Amy Kate Williams will be a veterinarian.
- Luke Boyette is going to become a marine biologist.
- Chelsea Gonzalez will become a veterinarian specializing in horses.
- Joseph Biediger is a future meteorologist.
- Caroline Judy is going to be a movie director & actress.

**Academy 4 & 5 Ms. Claire
Mr. Phil, Ms. Bettye, Mr. David**

As we began the challenges of a new school year, we explored a series of cognitive devices called Quality Learning Tools. These devices were used to help us find solutions for the "probletunities" (problems as opportunities) of beginning new procedures and curriculum. PDSA: Plan, Do, Study, Act is a system that we enjoyed exploring that helped us define probletunities, study current situations, analyze causes, develop theories for improvement, implement these theories, study results, standardize the improvement, and establish future plans.

We are learning how to implement affinity diagrams, several types of brainstorming, consensograms, five whys, NGT's and flow charts. Ask your students to explain their techniques.

We also used our new techniques to compose a code of cooperation that helped us outline the way we wanted to learn and interact with adults and peers.



Chick-fil-a

Calendars are back!

Team Hope is planning a Big Bash for the entire school that will include rides and a chili cook-off in January. We are selling calendars to cover the cost of the party. Our goal is just 500 for the whole school. They make a great gift for the holidays.

Calendars are only \$6.00

The 2009 calendars gave over \$30.00 worth of food coupons.

Call or e-mail Dixie Puleo at:
408-9297 or

volunteer4hope@yahoo.com

to arrange the pick-up of your calendars. Sandy Teska will also have some available.

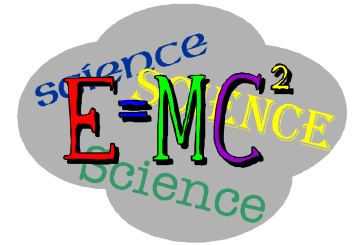
The **class** with the biggest percentage of sales will have a **Pizza party!!!**

The **family** that sells the most calendars will have special reserved seating at the Christmas program.

Boxtops for Education

YOU can earn money for our school simply by clipping boxtops from items you probably already have in your house. Please be looking for information coming home with your child which will explain what Boxtops for Education is, where you can find them, and other easy ways you can earn money for our school like shopping at over 60 online stores including **Barnes & Noble**, **JCPenney** and **Lands' End**, through a link on the Boxtops website. Also, **Juicy Juice** 100% juice just joined the Boxtop family! You can buy a healthy drink for your child's lunch and support your school. To make it

fun for the kids, we will be having raffles, drawings and/or contests with prizes possibly including, but not limited to **Webkinz**, **Vermont Teddy bears**, **popsicle parties** and **Principal for the Day**. Look for detailed information coming home with your child soon. Contact Elaine Avila at 963-1848 with any questions.



Coming up next

Chick-fil-A fun Day

Noon – 8:00pm

September 23

Doughnuts for Dads

8:00–8:30 am Academy

8:30-9:00 am Preschool

September 24

Special Note:

The following are some names of businesses and people who are supporting Hope Academy's Golf Tournament. Please be sure to thank these businesses for

Logan's Roadhouse
Carolina Oral

Crockett Pediatric Dentistry

Absolute Storage

Glazing Pot
Country Boy Nursery