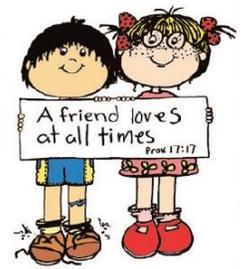


# Colleyville Christian Preschool

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Dear Parents,

Several years ago, we spent several months researching new and exciting reading programs in order to introduce the best curriculum to our Pre-K/Kindergarten students. We discovered a synthetic phonics program called "Jolly Phonics" that was developed by two teachers from Lowestoft, England.

This program teaches the letters and sounds in a way that is fun and multi-sensory. Independent studies have found that, after only one year of teaching, the children that had been taught Jolly Phonics had an average reading age of approximately one year ahead of their actual age. This is very consistent with our own findings as well. Teaching our 4- and 5-year-olds to be proficient readers is a high priority at our preschool. In addition, the staff has also attended a preschool workshop over the summer hosted by Frog Street Press - a highly child friendly program designed to help children learn to read.

Having a Master's degree in Reading myself, I feel that it is extremely important to introduce these new and fun programs to the children in preschool. They will have more opportunities to learn how to decode words and therefore become proficient readers. This is an integral part of our program here at Colleyville Christian Preschool.

Thus far, the Jolly Phonics and Frog Street Press programs have proven to be very successful, along with our leveled reading program, A to Z Reading.

Please note the following methods we are currently using to teach reading:

1. **WORD WALL** - This is a wall with box tops from household items
2. **SIGHT VOCABULARY WALL** - This is a wall in which one new sight word is introduced daily.
3. **SMALL GROUP PROGRAM** - This program will be used to introduce each new Leveled Reader for the week:
  - a. Visual
  - b. Game
  - c. Flash Cards
  - d. Tactile - writing the word in the sand, salt, air, pudding, etc.
  - e. Introduction of the Book
  - f. Small Group instructions
  - g. Leveled Reader book goes home
4. **READING PROGRAMS** - Jolly Phonics, ABeka, Frog Street Press
5. **LARGE GROUP INSTRUCTION**
6. **LETTER BAGS**
7. **BOXED CURRICULUM**
  - a. Word Families
  - b. Sight Word Puzzles
  - c. Rhyming Books
  - d. Phonics Stamps
  - e. Beginning Phonics Books
8. **LEVELED READERS- A-Z Leveled Reading Program**

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the preschool. We look forward to seeing your child learn, grow, and succeed this year!

Serving Him Together,

Diane Ellis, Executive Director