



Dear Parents,

Welcome to the Ready to Read program. I know this is going to be a very exciting time for your child as they discover the joys and successes of learning to read at an early age. This reading program is designed to make the experience of learning to read very enjoyable. The children will have fun and find that they can read each book with confidence, fluency, meaning and expression. After completing this enriching program your child should be reading around a grade two – three level, (within the public school system.)

PHILOSOPHY

*“A child’s attitude to reading is of such importance that more often than not it determined his/her scholastic fate. Moreover, his/her **experience** in learning to read may decide how he/she feels about learning in general, and even himself/herself as an individual.”*

Bruno Bettelheim

PHONEMIC AWARENESS

Through learning the correct sounds of each letter in the alphabet and feeling comfortable expressing them, children should be able to divide a word up into sounds, e.g. **cat**. This process starts early reading by being able to recognize the words by sounding them out. Also, being able to put the sounds in correct order as read from a word.

LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

Your child will be learning to read in a fun and interactive way, with a maximum of 12 children to 1 teacher, (Mrs. Roosdahl). The classes are on **Tuesday and Thursday from 3:30 – 5:00 pm and fees are \$95.00 per month with a \$20.00 registration fee.** Fees are payable in post dated cheques to Creative Kids Preschool. **Registration form and fee along with post dated cheques need to be received by the school in order for children to begin the program.** All children will receive their own binder and pocket pal, (to hold supplies and books), to bring to school and home each session. Everything your child needs for the program will be supplied by Creative Kids Preschool.

This program is designed for Kindergarten and Grade one student who have successfully been through the Fun Family Phonics or possess skills to further in the

reading program, (preschool age children included). The Fun Family Phonics program, (teaching phonemic awareness), is taught in our four-year-old program. The children will follow through to our Ready to Read program after having a strong knowledge of the names, sounds and shapes of the letters in the alphabet and be able to write them with some confidence. They should also know the difference between upper and lower case letters and be able to build three letter words containing a short vowel sound, e.g. **cat**. Your child should also be interested in learning to read. The success of the Ready to Read program depends on the level that your child has reached before we begin.

Your child will be learning through a series of short simple workbooks. There are three series in total. The Red Level (8 books 8 titles), the Yellow Level (8 books 8 titles) and the Blue Level (8 books 8 titles). We will teach all the new words in each book through sentence strips, flash cards, writing, spelling and games before the children read the book and it is sent home. We will also be teaching through, "The Fun Family Fair" which explains why the phonetic letter combination makes a particular sound. In each class the children spell the words (in their spelling books) that contain the phonetic construct taught that day. The children will also form the letters into words by printing on their pages in their binders as the teacher watches and helps them print their letters. You will be able to see their progress each day in their binders that are brought home. Please make sure your child always comes to class with their binder.

To enable your child to get the most out of the program, they will need your help at home to review what they have learned at school. You can help by asking open-ended questions about their day and review what they have learned from their binder work, which includes writing and spelling. We will also send home the books we are learning with the children (to be returned to the school) and will ask you to have them read to you as you encourage and help when needed. Also, when working with your child at home, it would be very helpful to please encourage them to write using ONLY lower case letters and upper case letters only at the beginning of their name or a sentence. When writing with your child, start left to right at the top of the paper and keep in mind the proper sizing of the letters, using terms such as 'big and tall letters' and 'half the size letters'. Also using the term 'finger space' when making a space between words when writing. I realize it is so much to take in at once. If you would like to purchase any of the materials we use in the program to with your child at home or have any further question please see Mrs. Roosdahl.

To enroll your child in the Ready to Read program, please fill out the following registration form along with your registration fee (dated the day of enrolment) and post dated cheques (September to June dated the first of each month) and return to the school by Monday, May 29th. The first session will start Tuesday, September 12th at 3:30 pm. Your child will need a pair of slippers (to stay at the school) for their time in class. If you have any questions please ask Mrs. Roosdahl.



Creative Kids Preschool Ready to Read Program Registration

Child's name _____ Date of Birth _____ Age _____

Address _____ Home Phone _____

_____ Family e-mail _____

Mother's Name _____ Home Phone _____

Address _____ Business Phone _____

_____ Cell Phone _____

Father's Name _____ Home Phone _____

Address _____ Business Phone _____

_____ Cell Phone _____

Emergency Name(s) _____ Phone _____

_____ Phone _____

(Please let the people above know they may be contacted in case of emergency).

Does your child have allergies? _____

Is there anything that we should know about your child's health? _____

I hereby give my permission to the teacher in the "Ready to Read program" to call a physician or ambulance in case of a serious emergency **if I cannot be immediately reached.**

Signature of Parent

Physician's Name _____ Phone Number _____

Care Card number _____

A registration fee is required to ensure your child a place in the program and is not refundable. There will be no refund on fees or any portion thereof, regardless of sickness, school holidays or family vacations. I agree to submit post dated cheques for program fees and give one full month's notice of withdrawal for my child from the program, in writing. After receiving one month's notice, all unused post dated cheques will be returned. There will be a \$20.00 charge on all returned cheques.

I have read the information on the Ready to Read program and understand the policies and procedures as explained.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Date of registration _____ Registration fee paid _____ Post dated cheques received _____