

"Today you are You, that is truer than true. There is no one alive who is You-er than You." Dr. Seuss

Celebrate Your Child!

Never Let Go of Your Dreams

Children of morning, children of night,
call to the wind for your guiding light.
Children of winter call unto to spring,
children of summer take flight on a wing.
Laughing, crying, jumping, and play,
each life was formed from natures fresh clay.
Molded, and shaped just like you are,
not manufactured like a train, or a car.
Evening approaches take shelter for the night,
for from Heaven shall come the brightest of light.
Reach out your hands and touch a star,
no matter if it seems to be to far.
Grasp your future, and hold on tight,
never let go of that shining light.

- a poem by Velmar Pewee Hale Johnson



Cuddle Up and Read with Your Child

The Night Before Kindergarten
by Natasha Wing

Annabelle Swift, Kindergartener
by Amy Schwartz

Excuse Me! by Lisa Kopelke

Harold and the Purple Crayon
by Crockett Johnson

No Mirrors in My Nana's House
by Ysaye M. Barnwell



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Tips for Families

Now is the time for school shopping!

- Ask your child's teacher for the list of supplies that your child will need to bring during the first few weeks of school. Each school and teacher will have a different supply list, so it's important to find out for sure what you will need.
- Involve your child when you pick out school supplies and allow him/her to make some choices. Would you like the purple pencils or the red pencils? There is so much to choose from!
- Check with your child's school to find out if they have any coupons or information about school supply discounts.
- Shop during the North Carolina "Sales Tax Holiday"! During the first weekend in August (Friday through Sunday) you can shop for school supplies and pay NO SALES TAX! This is a special program in our state – you can save a bunch!



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Fun for Families

- Make sure that your child knows his/her first and last name, street address, telephone number and landmarks close to home
- Establish new, and continue old family traditions for special occasions
- Ask your child to paint or draw a picture of your family
- Let your child "get lost in books"
- Take pictures of your favorite places – talk about them together "What happened?" "Where did you go?" Create a scrapbook of the photos together
- Make an art box with paper, markers, watercolor paints, crayons, glue, tape, scissors, etc.
- Set a good example by having your child see you reading