



# WPS & P News

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## Muscular Dystrophy Week

The MDA program provided a week of curriculum materials for all of the children to promote the awareness of muscular dystrophy. This includes a Hop A Thon to raise donations to treat this terrible disease. Please assist by getting as many pledges as you can. The *First Class* will be hopping to Goldstar Park this Friday to culminate this week of activities.

Ms. Jamie's and the *First Class* held a Hop a Thon challenge Tuesday. Stone and Tyler in Ms. Jamie's class and JB and John from the *First Class* were tied as they were still hopping after 10 minutes when time was

called.

### Alabama Early Learning Guidelines

Ms. Terry and Ms. Debbie have been invited to attend 18 hours of training on the recently developed Early Learning Guidelines as part of the *Good Start, Grow Smart* initiative which is part of the *No Child Left Behind Act*. The guidelines address five areas: self-concept/emotional development, social development, language and literacy development, physical development and cognitive development. The guidelines address early reading and early

math concepts for children ages 3 through 5 years. The class begins in April.

*First Class* Children at the State House



## State Funded Pre-K

*First Class* students went to the State House to visit with the lawmakers this past week. They presented thank you cards the parents wrote for continued funding of Pre-K. This year the state funded Pre-K is at risk of being defunded because of

the economy and education proration. We need all of you to call, email or write the Representatives and Senators. Please see the attached sample letter and who to contact. We need this done by Friday, March 22. If you don't have a way to fax or e-mail correspondence, we can do it for you. For those

children not yet eligible, please keep in mind the tuition for the program is a lot less than what you are paying now. The program is highly regulated and managed. For the past several years, Alabama has been selected as having the highest quality Pre-K program in the United States.

## Kid's Korner

*A Kindergarten child was observed recently under the slide on the big playground doing #2. When asked why he didn't go to the bathroom, he replied he didn't want to take the time and miss out on the playing.*

## Special points of interest:

- Registration is due now to hold your child's spot for August when our school year starts again. It is \$50 per child and is non refundable.
- We need several parent volunteers to work in the classrooms from 8-5:00pm, so that three teachers can attend the Pre-K conference on April 2 & 3. You will be paired with experienced teachers.
- Please do not send food that needs to be refrigerated. We just don't have the room.
- Please don't send chapstick with your child. It is not allowed in public schools either. It can be injected and children share it with others.
- We need any size cardboard egg cartons (not Styrofoam).