

PARENT NEWSLETTER ON PRESCHOOL CHILDREN

Senior High

Description

Teens can be a vital part of bringing education to parents when they share their classroom knowledge and information. Many parents are working more the one job or putting in long hours in order to provide financial stability for the family. Time does not allow parents to read lengthy articles or find new information on child rearing practices. Through this public relations activity, teens develop short concise news articles dealing with many topics of concern in child development.

Family and Consumer Sciences Classes

- Child Development
- Child Care Occupations

Classroom Activities

- Study the developmental stages of children--infant, toddler, preschool.
- Brainstorm important issues parents of preschool children may have.
- Develop strategies for a newsletter.
- Select appropriate resources to gather current information.
- Have students research topic of interest and write an article.
- Have students proof read each other's articles.
- Develop a cover, print and assemble newsletter.
- Distribute parent newsletter for parents using childcare centers, hospitals, pharmacies etc.

Class Connection of FCCLA Projects

- Planning Process
- Public Relations
- STAR Events: Illustrated Talk, Focus on Children, Skills for Life
- Families First--Parenting Practice

Resources

- Families First manual (1996) FCCLA
- STAR Events manual
- Parents and their Children (1995) Goodheart-Wilcox Company Inc.
- Children The Early Years (1995) Goodheart-Wilcox Company Inc.
- www.childmagazine.com

Connection to Minnesota Graduation Standards

- Inquiry--"Case Study"
- Community Service-- "Service Learning"

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