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Preschool Screening

During the months of February and March, your local school district will offer free developmental screening for 3 - 5 year olds. This is an opportunity for you to find out how your child is progressing in his/her development.

Many of the school districts in Whiteside County have preschool programs funded by the Illinois State Board of Education. If you would like your child to be considered for placement in a class next fall, he/she must attend the screening in your school district.

If you are presently enrolled in Parents As Teachers and receive monthly home visits from a Parent Educator, ask her about doing a developmental screening in your home for your children 4 - 36 months. The Ages and Stages Questionnaire (ASQ) is a parent-completed questionnaire which simply asks questions about activities your children do.

For those not enrolled in Parents As Teachers, your school district will offer ASQ screening for children 4 - 36 months in connection with the 3 - 5 year old preschool screening. If you have concerns or questions about your child's development, this is an opportunity to find out how he/she is doing.

Call your local school for screening dates and appointment information.

Story Time with the Principal

During the next few months, our center-based program will be traveling around the county offering special events for 4 and 5 year olds and their parents.

We will be scheduling a storytime in each elementary school that participates in the Parents As Teachers Program. We are asking the principal or a representative from the school to be our "Guest Reader". This is an opportunity for families to visit the building where their child may someday attend school.

February storytimes are listed on the activities page of this newsletter. Please watch future newsletters for a "Story Time with the Principal" in your school.

Center-based P.A.T. is a voluntary early-learning program available without charge to all Whiteside County families with a child 4 or 5 years of age. It is designed to provide parents with opportunities to gain knowledge about child development through interaction with their child and other families with children of a similar age. **It is not necessary to be enrolled in Parents As Teachers to attend these activities.**

Debbie Klein, P.A.T. Resource Center Coordinator and certified teacher, will lead parents and their children in activities designed to make learning fun.