



...being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ.

Philippians 1:6



READY FOR KINDERGARTEN!

Kindergarten readiness can be measured in many ways: socially, emotionally and cognitively. Children who are developed in these areas generally tend to adjust to kindergarten fairly easily. Your child is developing valuable social skills in preschool. Learning to share and communicate with others is an important life-skill and beneficial in kindergarten. The preschool experience allows them to see what it is like to be without you for part of the day. This should be helpful as they transition into kindergarten. One of the more difficult tasks for kindergartners is learning to sit still for extended periods of time. You can help your child to adjust to this by slowly increasing the amount of time that you spend reading together each night. While you read to your child, make comments about the story elements, characters, and setting. Acknowledge your child's observations too. This will help him become more involved in the story. Children learn by doing, experiencing, and interacting with the people and objects in their environment. Therefore, the question is not simply "Is my child ready for kindergarten?" but "Is the kindergarten ready for my child?"

--Cathy Towner



LIONS ACADEMY MEETS AZTECS



Though they are the youngest team at Horizon Prep, the Lions Basketball Academy recently practiced at COX ARENA at SDSU! The 12 young hoopsters observed a Div. I college practice and met legendary Coach, Steve Fisher. They also met with players and promised to pray for injured Aztec Kelvin Davis (recovering from cancer treatments). Finally, the boys hit the court to shoot hoops on the same court that has hosted college national tournament games! The Lions Academy will offer basketball and volleyball clinics in the spring, and camps this summer.



"PLEASE STAND BY..."

"Please stand by for an important message from Horizon Prep..." Chances are you've heard that message on your phone this year. If there is an emergency on our campus or an urgent all-school bulletin—we have the ability to alert you in a matter of minutes thanks to Power Caller. HP has joined forces with Power Caller, a computerized calling system. "The Great American Shake Out" earthquake drill was our first test of the system this year, and we had great success. We're making technology work, to put safety first!



SUZANNE MACINNIS KINDERGARTEN TEACHER

Born and Raised: Born in Blackfoot, ID and raised in Phoenix, AZ
College: B.S. in Elementary Education, Northern Arizona University
Family: Just got married in July!!! I have a husband and a dog Mabel. I also have 1 sister and 1 brother with lots of nieces and nephews.
Teaching Experience: 1 year of Pre-K, 1 year of 1st and 2nd multiage, 5 years of Kindergarten.
Hobbies: Cooking, biking, traveling
Something you might not know: I had a bagpiper in my wedding! I am also a big ASPCA advocate.

KAREN SPARKS TECHNOLOGY TEACHER & YEARBOOK COORDINATOR



Born and Raised: Northern CA
College: UCSD
Family: Taylor Anne (4th Grade) and Sydney (2nd Grade)
Teaching Experience: 7th year at HP; Computers - Mira-Costa College; Retail Site Selection - UC Riverside Ext.
Hobbies: Tennis, Playing with Apple products
Something you might not know: I created a website to enhance students computer skills and HP curriculum. You'll find links to Reading Plus, Lexia & educational games. To access it: go to the homework link on horizonprep.org, then click on Middle School Homework, then click on "Karen Sparks."

"HP HIGH TECH InTECHgration"

A recent trip to MAC Headquarters in Cupertino, reinforced that "Technology" is no longer just a class in school—it *is school!* A contingent from Horizon Prep met with Vice President of Education for MAC, John Couch and a group that specializes in education. Our teachers also benefited from having 24 hours of MAC training over a three day period from their certified educators and instructors. Our teachers learned how to do countless things to grab our kids' attention like I have never seen! For example, Ms. Malme's 2nd Graders now learn grammar in a Keynote presentation –instead of worksheets! Ms. Hunt transformed a standard writing lesson into a beautiful Keynote presentation filled with instruction, examples, and rubrics for them to write their own. Mrs. Hitchcock's class made iMovies about the true meaning of Christmas in Technology class and Ms. Rice had an imaginative presentation about Colonial America. In November, the entire 5th Grade went on a field trip to the Apple store in Carlsbad for more hands-on examples. All of our teachers are utilizing the advancements in technology at HP this year. From Book Reports to Websites, our students are learning to think outside the laptop! What an exciting time to be a Horizon Prep Lion!



Loving Your Kids,
Miss Henning





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J A N U A R Y

1/19 NO SCHOOL
Martin Luther King Jr. Day

1/29 DAD'S DAY
(1st - 8th Grade)

1/30 Re-Enrollment Deadline
(1st - 8th Grade)

*Due to regularly scheduled assessments, Preschool-K enrollment is February 2nd - 13th.

"THE RESULTS ARE IN!"

We are starting the year with great news! Our students are showing outstanding academic growth and we give God all the glory! Horizon Prep's IOWA test scores for 2008 have arrived, and for the fifth year in a row they have improved! As our new Registrar and Director of Enrollment Services, I am thrilled to announce that this year our school performed in the 94th percentile!! This means that as a school, our students scored higher than 93 percent of other schools administering this assessment. This is our highest score to date!

According to data published from the test results, Horizon Prep "has a larger percentage of high achieving students" in all core subjects, than other schools taking the IOWA nationwide! One of the best areas for parents to look at is the Grade Equivalent. This score indicates the grade level at which your child performs. For example, a score of 5.8 means that your child scored at a fifth grade, eighth month level. On average, Horizon Prep students have consistently scored two years above grade level again this year!!

We are so proud of our HP readers. Your student's vocabulary, reading comprehension and total reading scores continue to validate our classically-based curriculum and instruction. We are also able to track the progress of our students year-by-year and can see the consistent, and sometimes remarkable, growth in all areas that are assessed. The longitudinal charts that show this progress are really a pleasure to study! We invite you to stop by the office to see the summary reports.

The IOWA Test of Basic Skills is a nationally standardized test, allowing us to compare our students to others across the nation. We administer the test in the fall, rather than waiting until the end of the year, so that teachers are able to utilize the scores to drive their instruction and better meet the needs of their students. For more information visit <http://www.riverpub.com/products/itbs/details.html> or contact your child's teacher.

Congratulations students! May God continue to work in the hearts and lives of our school families all year!

Go Lions!

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Registrar and Director of Enrollment Services



