



DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE  
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NORTH CAROLINA DISTRICT

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Dear Parents,

The *Creative Curriculum System for Preschool* is being used in all DoDEA preschool and PSCD classrooms as a framework for instruction. Additionally, teachers are using *Teaching Strategies Gold* to collect evidence of your child's progress, which will be reported to you three times during the school year: 10 December, 22 March, and 21 June. You will also be invited to a Parent-Teacher Conference in November and April.

Creative Curriculum uses a "studies" approach to integrate content learning through children's in-depth investigation of meaningful topics. For example, your child will study "Trees" or "Buildings" for several weeks during the year. Content areas, such as math, science, social studies and reading, will be integrated around the topic the class is studying.

I have included the Camp Lejeune Preschool Calendar for your information. For the remaining school year, preschool students attend school the same days as the other elementary school students, with the exception of one day at the end of each trimester. These dates are December 3, March 14, and June 11.

I encourage you to visit your child's preschool class to see the exciting learning opportunities your child is experiencing. Please talk with your child's teacher about how you can be involved in your child's preschool program.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support. Working together, we can ensure the best possible educational experience for your young child.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Emily Marsh".

Emily Marsh, Ed. D.  
District Superintendent