

Parent - Teacher Communication is Key

A+ Children's Academy uses 21st century technology to teach & communicate

For Deanna Howard, transferring her daughters to A+ Children's Academy from their neighborhood school is a no-brainer. Even though her daughters, Makayla and Britinee, are entering fourth and fifth grade respectively, Ms. Howard feels confident transferring them now is the best opportunity to prepare her girls for middle school. The reasons are simple: better communication with her children's teachers, the high standards for core curriculum and the small classrooms that will allow the teachers to focus on the child's greatest

needs to reach those standards.

"I never saw graded papers and didn't get feedback except report cards," Deanna said, and by then it was too late to help her child catch up if an assignment was missed or completed incorrectly. "I'm looking forward to communicating with the teachers throughout the school year" she said enthusiastically.

A+ Children's Academy uses the E-grade online system that allows the teachers to enter grades, attendance, and other information. Parents are able to review these statistics to watch the

progress of the child on a daily basis.

The teacher can also upload flashcards, test reviews, homework assistance, and other tools to help the parent work with the children at home. Parents have access to all of this information anywhere that you go with an internet connection and all information is completely private and confidential.

Ms. Howard said "the dress code will help them be aligned [with each other], stay focused on schoolwork and "it will be nice that they will be better prepared in the mornings." This year students

will have a voluntary uniform policy. "Although we are not requiring students to wear the uniforms this year, many parents have been very supportive and plan to have their children wear uniforms on a daily basis" said Principal Mindi Hardgrow. Starting in the 2013-2014 school year, school uniforms will be mandatory.

Ms. Howard also said she is glad the school will be emphasizing performing arts to enhance the core curriculum. "Music opens up the children's minds to experience new things," she said. "Our performing arts program is unique in that in that we have partnered with the Jazz Arts Group, a cultural institution of Columbus for over 40 years. Together with the classroom teachers, we are creating a custom tailored curriculum that will align with their core lessons" said Artistic Director, Skip Sams, M. Mus. "Our program is not just for the musically inclined." In addition to incorporating the arts in the classroom, children in grades 3-5 will have the opportunity to take instrumental lessons. Britinee is excited that she will be able to continue her violin lessons and Makayla will get to start piano lessons.

A+ Children's Academy Community School is holding an open house to the public on August 20th from 3-6pm. The school is located at 100 Obetz Road, Columbus, Ohio. 43207. For more information or to register your child, visit <http://www.apluschildrensacademy.org> or call 614-491-8502.



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