



## DEVELOPMENTAL OBJECTIVES SHORT & LONG TERM GOALS for Covington Co-op Preschool

First Trimester - September, October, November

Getting acquainted with equipment, parents, making new friends, building new skills, learning new concepts.

Second Trimester - December, January, February

Experimentation

Third Trimester - March, April, May

Mastering skills and concepts, exercising independence

All year we will be working to:

Develop auditory and visual discrimination and memory.

Develop expressive language and love for learning.

Develop small and large muscle coordination.

Develop number concepts.

Develop an awareness of the world around us.

Develop self-concepts and self esteem.

Develop ability to solve problems.

Develop social skills that will help them to be happy and successful

We need to give our children well-defined sensory experiences to help them develop the above objectives.

Covington Co-op Preschool has a multisensory developmental approach by stimulating the five senses (sight, touch, hearing, smell, and taste) through creative activities based on children's interests and needs. We, as teachers of our children, will be providing a creative climate to develop a creative ability.

CREATIVE CLIMATE IS:

to stop the automatic NO

to defer from judgment

to allow the sharing of ideas to solve problems

CREATIVE ABILITY IS:

to see things in a new or different way

to take risks

to not feel fearful of being wrong

Sensory Experiences form the base for development of abstract ideas.



To teach children too early so they learn by rote is to deprive them of the joy and excitement of meaningful discoveries. It fills their heads with things they know but to not understand.

### **I HEAR AND I FORGET - I SEE AND I REMEMBER - I DO AND I UNDERSTAND!**

Of utmost importance in the early years of any child's life is the exposures and experiences that they receive in their everyday thinking. Parents are children's first teachers and can best help by giving them many, many different ways of exploring their world. They need to touch, see, hear, smell, taste, and ask questions.

#### **WE NEED TO ENCOURAGE:**

self motivation  
feelings of accomplishment  
a love of learning

The most natural way to accomplish all of this is through play and excursions with lots of speech and language. Children love to have fun, to explore, and to talk. Planned play activities help a child to practice skills that will lay a foundation for later learning. Also, by emphasizing the positive aspects of a child's performance, the youngster will build self-confidence and self-esteem, as well.

Mistakes should be generally minimized by not paying too much attention to them, it is more constructive to call attention to successes. A child responds favorably to positive reinforcement.

#### **SKILLS FOR ACADEMIC PROGRESS IN THE FUTURE:**

1. Listening
2. Following directions
3. Taking turns
4. Sharing ideas
5. Persistence
6. Independence
7. Classification
8. Association
9. Patterning
10. Creative thinking
11. Problem solving
12. Small muscle coordination
13. Large muscle coordination

All this can be done in a loving and positive way.  
We have lots of time to do all of these things.  
We do not need to force it all in one day.

### **TRY TO REMEMBER WHY WE ARE HERE AND SAVOR EVERY MINUTE OF IT.**

Sincerely,

*Karen Brown*





## DATES TO REMEMBER

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NOVEMBER 4TH AT 6:45PM  
BOARD MEETING

ALL COVINGTON CO-OP MEMBERS ARE WELCOME  
TO ATTEND BOARD MEETINGS IF THEY HAVE  
QUESTIONS, CONCERNS, OR HELPFUL CONTRIBUTIONS

SCHOOL PHOTOS  
OCTOBER 29TH, 30TH, 31ST

WREATH FUNDRAISER  
DUE OCTOBER 28TH

REMINDER – PLEASE DO NOT WEAR COSTUMES  
THE WEEK OF HALLOWEEN





# FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES

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- FALL RAFFLE BASKETS

- EACH CLASS CONTRIBUTES A RAFFLE BASKET

- HOLIDAY WREATHS

- VALUE VILLAGE CLOTHING DRIVE

- PLEASE START SAVING ANY CLOTHING THAT YOU'RE PLANNING TO DONATE

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS,  
PLEASE DIRECT THEM TO YOUR CLASS CHAIR.





# 2½ HOUR VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

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- WREATH PICKUP

- DATE AND TIME TBD
- PLEASE CONTACT YOUR CLASS CHAIR IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN THIS VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITY