

For Immediate Release
January 23, 2002

Classes offered for parents and young children at USI this spring

If you are the parent of a young child, you can discover new ways to interact with your child in toddler and preschool classes offered at University of Southern Indiana this spring.

Parents can learn and play with their child and share ideas with other parents. The course Together with Toddlers (18 to 24 months) will be offered six Mondays at 5:30 p.m. beginning January 28, and Together with 2's will be offered on six Mondays at 6:30 p.m. beginning January 28. Both classes are limited to seven children.

Learn how to use inexpensive materials and things around your home to help your child gain pre-reading and writing skills. The class, Making Games to Teach Your Preschooler Reading, will be offered on Thursday, February 28 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the USI Children's Center on campus.

Learning numbers and beginning math concepts is more than completing workbooks. In the class Making Games to Teach Your Preschooler Math you will discover creative ways to teach basic concepts and have fun with your child. The course is offered on Thursday, March 14 at 6:30 p.m.

Preparing for kindergarten is the topic of the class Get Ready for Kindergarten open to four- and five-year olds. Limited to eight children, the course will boost confidence and encourage a successful start in school. Children will learn to think creatively and to work independently and to cooperate in group situations. The course is offered on eight Wednesdays beginning at 6:30 p.m. on January 30 in USI Children's Center.

Experts say early exposure to music often enhances children's academic success. USI is offering a creative music program for parents and children ages two months to six years. It is designed to expand a child's natural interest in music. Lessons will cover songs, instruments, and acting out stories. The music program begins in March.

Fees vary for the classes. Registration information is available from the USI Office of Extended Services, 812/464-1989.

Rebecca Coudret, C&P; WNIN-FM (E-mail); WSWI Radio Station; WIKY (E-mail); Our Times (E-mail); Message (E-mail); Shield editor-Mark Buczkowski (E-mail); Shield News Editor-Ethan Badertscher (E-mail); Inside USI; Greg Kathary (WFIE); Paula Moore (WEHT)