**Shaler Area Preschool**

**The** **Family** **and** **Consumer** **Science** **Department** **of** **Shaler** **Area** **High** **School** **oﬀers** **a** **Laboratory** **preschool** **program** **for** **tenth,** **eleventh** **and** **twel h** **grade.** **Students** **enro ing** **in** **the** **Preschool** **Labs** **must** **have** **ﬁrst** **taken** **and** **passed** **the** **Child** **Development** **Curriculum.** **This** **course** **familiarizes** **them** **with** **theories** **and** **ski s** **in** **the** **area** **of** **childcare.** **The**

**students** **learn** **to** **work** **with** **children** **under** **the** **direction** **of** **a** **qualiﬁed** **instructor** **educated** **in** **the** **ﬁeld** **of** **Early** **Childhood** **Education.**

**The** **Preschool** **laboratory** **is** **planned** **to** **beneﬁt** **both** **the** **preschool** **child** **and** **the** **high** **school** **student.** **The** **preschool** **child** **wi beneﬁt** **as** **a** **participant** **in** **a** **carefu y** **planned** **educational** **program.** **The** **high** **school** **student** **wi**  **beneﬁt** **by** **observing** **and** **working** **with** **sma children.**

**The** **program** **is** **open** **to** **a children** **in** **the** **Shaler** **Area** **School** **District** **between** **the** **ages** **of** **three** **and** **ﬁve** **years.** **The** **child** **must** **be** **three** **years** **old** **by** **September** **1st** **and** **must** **be**

**po y** **trained.** **Registration** **is** **held** **each** **spring** **for** **the** **next** **school** **year.** **Registration** **cost** **is** **$100** **per** **semester** **or** **$180** **for** **the** **entire** **year,** **if paid in fu .**

**The** **preschool** **is** **in** **session** **Wednesdays,** **Thursdays** **and** **Fridays** **from** **8:15-10:30.** **The** **other** **days** **of** **the** **week** **are** **when** **the** **high** **school** **students** **prepare** **and** **analyze** **laboratory** **experiences.** **The** **preschool** **wi be** **held** **in** **room** **104,** **the** **Family** **and** **Consumer** **Science** **wing.** **It** **wi be** **in** **session** **for** **approximately** **13-14** **weeks** **each** **semester.** **Vacations,** **holidays,** **and** **snow** **days** **of** **the** **school** **district** **wi**  **be** **observed** **by** **the** **preschool.**

**Preschool** **students** **wi be** **included** **in** **activities** **such** **as:** **The** **Pledge** **of** **A egiance,** **calendar,** **weather,** **stories,** **puppets,** **music** **and** **movement,** **art** **activities,** **sma muscle** **manipulation,** **dramatic** **play,** **household** **activities,** **sand** **and** **water** **experiences,** **and** **large** **muscle** **ski s.** **Each** **week,** **the** **high** **school** **students** **wi choose** **and** **develop** **a** **particular** **concept,** **which** **wi be** **the** **theme** **and** **inﬂuence** **the** **preschool** **activities.**

**Approximately** **three** **weeks** **prior** **to** **the** **beginning** **of** **preschool.** **Le ers** **are** **sent** **to** **inform** **of** **the** **orientation** **date** **and** **also** **the** **date** **of** **the** **ﬁrstday** **of** **school.** **Please** **contact** **Mrs.** **Tara** **We s** **at** **412-492-1200** **ext.** **1104** **with** **any** **questions!**