



## Prekindergarten... the Right Beginning Building on Roni & Dolores' Legacy



Dr. Ann Marie Sasseville – Executive Director

Brian Monico – PreK SLP Chairperson / PRIDE  
Dearta Smith – PreK SLP / LATS / PRIDE  
Feel free to browse the PreK website:  
[prekese.dadeschools.net](http://prekese.dadeschools.net)

### IN THE NEWS

A recent article featured in the Miami Herald (September 18, 2016) discussed the new homework policy that is being implemented this school year at Henry S. West Laboratory School. Mandatory assignments are being substituted, in instances, for more functional, family oriented activities like reading. SLP's working with Pre-K students can encourage parents to generalize skills taught in therapy through play, conversations and daily routines at home.

### SPOTLIGHT!

Welcome to the 2016-2017 school year! New for this year we'd like to hear from YOU! What are some ideas and/or strategies that you are using with your Pre-K students? Let us know so that we can share the wealth with our colleagues. Send a brief summary of a strategy or activity that you've successfully implemented with a Pre-K student(s). You may also choose to include a resource or tool that you find helpful. Submit your ideas for the upcoming newsletter by October 14<sup>th</sup> via email to [bmonico@dadeschools.net](mailto:bmonico@dadeschools.net) and [deartasmith@dadeschools.net](mailto:deartasmith@dadeschools.net).

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Parent training sessions focusing on communication and positive behavior strategies will commence during the month of October. More information is forthcoming in the October newsletter.

**REMINDER** - Refer to the 2015-2016 Pre-K SLP Newsletters for tips and strategies that you may find helpful when working with our Pre-K students and teachers. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact either Brian Monico or Dearta Smith.