# **EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION**

### TIPS FOR CREATING A NEWSLETTER

- Ask for volunteers to commit to writing the newsletter each month (parents or staff members).
- Establish a release date for the newsletter (once a month, twice a month, once every 3 months, etc.)
- 3. Establish sections for the newsletter. For example:
  - Parent Section (needs, spotlights, for sale, etc.)
  - Teacher Section (teacher of the month, birthdays, etc.)
  - Books of the Month
  - Home Activities for Families
  - Center News (important dates, events, etc.)
  - Family Friendly Community Events
  - Community Resources
  - Curriculum Section (special projects, themes, etc.)
  - Health & Fitness Tips
  - Advocacy Section (community outreach, advocacy opportunities, etc.)
- 4. Establish how data will be collected for the writer and designate how the information is to be delivered. For example:
  - A Drop Box
  - Tray on the Desk
  - Email to Director or Designated Staff Person
- 5. Establish a due date to turn in materials.
- 6. Establish a deadline to have newsletter completed.
- 7. Determine what computer software to have or template you will use for your newsletter.

(See following page for a Newsletter Outline)

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## NEWSLETTER OUTLINE

Today's Date:		
Monthly Topic:		
Due Date:		
Writer:		
Newsletter Release Date:		
Newsletter Sections/Writer		
1. Section:	Writer:	
2. Section:	Writer:	
3. Section:	Writer:	
4. Section:	Writer:	
5. Section:	Writer:	
6. Section:	Writer:	
7. Section:	Writer:	
8. Section:	Writer:	