

# READY, SET, GROW!

Program gives pre-kindergartners early boost

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With the funding found, the Ready, Set, GROW! Program in Kings Mountain District Schools has been found.

And with that, teachers at Grover Elementary School were happy the program was able to be held this year.

At the June school board meeting, KMDS Director of Curriculum and Instruction John Goforth said the money for the program has been found.

At Grover last week, children were playing, receiving quizzes before they ate lunch.

With the program starting later, the only reduction has been school buses providing transportation.

"We were told we weren't going to get to have it," Grover teacher Jada Hardin said.

The program is for students starting kindergarten during the next school year and is done at East, Bethware and Grover schools.

Students in the program are selected

based on results of a diagnostic test and other criteria.

The diagnostic test is given again at the end of the year and the results tend to be higher, Hardin said.

Getting ahead in school is one of the benefits of the program, teacher Mary Ann Gibson said. Most of the children have not been involved with other preschool programs, she said.

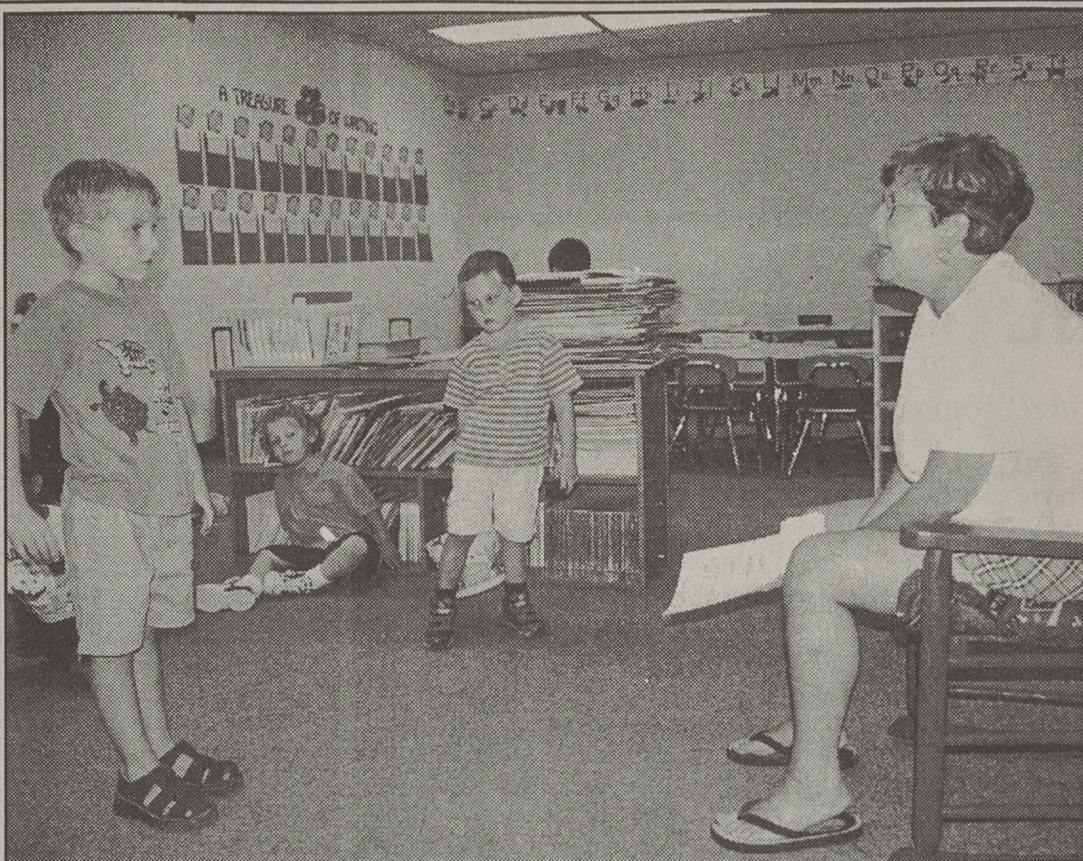
"So it's kind of hard for them to walk into school the first day," she said. "This way, they've been here and they know pretty much the rules and the routine."

The day, which goes from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., and includes coloring, learning through playing, writing, outside recess, a snack and singing.

With the variety of activities, students may find something they like over the others.

Student Chase Mayberry said he liked to draw.

"It's a great program and I really enjoy it," Hardin said.



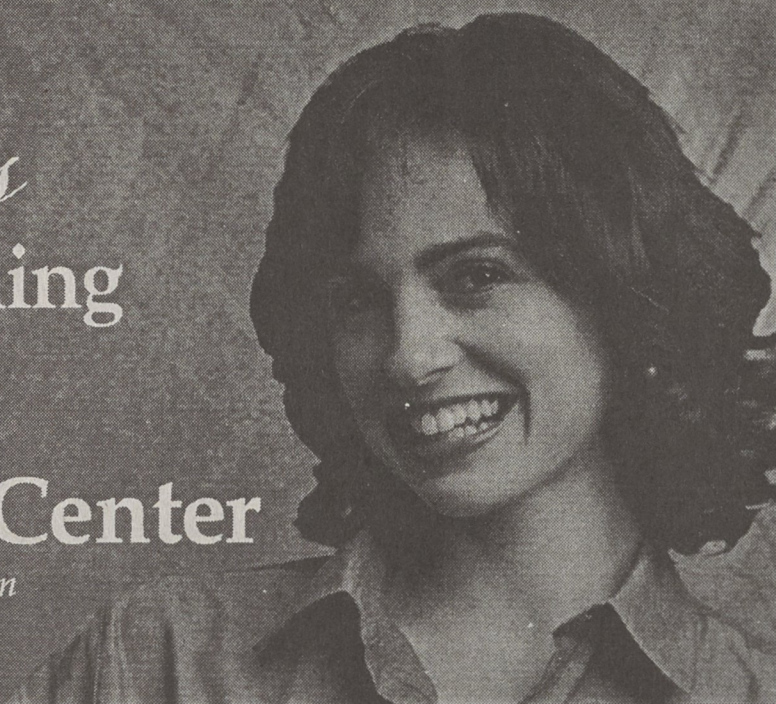
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Austin Willis, left, looks toward teacher Mary Ann Gibson during class at Ready, Set GROW! program at Grover Elementary. Holding up the numbers beside Willis is Katelyn Hall.

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## SCHOOL BRIEFS

### Bethware School sets orientation

Bethware Elementary School will host student orientation August 9 from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Parents are encouraged to take their children to school and meet their teacher before the first day of school, which is Monday, August 12.

Class assignments will be posted the week of July 29. For more information call the school at 734-5623.

### Registration set for KM Kids Etc.

Registration for the Kings Mountain District Schools Kids Etc. program will be August 1 from 3-5:30 p.m. at West School.

For more information call 739-8622.

### Volleyball tryouts begin Monday

Kings Mountain High School women's volleyball tryouts will begin Monday in Donald L. Parker Gymnasium.

Tryouts for ninth and 10th grade students will be from 3-5 p.m.

Tryouts for 11th and 12th grade students will be from 3-7 p.m.

For more information, call head coach Suzanne Grayson at 704 482-5284.



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Ronnie Costner, foreground, and Austin Broadway were among the group participating in the Junior Golf Academy at Kings Mountain Country Club.

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