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"Sparks electric only strike on souls electrical alike. The flash of intellect expires unless it meet congenial fires." (St. Moore)

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Newsletter

Perspectives of Dr. & Mrs. Anderson

Welcome

We welcome Robyn Glass as our new instructor in art. She is from Arlington and her classes are proving to be quite popular. Robyn is a graduate of U.T.A.

Also joining our staff is Alex Anderson, son of Dr. and Mrs. Anderson. He will be mentoring computer instruction, games and hardware applications. Alex is enrolled at T.C.C. and builds custom state of the art computers for individual clients. His web address is www.Andersonschool.net/firstclasscomputers.htm

Accepting, loving, and cherishing the child you have been given is the single most important thing you can do. Not only for your precious child, but also for yourself, the others around you, and for posterity.

So many times we have encountered one child in a family that is forever unfairly and unfavorably compared to other children, even within the family. And we see the devastation visited upon the self-esteem of this young person in the resulting horrific landscape of his or her psyche.

What we see can be equated

to the after-effects of a brutal war, except that this damage is by far more devastating and can be far longer lasting.

Buildings can be rebuilt after a disastrous battle, but the after-effects of a cold war of words can leave a child with a permanent paralysis of the mind and the emotions.

When we find such children, we offer the best curative we know: unconditional love.

This love is the only real hope we have to heal wounds inflicted so deeply. And we have been witness to remarkable recovery through a sim-



ple act of complete acceptance and total immersion in a truly loving relationship.

IMPORTANT DATES

- OCT. 6-10 Fall Break
OCT. 13 Columbus Day Holiday
OCT. 20-24 Adventure Trip
NOV.20-23 T.A.G.T. Conference
NOV.26-28 Thanksgiving Holiday
DEC. 19 Last Day of Fall Semester
DEC.23-JAN. 6 Winter Break

Adventure and Study/Fun Trips are Vital Components



Our recent trip to the Kimbell Art Museum was intriguing and full of surprises. The special exhibition, "Quest for Immortality: Treasures of Ancient Egypt", far exceeded our expectations. And lunch at the museum's restaurant was also delightful.

And another excursion to our favorite bookstore proved to be adventuresome, especially when coupled with a Chapps hamburger and a great movie, "Second Hand Lion". Weekly study and adventure trips each semester are integral parts of the enrichment component of the school. Place is a teacher unlike all others.





- You cannot know  
what you do not feel. -  
(Marya Mannes)

The most important accomplishment of childhood is to be happy! Education at its very best is a *byproduct* of joyful living. A happy child simply cannot be prevented from learning, if that child is in a stimulating and rewarding environment. **Our primary focus is directed at motivating children.** At the Anderson Private School children are immersed in a nurturing and sensitive philosophy.

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Where precocious goats are nurtured & appreciated.

**"It is the supreme art of the teacher  
to awaken joy in creative  
expression and knowledge."  
(Albert Einstein)**

We are concerned more with the development of thinking and learning skills than with facts and their perfunctory acquisition. Our students are trained to organize thoughts, reflect upon situations, comprehend the meaning of events, choose with wisdom among alternatives and to continually evaluate what is happening in their lives.

**"Our schools face backward toward a dying system, rather than forward to the emerging new society. Their vast energies are applied to cranking out Industrial Men—people tooled for survival in a system that will be dead before they are."  
(Alvin Toffler)**

**We're on the Web!**  
[www.andersonschool.net](http://www.andersonschool.net)

## Specialized Services Provided

The school provides specialized activities and experiences intended to enhance the sophistication of both analytical and divergent reasoning skills. The cultivation of aesthetic sensitivity together with the development of artistic skills is addressed within varied learning contexts.

We strive to prepare each student to become an "autonomous learner" - one who solves problems or develops new ideas through a combination of divergent and convergent thinking and functions with minimum external guidance.



- He who never made a mistake  
never made a discovery. -  
(Samuel Smiles)

The Anderson School is not just a place to receive an education; it imparts a philosophy for daily living.

Our teachers treat students with respect and dignity and appreciate the individuality of each child. Self esteem is precious and students are expected to treat peers with courtesy.

We provide an educational setting where precocious children have an opportunity to participate with their *intellectual* peers in creative, academic, aesthetic and social endeavors.