



Dale Hawkins, Lead Teacher and Christine Deer, Assistant Teacher

Daniel Island Academy Announces Kindergarten Teachers

DANIEL ISLAND, South Carolina (May 23, 2009) – Daniel Island Academy announces the addition of Dale Hawkins to its staff as lead teacher for its Kindergarten program, and the promotion of Christine Deer as assistant teacher.

Hawkins brings over 25 years of experience in teaching kindergarten students, most recently at Daniel Island School. She received her undergraduate degree in Elementary Education, and a Master of Arts, from West Virginia University. She brings an extensive background in technology skills, which have emerged as an important tool to enhance learning in the classroom. “Technology in the form of SmartBoards, computers, and the internet can be used effectively to engage young children in imaginative and creative ways”, stated Hawkins, “But, it should not take the place of developing a strong teacher-child relationship, which needs side-by-side instruction, guidance and observation to teach the “whole child.” Hawkins lives in Summerville with her husband, and enjoys art, reading, and boating.

Assistant Teacher Christine Deer taught at Woodland Hall in Mt. Pleasant for seven years before coming to Daniel Island Academy in 2008. “I love helping children open their minds and imaginations to make learning fun and exciting”, stated Deer. Deer received her undergraduate degree in Early Childhood Education from Framingham State College in Massachusetts. She lives in Mt. Pleasant with her husband and daughter.

The school’s kindergarten program will include a strong emphasis on reading, writing, math, art, and foreign language skills. The program will include a Spanish language lab, offered twice weekly, and special instruction in art, music, and creative movement weekly. Additionally, a SmartBoard and computer stations are utilized in the curriculum.

Daniel Island Academy is an early childhood education center offering full time, part time, and mother’s morning out programs. For more information, please visit the school’s website at www.danielislandacademy.com or call the front desk at 971.5961.