**Pre-K suggested posts – focus on importance of Pre-K and how it is good for children**

**TAN & UWTN are promoting/supporting two sets of Pre-K bills in the Legislature; one to ensure Pre-K has access to elementary school funding and another that gives Pre-Ks access to sports gambling revenues.**

**Use these posts as an opportunity to tell your own Pre-K success stories**

* Voluntary Pre-K is important because it provides Tennessee's three- and four-year-old children - with an emphasis on four-year-olds who are at-risk - an opportunity to develop school readiness skills. #TANHillDay22 #UWTNHillDay22
* Voluntary Pre-K classes promote a high-quality academic environment, which fosters the love and joy of learning and promotes success in kindergarten and throughout a child's life. #TANHillDay22 #UWTNHillDay22
* The human brain develops more rapidly between birth and age five than during any other subsequent period, making Pre-K a vital component for a child’s future. #TANHillDay22 #UWTNHillDay22
* A child's ability to be attentive, focused, and follow directions emerges in the early years. Structured early learning – like Pre-K - fosters these abilities for later success in school and life. #TANHillDay22 #UWTNHillDay22
* Pre-K is essential because adults who participated in high-quality early childhood education programs during their preschool years are more likely to be literate and enrolled in post-secondary education and are less likely to be school dropouts, dependent on welfare or arrested for criminal activity. #TANHillDay22 #UWTNHillDay22
* TN needs Pre-K because children with high-quality early learning experiences are 40% less likely to need special education or be held back a grade. #TANHillDay22 #UWTNHillDay22
* For every dollar invested in high-quality preschool programs, $7.14 (in 1998 dollars) was returned to society in increased earnings for participants and reduced costs to society for remedial education and crime. TN children need Pre-K. #TANHillDay22 #UWTNHillDay22
* Pre-K is important for TN because children who participate in high-quality early childhood education develop better language skills, score higher in school-readiness tests and have better social skills and fewer behavioral problems once they enter school. #TANHillDay22 #UWTNHillDay22
* Children with high-quality early learning experiences are 40% less likely to need special education or be held back a grade. Support Pre-K now. #TANHillDay22 #UWTNHillDay22
* Children from low-income families who participate in high-quality early childhood education programs show the most benefits - they repeat fewer grades and learn at higher levels. Tell your legislators that you support Pre-K. #TANHillDay22 #UWTNHillDay22
* Kindergarten teachers in Georgia, the first state with voluntary, universal pre-K for four-year olds, report that children who participated in pre-K were better prepared for kindergarten, especially in the areas of pre-reading, pre-math and social skills. Proof that Pre-K is important for TN kids. #TANHillDay22 #UWTNHillDay22