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Letter to the editor from Mississippi First Lady Melanie Musgrove.

As a former school teacher, children hold a special place in my heart. That's why I'm actively promoting reading throughout the state. Reading is one of the most important things you can do for a child. It stimulates the mind and lets imaginations soar.

While reading is great for exercising young minds, young bodies need exercise too. The perfect place for children to get that exercise will be at the Kid Zone Playground at LeFleur's Bluff State Park in Jackson.

When complete, the playground will cover 18,000 square feet and complement the outdoor learning experience of the nearby Mississippi Museum of Natural Science. And because the Kid Zone Playground is located in the state park, it will provide a fun place for children from across Mississippi to learn and play.

To make this a reality for our children there is work to be done. The scope and scale of this playground will be unlike anything ever built in Mississippi, and we all have the opportunity to be a part of the construction. 4,000 Volunteer positions need to be filled to construct the playground, which is scheduled for building May 11 – 20, 2001.

Volunteers are needed, and the Kid Zone Playground provides the perfect opportunity to volunteer your skills and labor. You don't have to be a carpenter or a builder. Every volunteer will have a hand in building this wonderful playground for our children to enjoy for years to come. I hope you will join me as a volunteer.

Volunteer forms for the Kid Zone Playground are available at the Mississippi Museum of Natural Science and at the entrance gate at LeFleur's Bluff State Park, or by calling 1-800-222-1331.

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