



Preschool Plan 2022-2023

It is so exciting to see the community spread of COVID-19 declining and to be able to plan for a more traditional preschool program! Adjustments may occur throughout the year due to COVID-19 protocols.

Traditional Model

Our traditional model of four days of in person instruction, with students attending Monday through Thursday will be utilized. Staff will work on Fridays to clean and sanitize the room and materials. In addition, Fridays will be used to provide RTI and/or enhanced instruction, meetings, home visits, parent conferences, etc.

Research tells us that preschool aged students learn best through play. Our program is a play based program. We teach school readiness skills using play. All activities on shelves are there to teach a skill or reinforce learning a skill. Teachers differentiate instruction and provide individualized lessons. We offer a balanced approach to learning with portions of the day being teacher directed and portions of the day being child directed.

We will continue to use Kaplan, Learn Every Day as our primary curriculum. It is linked to the KY Early Childhood Standards. We supplement the curriculum as needed. In addition, classrooms will utilize the Conscious Discipline approach to social emotional learning. With the Preschool Partnership Grant, classrooms will have access to a specially trained early childhood mental health consultant on a daily basis.

Our current program (state funded and tuition based) is 5 STAR rated using the KY ALL STARS rating system.

Transportation

Bus transportation **may** be provided for families that live within the district boundaries. We will know more when it gets closer to August.

Drop Off

Drop off for preschool students will be from 8:00-8:20. Families will need to park and walk their student(s) to the classroom. Upon arrival to the classroom, parents will sign students in using the Brightwheel app. Class will start promptly at 8:20.

Pick Up

Preschool students that are picked up will be picked up from 3:00-3:15. Parents will wait in the front near the office for students to be brought up front. They will sign out in the front. Bus riders will load at 3:15 (provided we have transportation).

Tuition Program

Families that are not eligible for the state funded preschool program may utilize our tuition based program. Tuition will be \$22 per day (\$88 per week) plus the cost of meals. Families are responsible for the cost of tuition even if the child is absent. Families are not charged for the days that school is not scheduled to be in session (i.e. Labor Day) or in the event of a snow day. However, families are still responsible for the daily rate if we have an NTI day, as instruction is still being provided by the classroom teacher using the SeeSaw platform.

The tuition program will enroll students that are 3, 4, or 5 years old.

Students that are 3 years old and have a speech delay will be able to attend at no cost, if funds are available.

The ChildCare Assistance Program (CCAP) will be accepted.

Home visits

Home visits are a requirement for state funded preschoolers, in regulation. We conduct home visits for all preschoolers, including those that pay tuition.

Developmental Screenings

Developmental screenings are a requirement for preschoolers and will be scheduled individually. Screenings are held in May and August. All preschoolers are screened within 60 days of the first day of school.

Early Drop Off

If there is enough interest, early drop off will be available beginning at 7:30. Early drop off will be of no cost to families while we have a Preschool Partnership Grant.

After School Care

If there is enough interest, an after school program will be available to preschool families until 5:30. This program will be of no cost to families while we have a Preschool Partnership Grant.

First Day

Preschool will begin approximately one week after the district's first day. This allows for developmental screenings, home visits, and open house.

Final Day

Preschool will end approximately one week prior to the district's last day. This allows for end of the year home visits and developmental screening for the upcoming school year.

Brightwheel

The Brightwheel app will continue to be used for sign in/sign out. Families are encouraged to use this program for messaging as well. Brightwheel will be used for billing.

SeeSaw

The SeeSaw platform will be utilized for NTI days/virtual instruction.

This plan is subject to change as new information/regulations become available.