



Parents Welcome Packet

Dear Parents,

Thank you for choosing Lil' Busy Bodies Preschool and Kindersteps programs for your little ones. It's going to be a fun filled year of learning and excitement! Our teachers are very excited to be a part of your child's learning experience and have set some goals for our students to reach!

Mission: To nurture and support the holistic development of children and promote a love for learning.

Philosophy: We believe that cognitive, language, physical, and emotional development, as well as independence, are fostered in an environment that is intentionally set up for children. This environment should be supported by responsive, knowledgeable staff and set up to include a rich variety of developmentally appropriate, accessible materials that encourage and promote learning through play and reaching each child where they are.

We respect the children's desires and value that learning is most meaningful when it occurs in the context of the child's everyday life experiences at home, within the community, and at school. It is important to give the child a blank canvas to fill with their interests and ideas. It is important to implement an emergent curriculum based upon the interests of the students. Learning through projects that are based upon the hundred languages of children and focuses upon art, nature, and community. We balance learning, play, and creation in a supportive nurturing environment.

Hours of Operation:

Preschool M-F Half Day 9:00am-1:00pm (ages 2-5)

Kindersteps M-F 9:00am-3:00pm (ages 4-5)

Classroom Styles and Age Groupings:

Our classroom is a multiage grouping. Children ages 2-5 participate in a preschool program from 9:00-1:00. We feel children learn best through interaction and support in a multiage setting. For our older children entering kindergarten the following year we offer a Kindersteps (Pre-k) program from 1:00-3:00 to work on preparation for the common core curriculum used by the public schools.

Top learning goals for our Preschoolers:

- Recognize letters of the alphabet
- Spell their name
- Understand calendar concepts such as the days of the week, months of the year, and seasons.
- Learn to count to 100
- Practice sharing and take turns through group circle time and playing with classmates during free play times.
- Listening skills and teamwork
- Fostering independence (i.e. shoes, snack, and other responsibilities)

Top learning goals for our Pre-K students:

- Learn to write letters of the alphabet
- Turn letters into words and learn to write their name
- Sight word recognition and early literacy skills
- Math and problem solving (sorting, graphing, addition, and comparisons)
- Language concepts (syllables, rhyming words, and early reading skills)
- Learn to count to 100 by 10s, 20s, etc.
- Learn how to be a good sport; winning and losing through games



Emergency Information, Health Forms, Parents Rights, and Children's Rights

Included in your packet you will find

- Identification and Emergency Information form
- Health History Report (filled out by parent)
- Physician's Report (filled out by parent and physician)*Children must be current on all immunizations
- A Consent for Emergency Medical Treatment
- A notification of Parents Rights
- Notification of Children's Rights
- Notification of the Rights of the Licensing Agency

School Supplies and Snacks

- Backpack and lunchbox
- Snack - provided by parent
- Lunch- provided by parent
- Afternoon Snack (for full day children)-provided by parent
- Labeled spill proof cup (water only)
- Diapering supplies (for those still in diapers...diapers, wipes, etc.)
- Every child needs an extra pair of clothes in a labeled ziplock bag with child's name
- For any extended day children who need a nap please provide a fitted crib sheet, small pillow, and blanket.

Extended Day Option

Children in our preschool program have the option of extending their day until 3pm. Please notify staff 24 hours before class if an extended day option is needed.

Full Day Nap Period/Quiet Time

For full day children staying after lunch who are not enrolled in Kindersteps there will be an optional nap or quiet time offered from 1:00-2:00pm. If you feel your children need a nap during the day please provide a fitted crib sheet, small pillow, and blanket in a separate bag with your child's name on it.