

Welcome to the 2014-2015 EES Preschool Year!

We are so excited to have your child in our preschool.

We want to take this opportunity to introduce our staff and notify you of changes in the preschool. As an integrated, language based preschool that supports students with and without disabilities, we train all staff in Applied Behavioral Analysis, Picture Exchange Communications system, positive behavioral support planning, early literacy, social skills, and math readiness skills. Additionally all our staff incorporates speech & language, occupational and physical therapies strategies throughout the school day. Our curriculum is aligned to the kindergarten common core standards.

Preschool Staff

Rachel Carr Preschool Teacher

Katie Buchanan Preschool Teacher/Special Education Preschool Coordinator

Elizabeth Gould Paraprofessional

Katherine Milliken Paraprofessional

Judy Cogger Paraprofessional

Marcia Lenz Physical Therapist

Andrea Greeley Occupational Therapist

Alyssa Gagnon Speech/Language Assistant

Danielle Donahue Speech/Language Pathologist

Adelle Beaumont Speech/Language Intern


SAU key people:

Catherine Zylinski Director of Special Services

Melissa Swirbliss Administrative Assistant for Special Services

Pick up/drop off plan

Drop off and pick up looks similar to that of the elementary school. The parking is marked with directions. **Parking will only be available on the SAU side of the building.** Parents/guardians, as well as buses, dropping off children will pull up to the silver doors, where a teacher will greet them and help them out of the car. The driver will assist during this time by removing the child from his/her car seat and handing him/her off to the preschool teacher. During pick up the process will reverse with teachers



bringing children to your car and you will buckle them in. Please be aware that this is an active unloading and loading site. Children need to remain buckled in their car seat for safety.

If you are running late or need to pick up your child outside of the pickup and drop off times, please park on the SAU side. Please go to the special services office to sign your child in or out. Just like EES, Melissa Swirbliss will escort your child to and from the classroom.

Please remember to send in a written note if your child will have different arrangements for drop off or pick up. If it is a last minute emergency change, please contact Melissa Swirbliss at 679-8003 X107 and she will get a message to your child's teacher.

Volunteer Opportunity

We are excited to welcome parents, grandparents, and guardians into our classrooms as "weekly readers". You will be able to sign up to come into your child's classroom to read the story at the end of the day. Due to the size of our classrooms, only one guest reader per classroom will be allowed. This will take place on Thursdays at the end of the preschool session approximately 10 minutes prior to the end of school. If you would like to become a volunteer please look at the volunteer form (purple) and volunteer statement and agreement form (white) in your packet!

Communication

To support home-school communication, we will be using the same yellow or blue folder as the elementary school. The classroom teachers will be checking folders daily for communication. Students will learn how to transfer the folder from their backpack to the teacher's inbox.

Important Facts about Our Preschool:


Preschool is a time for learning about following directions so we can explore the curriculum. This helps young learners to prepare for transition to kindergarten. We incorporate a lot of movement breaks and hands-on learning to make learning active and fun.

We utilize a "first this then that" approach to support language acquisition, develop social skills, and learn early literacy skills. We also utilize a 1-2-3 counting technique to support student learning.

We also employ a cozy corner so that students who need a break can have some time and space to re-group. Once the child is able to be calm and is ready to participate they are welcomed back to the general classroom

Learning environment

At times, clothing, toys, or accessories may become distracting in the classroom to students. We encourage all personal items such as blankets, jewelry and toys remain at home. If they come to school we will encourage the placement of these items in a cubby or backpack.



Any clothing item, accessory or toy may be held by the teacher or placed in the child's cubby until the end of day. This ensures that our environment remains focused on learning and fun. The doors at the preschool will remain locked throughout the school day to ensure the safety of our students.

Picture Day

September 10th is our picture day this year. Pictures will be taken in both the am and pm sessions.

Important reminders

- Our playground is covered in bark mulch. Please consider appropriate footwear for school and play. The bark is easily lodged in sandals and open shoes causing discomfort.
- Please apply sunscreen and bug repellent as necessary prior to arrival at school.
- Please send in hats and water bottles for sunny days.
- Please label all of your child's belongings including backpacks water bottles and lunchboxes.
- Please send in a healthy nut/peanut free snack daily with a drink.
- Please send any important notes for teachers and/or tuition payments in your child's communication folder (yellow or blue).
- Please contact Melissa Swirbliss (679-8003 ext. 103) with any bus transportation concerns.
- Please pack seasonally appropriate change of clothes for your child in his/her backpack daily. Sometimes we get wet or messy!
- Please send pull-ups or diapers and wipes for any child that is not yet toilet trained. These can be kept at the bottom of your child's cubby.

We look forward to a great 2014-2015 school year with you and your child!

