

BILLINGS PUBLIC SCHOOLS CHILD CAREERS PRESCHOOL

MISSION STATEMENT

The Career Center is dedicated to providing Billings area students with an education that explores and enhances vocational and academic skills to promote critical thinking, self-discipline, and responsible citizenship.

PHILOSOPHY

Child Careers preschool children will be able to receive early skills conducive to being a life long learner. Through positive guidance all children will find themselves successful and accepting as an individual which works collaboratively in a community. Child Careers will be committed to appreciating and supporting the close ties between the child and family, recognizing that children are best understood in the context of family culture and society.

LEARNING DOMAINS

- I. Child Careers preschool children will develop social skills.**
- II. Child Careers preschool children will develop physical skills.**
- II. Child Careers preschool children will develop cognitive skills.**
- IV. Child Careers preschool children will develop emotional skills.**
- V. Child Careers preschool children will develop self-reliance skills.**

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- I. Child Careers preschool children will develop social skills.**
 - 1. Children will learn typical issues of social development such as separation anxiety, making friends and being an active member of a classroom setting.
 - 2. Children will learn through modeling on how to build a positive relationship with each child as an individual and by building positive relationships with other adults in the program.
 - 3. Children will gain knowledge of expectations regarding sharing, and group and individual rights, to help the children learn to respect the rights and possessions of others.
 - 4. Children will practice resolving their own problems and will be encouraged for their efforts.
 - 5. Children will find their place in the group based on their abilities rather than their difficulties or handicaps, recognizing that their abilities will change.

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II. Child Careers preschool children will develop physical skills.

6. Children will develop individual levels of physical skills through activities and sensory development at the appropriate level for each child.
7. Children will participate daily in appropriate gross motor physical activities both indoors and outdoors.
8. Children will be encouraged to develop their senses by noticing colors, smelling odors, distinguishing sound, feeling and touching a variety of objects and tasting different foods.
9. Children will develop fine motor skills through activities such as snipping, cutting, tracing, painting, buttoning, zipping, and using puzzles, tools and other manipulative toys.

III. Child Careers preschool children will develop cognitive skills.

10. Children will be stimulated through materials and equipment provided to explore and master problem solving and communication skills with repetition.
11. Children will be encouraged to ask questions and seek help in ways to extend their thinking skills.
12. Children will gain phonological awareness through literature, rhyming songs and musical moves.
13. Children will explore letter and early word recognition by encouraging printing concepts and emergent reading skills.
14. Children will learn to recognize and identify colors, shapes, numbers and letters.
15. Children will recognize the importance of creative expression and individualism.
16. Children will be provided regularly with unstructured materials such as blocks, finger paint, sociodramatic play, play dough, and sensory experiences.
17. Children will be provided with creative activities so that children with handicaps can participate easily.
18. Children will develop oral language through literature and dialogue, following directions and sequencing.
19. Children's comprehension skills will be challenged through picture dictation and open ended story questions.
20. Children will be able to express themselves through music, art, and dance.
21. Children will learn through literature in small group settings about both familiar and new conceptual ideas.

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IV. Child Careers preschool children will develop emotional skills.

22. Children will learn self control through positive guidance and be given choices in activities, materials and foods.
23. Children will be provided with routines that are simple and consistent with a balance of activity and passive; group and individual attention.
24. Children will learn to identify ranges of feeling and emotions and be given concrete ways to express themselves.
25. Children will be able to understand guidelines for their behavior and not be threatened or embarrassed but encourage self control.

V. Child Careers preschool children will develop self-reliance skills.

26. Children will learn to talk about their difficulties and conflicts and try to resolve them verbally.
27. Children will be treated as an individual with their own strengths and unique characteristics.
28. Children will be encouraged to practice self-help skills when eating, getting dressed, using toys and equipment and cleaning up.
29. Children will be provided experiences which offer challenges, yet allowed to experience success frequently.
30. Children will learn to respect each others differences culturally, ethnically, physically and emotionally.