



# Preschool

## What you need to know



Si usted tiene alguna pregunta acerca de esta hoja informativa, pro favor llame a la oficina de su escuela para hablar con un interprete.

**CURIOSITY  
Thrives Here**

*2022-2023 School Year*

# Stillwater Area Public Schools

## **PRESCHOOL PROGRAM**

Our preschools provide outstanding opportunities for 3- and 4-year-olds of all skills and abilities, and assure that they make a smooth transition into kindergarten.

Our preschool program brings young children together in a safe, nurturing and enriched classroom. Licensed preschool teachers provide learning experiences that develop the skills children need to be successful in school. Our literacy lessons are aligned with the district's kindergarten curriculum so our preschoolers will be well prepared. Daily activities help children develop social and emotional skills, vital for future school success. Each day includes music and movement, sensory exploration, story time, block play, dramatic play, outdoor play, snack and circle time activities.

### **Serving All Children**

District preschool classes are designed to bring preschoolers who are typically developing and those with special needs together to learn and grow. Classrooms are well staffed with licensed early childhood teachers to ensure that all children have a great preschool experience and are well prepared for kindergarten.

### **Parent Involvement**

Parent involvement is an important component of our preschool program. We recognize this as a key element of children's success in preschool and future school experiences. We encourage parents to volunteer and attend family events.

### **Four Stars for Excellence**



The state has recognized our preschool program with a Four-Star Parent Aware Rating

## **Why Choose Stillwater?**

- Licensed teachers and staff who care deeply about our youngest learners
- Integrated classrooms that serve children of all skills and abilities
- District-aligned curriculum
- Full-day and half-day options
- Free bus transportation may be available
- Financial assistance

*"The staff at this school has become like family and that makes me so happy to send my boys to school everyday!"*

– Anneliese Fish, parent



# What Kids Learn in Preschool

*There is a lot to learn in preschool and we will be with your child every step of the way*

- **Preschool prepares children for classroom learning**

We help preschool children learn how to be good students by teaching them to share, participate in groups, follow instructions and create friendships - all important skills needed in kindergarten.

*"We loved everything about the preschool program! It prepared my children academically for kindergarten as well as allowed them to develop lasting relationships."*

– Tyler and Alyson Petrich, parents

- **Preschool teachers nurture a child's curiosity through play and exploration**

Play is the main way children learn and develop ideas about the world. Licensed teachers will nurture their curiosity and motivation to learn, using the child's interests and ideas to create activities for them that build pre-math, science and literacy skills.

- **Preschool promotes social and emotional development**

Our preschools provide a place where your child can gain a sense of self, explore, get along with peers, and build confidence and independence. It's also important for children to spend time away from parents and build trusting relationships with adults outside the family.

- **Preschool promotes language and cognitive skills**

Teachers help children stretch their language skills by asking thought-provoking questions and introducing new vocabulary during science, art, snack time, and other activities. A young child's cognitive skills are strengthened by engaging in hands-on activities that challenge them to observe closely, ask questions, test their ideas or solve a problem.

- **Preschool helps develop motor skills**

Young children are in motion for a good part of the day. Our preschools provide several opportunities daily for children to run, climb, and play active games. Activities are offered to help children develop fine motor skills, such as threading beads or cutting with scissors.



# Connect With Us

The preschool years are exciting and sometimes overwhelming for parents. Here is where you can find the information you need as you prepare your child for their experience in preschool and Stillwater Area Public Schools!

## Find Us Online

- [stillwaterschools.org/preschool](http://stillwaterschools.org/preschool)
- [facebook.com/834ECFC](https://www.facebook.com/834ECFC)
- [twitter.com/stillwater834](https://twitter.com/stillwater834)

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## Questions? Give Us a Call!

Preschool ..... 651-351-4000

Early Childhood  
Screening ..... 651-351-4022

Early Childhood Special  
Education ..... 651-351-4023



# 3-4 YEARS OLD?

*Now is the time to screen!*



Early Childhood Screening is a FREE, simple check of how your child is growing, developing and learning. State law requires children to be screened, and screening early is best so that any health or development concerns can be addressed right away.

## What to expect during screening:

Your child will complete developmental activities with a trained professional to see if they're meeting important milestones specific to their age. They'll check:

- Vision and hearing
- Height and weight
- Immunizations
- Large and small muscles
- Thinking, language and communication skills
- Social and emotional development

If any issues are identified, we'll work with you to get the support you need.

**Schedule  
your child's screening  
appointment today!**

Go online at  
[stillwaterschools.org/ec-screening](http://stillwaterschools.org/ec-screening)  
or call 651-351-4022.

**Appointments are held at the  
Early Childhood Family Center**  
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Stillwater, MN 55082