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STILLWATER AREA SCHOOLS PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Answers to frequently asked questions

Main Preschool Office: 651-351-4000

Curriculum

- **Second Step:** District Social Emotional Curriculum
- **Letterland:** District phonics curriculum; PreK - Grade 2
- **Fountas and Pinnell:** *Shared Reading*; PreK language/literacy
- **Creative Curriculum:** PreK instructional framework; guiding classroom interest areas and developmentally appropriate teaching practices

Large Motor Opportunities

Our preschool classes access the school playgrounds daily. In addition to movement games in the classroom, if the building schedule allows, classes may utilize the gym space for large motor activities.



Before and After School Care

For preschool students Adventure Club is an option before preschool begins and after full-day classes. For half-day students, flexible extended care is offered midday at the ECFC location only. Space is limited at all locations. For more information please call 651-351-8300.

Snack and Meals

Students supply their own snack. Lunch takes place in the school cafeteria, and follows the same procedure as the school building.



Communication

Consistent with the elementary buildings, teachers utilize Seesaw as the main form of communication. Emails, phone calls, and personal conversations are also always welcomed. In addition, conferences are held twice per year.

Our Classrooms We are a 4-Star, Parent Aware rated program. Teachers are licensed with a four-year education degree, and care deeply about our youngest learners. We are an inclusive community, and our classrooms serve children of all skills and abilities. We provide outstanding opportunities for children, to assure they make a smooth transition into kindergarten.

Friday Play Days

Friday play days are optional for those families who need a five day a week preschool option. These days are staffed by our educational assistants, and held in the preschool classrooms. Registration for Friday play days is in addition to, and a separate contract from the Monday - Thursday preschool program; please know space is limited.

Typical Classroom Activities

- Morning Meeting
- Teacher-led small group instruction
- Student-led playful learning
- Letterland instruction
- Shared reading
- Snack
- Songs/music
- Second Step lesson
- Playground/recess/gym
- Sensory exploration



In Addition, for Full-Day Students:

- Lunch
- Recess
- Rest (*students are not required to sleep, but are expected to rest quietly*)
- Extended opportunities to explore morning concepts

Transportation

If space permits and you live within the school attendance boundaries of your chosen preschool location, your student may ride the school bus. Staff will walk with students both to and from the bussing area. There is no transportation for the ECFC building or midday bussing for any location, except if a child has an IEP.

Financial scholarships are available for those who are eligible. Please contact the main preschool office for more information.