

the Berkeley Carroll School

What A Child can Expect on a PreK Playgroup

A PreK Playgroup is our chance to get to know a child in a classroom-like setting. Playgroups usually have six or seven children and are staffed by five or six faculty. They take place either in the Library or in one of our classrooms in the Early Childhood building at 712 Carroll Street and last for approximately a half hour.

We ask that only **one adult** bring the child on the visit (unless you have another applicant). Sometimes parents or caregivers may need to accompany children to the room and we hope that they will be able to step out early on and return to the lobby. *Please note that because parents/guardians have a one-on-one conversation with the Admissions Director, they are not required to accompany a child to the playgroup.* We understand that separation can be difficult for some children and suggest you ask us for any tips. If separation from one parent or caregiver is particularly difficult, you might arrange for someone else to bring the child to the playgroup.

The playgroup will consist of a low-key, unstructured playtime (*the dress code for this gathering is comfortable, casual clothing and shoes*), where we have a variety of art, building, and other activities available, followed by a brief story time. The activities will help us get to know a child better as a student and community member--and we expect that they'll be fun for everyone.

If a child is sick and cannot attend their scheduled playgroup, please call us to let us know at 718-534-6608 and log into your [Ravenna](#) account to reschedule.

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