

CENTENNIAL

SCHOOL DISTRICT 12

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Preschool Parent Information

Welcome to Preschool!

We are so happy you are here! Thank you for choosing Centennial Preschool!

Preschool Hours:

Full day: 9:30am-4:00pm

Part day:

9:30-11:30- Mon, Wed, Fri and Tues,Thurs

9:00-11:30 Mon-Thurs

12:30pm-3:00pm Mon-Thurs

*All classrooms follow the Centennial District school calendar.

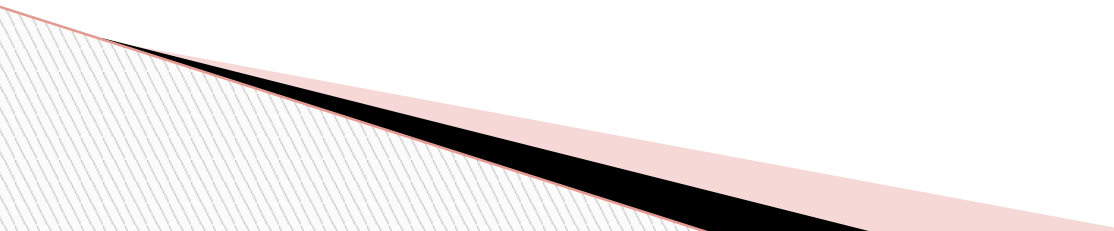


Preschool Calendar

- All classrooms follow the Centennial District school calendar
- Early Release Days- On the second Friday of most months, all preschool classes will end at **1:00pm** to accommodate staff meetings.
 - The 24-25 early release days are:
 - October 11
 - November 8
 - December 13
 - January 10
 - February 7
 - April 11
 - May 9
- Please note that these dates are unique to preschool. K-12 classes have standard school hours these days, and there is no Pre-K Kids Club after-school care available on these dates and families will not be billed for this care.
- Non- School Days- See isd12.org under Kids Club for more information.

Meet Your Teachers!

Open House Dates and Times: Come meet your teachers and see the classroom!

- Blue Heron Elementary
August 28, 4-6 pm
 - Centennial Elementary
August 28, 4-6 pm
 - Centerville Elementary
August 28, 4:30-6 pm
 - Golden Lake Elementary
August 28, 4:30-6 pm
 - Rice Lake Elementary/Early Childhood Center
August 28, 4-5:45 pm
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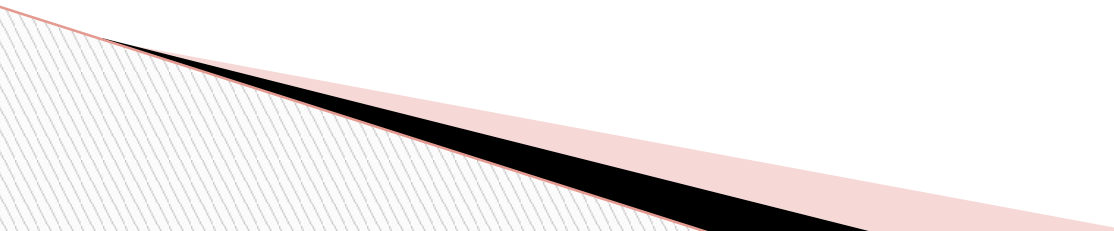
Drop Off and Pick Up

- Drop-off and pick-up procedures are different at each location. Follow the document shared with you on August 19. Each building has detailing procedures based on your child's class schedule and location.
- Please do your best to be on time for both drop-off and pick-up. It causes anxiety for the child and takes up valuable planning time for our teachers. Late fees may apply for late pick-ups.

Part-Day Preschool- park in lot at Early Childhood Center and meet teachers at door for drop off and pick up.

Preschool students must be dropped off and picked up by caregivers. No bussing for Preschool students.

Attendance

- Use your Infinite Campus Parent Portal account to report your child's absence, late arrival, or early pick-up.
 - A walkthrough of the process can be found at <https://www.isd12.org/departments/technology/campus-attendance>
 - Please remember that teachers aren't on their computer very often, so early pick-up notices submitted same-day may not be seen in time.
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Pre-K Kids Club

Available for full day Preschool students only

- Hours: 6:30-9:30 am and 4:00-6:00 pm
- Preschoolers will be in the preschool classrooms or cafeteria participating in age appropriate activities.
- Pick up and drop off through the Kids Club doors.
- Watch for a welcome newsletter which will contain a keypad code to enter the locked building each day.
- Tuition is due on the 23rd of each month.
- Breakfast is free and afternoon snack is included.

Breakfast, Lunch and Snack

- FREE Breakfast and Lunch: Free meals will be offered to all students for the school year. Students may also bring a cold breakfast/lunch from home.

**student in morning Pre-K Kids Club will eat breakfast in the cafeteria. All other students may eat a grab and go breakfast in the classroom.*

- Snack: Classrooms will offer a morning or afternoon snack. We appreciate individually packaged snack donations throughout the year.

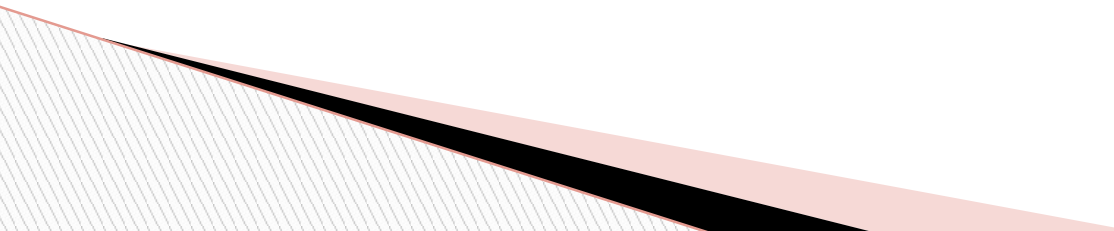
Conferences

- Full-day Preschool:

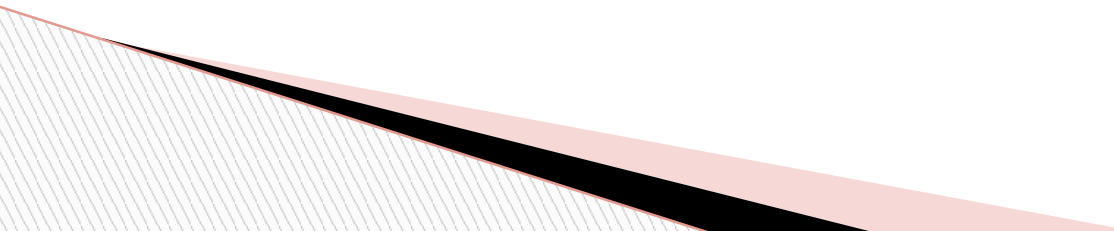
Fall and Spring conferences will be offered for all families. Each conference is 15 minutes in length. Watch for an email to register online.

- Part-day Preschool:

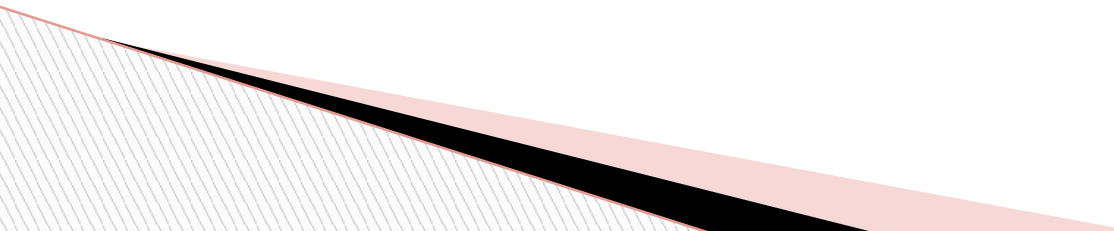
We are happy to discuss your child's progress at anytime during the year. Feel free to contact your child's teacher via email or phone to set up a conference.



Parent Education and Involvement

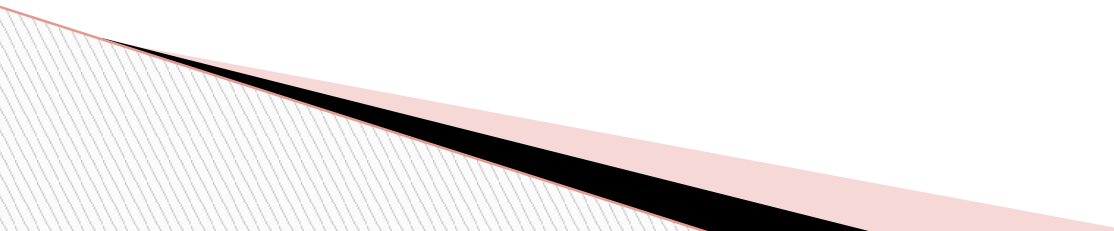
- Part-Day Preschool is unique in that parents go to school, too! This program requires a parent to participate in Parent Education once per week.
 - Full-Day Preschool offers a variety of classroom volunteer opportunities for families. These opportunities will be announced by email and/or via Seesaw.
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Preschool Tuition Payments

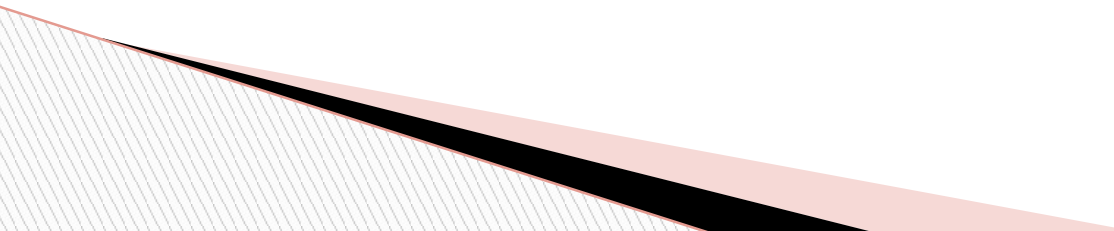
- Tuition is due on the 15th of each month. Invoices will be in your Eleyo account the first week of each month.
 - Auto-pay set up in your Eleyo account is the easiest way to pay for preschool.
 - Payments can be made in-person, over the phone or online.
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Celebrations

We love to celebrate your child!

- We ask that you do not bring in birthday treats or prizes to share with the class. Instead your child can bring in a toy or book to share.
 - Watch for parent volunteer opportunities to help with classroom celebrations.
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What to bring to Preschool

- Full size backpack- labeled with your child's name
 - Tennis shoes
 - Extra set of clothing- labeled with your child's name
 - Small blanket or stuffed animal for quiet time
 - Optional classroom supply lists can be found at isd12.org under Preschool.
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Picture Day

All children in attendance will have their photo taken. If you want your child's picture taken and they do not attend on picture day, you may bring your child to school. Please notify your teacher if this is your plan so that we can expect them.

Blue Heron: Tuesday, September 17

Retake Day: Tuesday, October 22

Centennial

Monday, September 16

Retake Day: Tuesday, October 8

Centerville

Friday, September 20

Retake Day: Thursday, October 24

Golden Lake

Tuesday, September 10

Retake Day: Tuesday, October 15

Rice Lake

Thursday, September 5

Retake Day: Wednesday, October 23

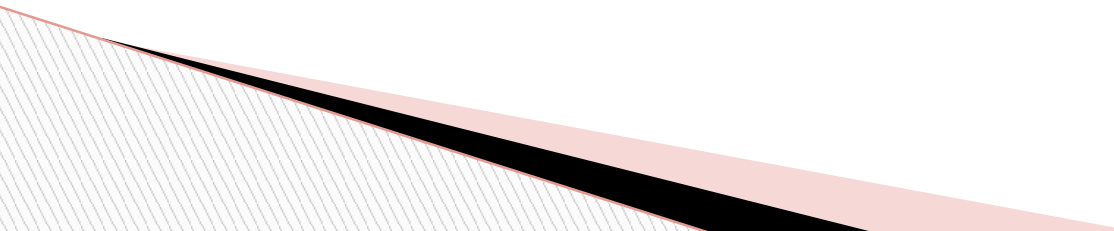
Early Childhood

Wednesday, October 9 and Thursday, October 10

Retake Day: Tuesday, November 12

Creative Curriculum for Preschool

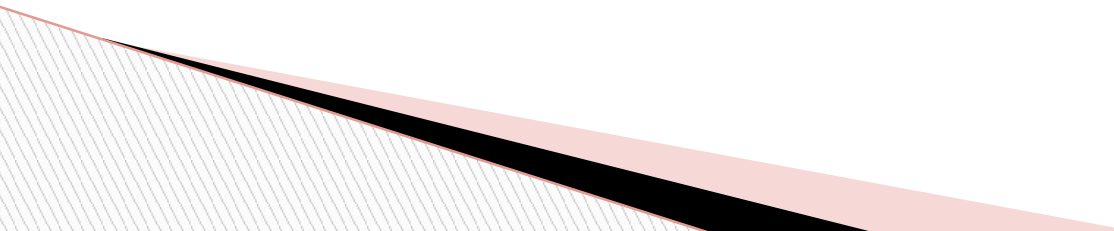
This curriculum utilizes multi-week studies rather than weekly themes which include in-depth investigation of meaningful topics children are interested in.

- Children raise questions, solve problems and find answers.
 - Children get first-hand experience in and around the school building.
 - The curriculum is age-appropriate and relevant
 - Learning is extended over a period of time (4 weeks) depending on interest levels of students.
 - Families and community volunteers can be involved.
 - Classroom centers are connected to how children learn, inquire, and explore.
 - The curriculum is designed to challenge all students at their level.
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Assessment

Desired Results Developmental Profile (DRDP)

Preschool assesses the whole child in the fall and spring within 5 developmental domains:

- Approaches to Learning- Self-Regulation
 - Social and Emotional Development
 - Cognition, including Math and Science
 - Language & Literacy Development
 - Physical Development- Health
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Centennial Preschool Assessment

Full-day and Part-day



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Student Name: _____

Teacher: _____

[DRDP 2015 Fundamental View Rubric](#)

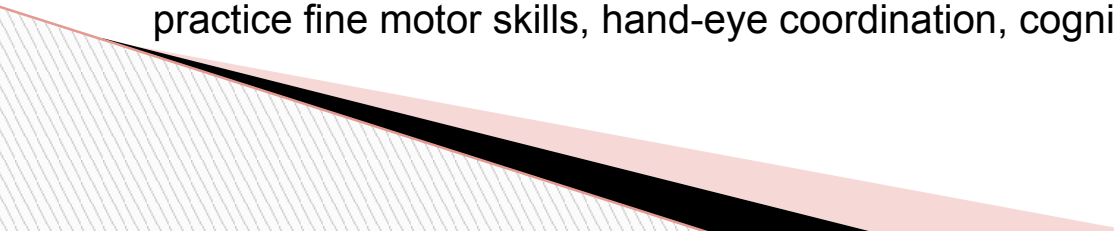
Rubric Scale:

- 1 - I don't have it yet.
- 2 - I can do it with help.
- 3 - I almost have it.
- 4 - I've got it.

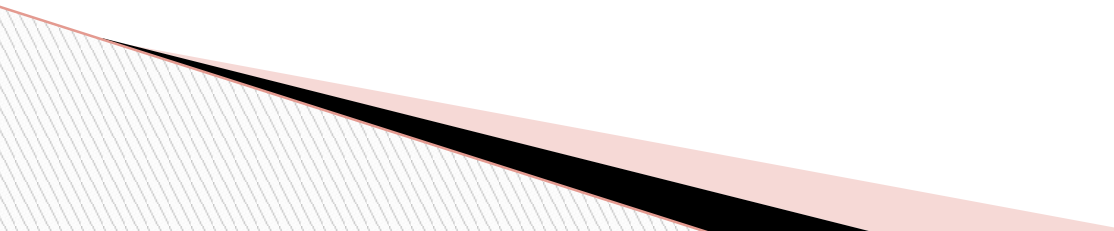
		Age 3-4			
		Age 4-6			
Approaches to Learning Self-Regulation (ATL-REG)	Examples	1	2	3	4
ATL-REG 4: Curiosity & Initiative in Learning I can explore & investigate my environment (using tools or multiple steps).	Looking at books to learn about world, holding a prism up to light, growing seeds (investigate/document growth)				
ATL-REG 5: Self-Control of Feelings & Behavior I can use tools to calm down (regulate my feelings).	Using words & offering solutions to solve problems with friends, using calm-down strategies when upset/excited.				
ATL-REG 6: Engagement & Persistence I can complete an activity even when facing difficulties.	Continues practicing zipping <u>coat</u> , sticks with completing a puzzle over multiple days, <u>tries</u> again to write <u>name</u> .				
ATL-REG 7: Shared Use of Space & Materials I can share space and materials with others.	Offers materials/toys to friends without being asked, makes room for friends to join <u>at group/center</u> time.				

Play!

Learning Centers may include:

- **Science Center:** we learn observation, planning, prediction, comparison, testing ideas, learning how things work
 - **Math Center:** Using counters, pattern cards, puzzles, and estimation jars, we classify, count, sort, compare, recognize shapes and patterns, estimate, increase cognitive skills, measure, weigh, and pattern
 - **Sensory Center:** Using materials like cotton balls, water, sand, rice, and beans, we experiment, discover, observe, develop fine motor skills, and enjoy hands-on materials
 - **Literacy/Writing Center:** Using books, pencils, dry erase markers and boards, and notebooks, we practice letter recognition, sound recognition, concepts of print, and reading & writing skills.
 - **Art Center:** Using art materials like paint, glue, paper, scissors, collage materials, crayons, markers, etc. we explore self-expression, creativity, fine motor/gross motor skills, and hand-eye coordination.
 - **Dramatic Play Center:** Using materials like dress-up clothing, our play kitchen and themed play. We learn communication skills, creativity, imagination, role-playing, and socialization skills.
 - **Building Center:** Using materials like blocks, magna-tiles, and other manipulatives, we practice fine motor skills, hand-eye coordination, cognitive skills, and cooperative skills.
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Bathroom

- Preschool students must be toilet trained and able to use bathroom facilities independently (including wiping) before attending.
 - We understand that accidents may happen, especially when routines are unfamiliar at the beginning of the year.
 - A change of clothing may be provided from our supply, and families are asked to wash and return these the following class session.
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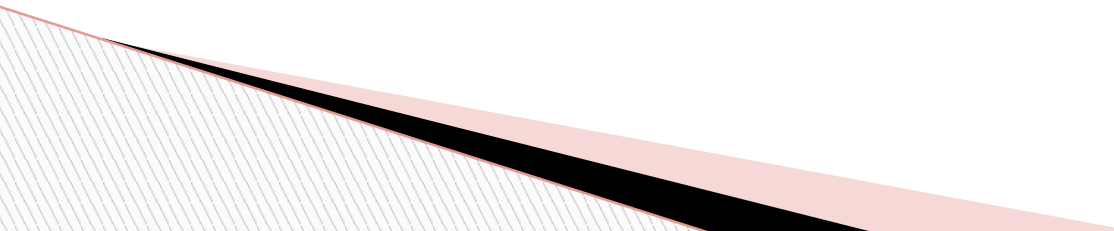
Communication

- **Communication Folder:** Each child will get a folder to go back and forth from school to home. Notes can be left for the teacher in this folder. Please check folder each day.
- **Seesaw:** Each classroom uses the smartphone app Seesaw to share pictures from class and communicate information to program families. Enrollment in the app will happen in late August/early September. This is the main source of classroom communication.
- **Email/Phone calls:** feel free to call or email your child's teacher anytime. Email is the main way the Early Childhood office will communicate with families.
- **Newsletters:** monthly newsletters will be emailed to parents with program information, activities and dates to remember.

Need More Information?

Visit our website at earlychildhood.isd12.org/

There you will find:

- Registration information and checklist
 - Frequently asked questions
 - Preschool Family Handbook
 - Pre-K Kids Club information
 - Screening information
 - Supply Lists
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