



# PRESCHOOL

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# Stillwater Area Public Schools **PRESCHOOL PROGRAM**

What's the best way to help your child make new friends, learn new skills and get ready for kindergarten? Enroll them in preschool in Stillwater Area Public Schools!

Our preschool program brings children together with caring teachers in a welcoming, kid-friendly classroom. Our licensed teachers engage students in fun learning experiences that develop the skills they'll need to be successful in school. Better yet, daily lessons are aligned with the district's literacy curriculum so preschoolers will be well prepared for kindergarten.

## **A typical day in preschool:**

- Music and movement activities
- Sensory exploration
- Story time
- Block play
- Dramatic play
- Outdoor play
- Snack

*"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*

## **Why Choose Stillwater?**

There are other preschool options available in our community, but ours is the only one that fully aligns with Stillwater Area Public Schools curriculum. Our licensed preschool teachers work closely with kindergarten teachers across the district. They share ideas, align curriculum, and talk about individual students' strengths and needs as they transition from preschool to kindergarten.

- Eight convenient locations
- Full-day and half-day options
- Free bus transportation may be available
- Financial assistance

## **Serving All Children**

Preschool classes are designed to bring preschoolers who are typically developing and those with special needs together to explore and learn.

## **Parent Involvement**

Parent involvement is an important component of our preschool program. We encourage parents to volunteer, attend family events, and learn along with their kids!

## **Four Stars for Excellence** ★★★★★

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

# What Kids Learn in Preschool

*Kids learn a lot of important things in PreK, like how to ...*

- **Get along with others**

We help kids learn how to be good students by teaching them to share, participate in groups, follow instructions, and make friends - all important skills needed in school and life!

- **Solve problems and learn new things**

Play is the main way children learn and develop ideas about the world around them. Students are encouraged to be curious, and teachers use the child's interests and ideas to create activities for them that build pre-math, science, and literacy skills.

- **Take care of themselves**

Preschool is a place where kids 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.

- **Communicate and think deeply**

Our teachers help kids develop their language skills by asking thought-provoking questions and introducing new vocabulary throughout the day. Kids also engage in hands-on activities that challenge them to observe closely, ask questions, and test their ideas.

- **Develop physical 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 also offered to help children develop fine motor skills, such as threading beads or cutting with scissors.

*"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





# Connect With Us

We're here to support you and your child as you prepare for preschool and beyond.

## Find Us Online

- [stillwaterschools.org/preschool](http://stillwaterschools.org/preschool)
- [facebook.com/834earlylearning](https://facebook.com/834earlylearning)
- [instagram.com/834earlylearning](https://instagram.com/834earlylearning)

## Questions? Give Us a Call!

Preschool ..... 651-351-4020

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**  
1111 Holcombe St. S.  
Stillwater, MN 55082