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Parkway Public Preschool 2017-2018

Welcome to Parkway Preschool!! Our preschool is a Step Up to Quality Five-Star program, which means this program has demonstrated the highest level of quality as rated by ODE.

All children have a need to explore and interact with their environment for learning to take place. At an early age, children begin to explore and understand their world through play. Play is the way of life for a child. We believe it is important to understand developmental stages and make necessary adjustments to ensure that optimal learning takes place, through play and other meaningful activities, for all our students.

The preschool curriculum is designed to meet the developmental needs of each child. We strive to facilitate, encourage and enhance learning experiences for all children and to expand their knowledge of themselves and the world around them.

Our preschool program focuses on the child's need to explore, create, experience and socialize with other children. Each day is filled with creative experiences and activities to stimulate and challenge every child at his or her own developmental level.

We invite you to attend the meetings for parents and teachers. Together, we can make your child's experience both happy and educationally valuable.

Enrollment Requirements

Enrollment is open to all three, four and five year old children. The age cut-off date is August 1. Preschoolers must also be potty trained, unless there is a handicap condition. **All forms must be turned in by the first day of attendance.**

Classes Offered

All classes will attend school at the Parkway Elementary building. Preschool will be offered for two-half days in the morning and afternoon as well as four-half days in the morning and afternoon. Any preschool-aged child may attend the four-half day classes.

Morning classes will be 8:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. and afternoon classes will be 12:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.

Mrs. Bianka Jenkins will teach the Monday/Wednesday and Tuesday/ Thursday morning classes as well as the Monday - Thursday afternoon classes.

Mrs. Joni Piper will be teaching the Monday - Thursday morning classes and the Monday/Wednesday and Tuesday/Thursday afternoon classes.

Attendance

We do our best to provide a healthy environment for your child. All staff is trained in the management of communicable diseases. We ask that you contact the elementary office absence line if your child will be out for any reason

Fees

Tuition is due on the 15th of each month. An envelope will be sent home with your child monthly. Payment may be returned in this envelope. Checks should be made payable to Parkway Preschool Program. Please include your child's name on the check. Prompt payment is appreciated. A late fee of $5 will be assessed after the 15th of each month. Fees are $90 for two-half days and $180 for four-half days.

Arrival and Dismissal

Our morning session starts at 8:00 a.m. The afternoon sessions begin at 12:00 p.m. Student should arrive at 8:00 and 12:00 p.m. The teachers need time to prepare for the day's activities and want to be able to give the children their full attention upon their arrival. When students arrive, they are to meet in the double doors at the elementary entrance and wait for their teacher to take all children to class. At dismissal, students will be dismissed from the elementary doors located at the south end of the school. We ask that you pick up your child promptly at 11:15 a.m. and 3:15 p.m. The children are eager to see you at the end of the school day, and are very disappointed if you are not among the waiting parents. No child will be released to anyone other than the persons listed on the Release Form. If someone else is to pick up your child, we need written or verbal permission from the parent.

Making the First Day of School More Comfortable

Be very positive about school in your talks with your child. Talk about school as a place where he/she will learn many new things. Talk about all the new friends he/she will meet.

Read some books together about the first day of school. Sharing a book gets your child to talk about their feelings and helps them prepare for this new experience.

Listen to your child's concerns, answer their questions and reassure them that everything will be fine. If they express fears, do not deny them. Rather, be understanding about them and tell your child that most people get scared before they try something new. Tell them about your own feelings when starting something new.

On the first day of school, be sure to tell your child when you are leaving and when you will be back to pick them up. If you are in a car pool situation, be sure that your child has met all drivers and that your child knows who will be picking them up each day.

Helping Your Child Become More Independent

To help your child become independent, allow them to put their coat and hat on by themselves. If your child needs a tissue, be sure to show them how to do this independently. Praise your child for trying but don't criticize if not perfect. Encouragement and supporting your child's attempts will help build confidence.