

Bronaugh R-VII



Title-One Preschool Handbook 2023- 2024

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Welcome to Bronaugh Elementary Preschool Home of the Little Wildcats!

Preschool is the beginning link of providing a transition from a safe familiar environment at home with the new challenging experiences of school. We welcome you and your child to Bronaugh R-7 School's *Little Wildcats Preschool*. We are a developmental preschool that provides age-appropriate activities and materials for 4-year-old children. Learning takes place in a nurturing environment where children can continue to learn and develop.

Staff

Julie Forkner Teacher
Mrs. Forkner has a B.S. degree in Elementary Education, and
a lifetime teaching certificate

Kasey Walton. Speech therapist
Taylor Rainey . . . Special Education Teacher
Alecia McDonald. School Nurse
Aimee Brumit . . . School Guidance Counselor
Jody Weaver. . . Secretary
Mr. Austin Gripka . . . Principal
Mrs. Beth Sandness . . . Superintendent

Little Wildcats Preschool

The school your child will be attending is the first step in a long ladder of learning. To climb this ladder successfully is a cooperative effort between home and school. All children can learn, they may do it in different manners and different time frames; but, children can learn.

Hours of operation:

A.M.Preschool 7:45 am-11:15 a.m.

****Arrival time for your child should not be earlier than 7:45 a.m.**
Preschool will follow the district calendar for school this year.**

Admission

Registration takes place each spring, prior to the school year of enrollment. To be eligible for *Little Wildcats Preschool*, your child will need to be 4 years of age on or before **July 31** of this year. During this time, parents must provide the following items to register their child:

1. Completed enrollment forms.
2. Child's current immunization records.
3. Copy of child's birth certificate.
4. Proof of residency.

These forms **MUST BE ON FILE BY YOUR CHILD'S FIRST DAY**. He/she will not be able to attend until all forms are filled out completely.

When enrolling your child, please make us aware of any special needs that your child may have so that we may address them appropriately. Registration is on a first come, first registered basis, and is done every academic school year.

An Open House will be held before the start of school each fall. All families are encouraged to attend with their children to meet their teachers and become familiar with the school.

*****Your child must be toilet trained
before attending classes*****

Meals

Meals are not provided for the preschool. A monthly snack calendar will be sent home for parents who would like to help provide snacks. Please provide healthy snack options such as crackers, cheese, veggie sticks, fruit, etc. We will save "sweets" for special occasions such as parties and birthdays.

PLEASE NOTIFY MRS. FORKNER OF ANY FOOD ALLERGIES!

Special arrangements can be made for class parties, celebrations and birthdays. Children may bring treats to share with their classmates. Please notify Mrs. Forkner one week in advance if you plan to do this. To accommodate regulations, all food items must be store-bought and unopened. No homemade items can be served.

Attendance

Regular attendance is expected at Little Wildcats Preschool. If a lengthy absence should occur, please notify Mrs. Forkner.

Discipline Policy

The goal of discipline is not to make the teacher's life easier. The goal of discipline is to guide the behavior of the children in such a way that they will internalize our outward expectations and develop the inner controls they need to function as whole and happy individuals. As behavioral issues arise, discipline methods utilized will encourage self-control, self-direction, self-esteem and cooperation. Discipline methods will include asking, talking, and redirecting activities. Being aware of other people's feelings and learning to cooperate will be emphasized. Each situation will require cooperation on both the teacher and parent's part. Physical action aimed at another will not be allowed and will be addressed with a parent/teacher conference.

Supplies

- 1 box of 24 crayons
- 2 containers of Clorox wipes
- 1 Supply Box
- 1 Package Cap erasers for pencils
- 2 glue sticks
- 2 boxes of Kleenex
- 1 package of #2 pencils
- 1 backpack (needs to be brought to school each day)
- 1 complete change of clothes (please include socks & underwear in a Ziploc bag)

Please put your child's name on all belongings especially coats and jackets. It is suggested to put a change of clothes, underwear and socks in your child's backpack in case of a spill or accident. If you would like to *donate* some items for the classroom, we are always in need of the following items: liquid antibacterial soap and baby wipes.

Dress and What to Bring

All children will engage in messy activities and may have accidents. Please be sure that your child has a complete set of extra clothing (including socks and underwear).

Children are encouraged to wear play clothes and comfortable shoes. Because a wide variety of activities will take place each day, we recommend clothes that allow for freedom of movement and some dirt. Your child's safety is of great concern, therefore we ask that you send your child in a sturdy shoe that supports his/her foot properly and protects their toes. Sneakers and socks work best. Open-toed sandals can cause a tripping hazard on our playground equipment and stairs and do not protect the toes. Clogs, slip-on shoes, or other styles that can easily come off are also discouraged for similar reasons. We will go outside everyday unless the weather is severe, so it is imperative that your child has the appropriate outerwear. They should come prepared for all types of weather. All of your child's belongings need to be marked clearly with their name.

Our classroom is equipped with toys, games and materials appropriate for your children. We ask that children **not** bring toys from home. *Little Wildcats Preschool* will not be responsible for lost or damaged toys or other items brought from home. Children may not bring toy weapons or other war toys that may suggest violence to school.

Transportation

It is the parent's responsibility to transport their child to and from school. School bus services are **not** provided for preschool students.

Drop-off & Pick-up Procedures

Please line up in the parking lot at the elementary building (where the buses go). DO NOT get out of your car. Parents will pull around one at a time and Mrs. Forkner will be there to pick-up and return your child each day.

Parent/Family Involvement

The Board of Education recognizes the importance of eliminating barriers that impede parent/family involvement, thereby facilitating an environment that encourages collaboration with parents, families and other members of the community. The district will provide activities that will educate parents regarding the intellectual and developmental needs of their children at all age levels. This will include keeping parents/families informed of opportunities for involvement and encouraging participation in various programs.

Report of Progress

Parents are the child's first and most important teacher; when the home and school work together, the child benefits. Each family will have at least two visits with the teacher each school year. The purpose of these visits will be to review growth and development of your child and answer any questions you might have regarding the preschool experience. Parents are encouraged to talk with the teacher whenever there is a concern regarding their child.

School Closings

We will follow the regular school calendar of the Bronaugh R-VII School District. Unscheduled school closings will be announced through our School Reach calling service and on the radio and TV. Please make sure that the office has a current working emergency number at all times.

Preschool Calendar

Open House	Wed., August 23
Preschool Classes Begin	Thurs., August 24
No School	Mon., September 4
Teacher In-Service (No School)	Mon., September 18
No School	Mon., September 25
Teacher In-Service (No School)	Mon., October 9
No School	Mon., October 16
Parent/Teacher Conferences	Thurs., October 26
No School	October 27 & 30
No School	Mon., November 6
Thanksgiving Break (No School)	M-F, Nov. 20-24
No School	Mon., December 4
Christmas Break Begins	Wed., December 20
Classes Resume	Wed., January 3
No School	Mon., January 15
No School	Mon., January 29
Teacher In-Service (No School)	Mon., February 5
No School	Mon., February 19
Parent/Teacher Conferences	Fri., March 8
Spring Break	Mon-Fri, March 11-15
No School	Mon., April 1
Teacher In-Service (No School)	Mon., April 15
No School	Mon., April 29
No School	Mon., May 6
Last day of Pre-K/ Pre-K Graduation	Tue., May 14 -10:00am

Preschool Newsletter

A newsletter will be sent home that will contain information about upcoming events, basic skills that are being studied, special snacks, themes we are studying and reminders. Please check your child's backpack each Friday for important papers, calendar, & newsletters.

Sick Child Policy

It is difficult to work and study effectively if you are concerned for the well being of your child. It is also difficult for teachers and children alike when there is a sick child in the classroom. This is why we want to work with you to keep your child and the other children healthy.

We ask that you put yourself in the place of your child, the other children and their parents when deciding if your child is well enough to attend classes. Thoughtful and honest consideration can give your child a happier, more comfortable experience at school and can also help curtail the spread of illness. ***Please remember, if your child is well enough to attend school, they must be well enough to participate in all activities (including going outside).*** We do not have additional staff to stay inside with one child while the others go outside.

There will be times when your child will become sick during the day. We will call you so that you can make arrangements for your child to be picked up. Your child will need to be picked up in a timely fashion. You will be called if your child displays any of the following symptoms:

1. Diarrhea

2. Any communicable disease (i.e. chicken pox, ring worm, pink eye, etc.)
3. Unusual spots or rash
4. Infections (i.e. strep throat, runny noses with colored discharge, etc.)
5. Running a fever of 100 degrees or higher
6. Vomiting
7. Head lice or scabies

Your child can return to school when he/she has been free of the symptoms for 24 hours without use of medications. Please call the office if you know that your child is going to be absent due to illness.

The Missouri Department of Health requires that all children entering school must be properly immunized. Students will be excluded from school if they do not meet these requirements.

Immunization Requirements

Vaccines Required for Child Care and Preschool Attendance	Number of Doses Required by the Time the child is 19 months and older
DtaP/DT	4+
IPV (polio)	3+
Hib	3+
Hepatitis B	3+
PCV (Pneumococcal)	4+
MMR	1
Varicella	1

Medication

If your child will need medication while at school, please take medication in its original container/packaging (with instructions) to the nurse's office. It will be administered by the school nurse per instructions.

Early Childhood Special Services

This program is an extension of your public school to children of preschool age three years to five years who are developmentally delayed. Delays may be in any of the following areas: cognition, language, gross motor, or social and behavior skills. Children may be referred by parents, teacher, or doctors. The early childhood specialist works with parents/caregivers to help each child develop as fully as possible. The goal is to enhance the family's skills to become the best teachers for the child during these early years. Speech therapists and physical therapists are available to assist in developing individualized programs for children requiring services.

Program Goals

The following are the goals and areas covered in our preschool curriculum. Age-appropriate skills will be covered for each of these areas and will be highlighted in the newsletter.

Sociomoral

1. Build relationships of mutual trust and respect with adults
2. Build relationships of mutual trust and respect with peers
3. Consider the perspective of others
4. Cooperate and collaborate as a member of a learning community
5. Be inquisitive
6. Be confident
7. Be inventive
8. Be reflective
9. Take initiative

Cognitive

1. Develop logical thinking and numerical thinking
2. Develop geometric, spatial, and temporal reasoning
3. Analyze data
4. Exchange mathematical ideas
5. Increase knowledge of the physical world
6. Develop and apply scientific reasoning
7. Exchange scientific ideas

Representational

1. Develop effective listening and speaking abilities
2. Develop as a reader
3. Develop as a writer
4. Use language to communicate in a variety of ways for different purposes and audiences.
5. Gather and comprehend information from a variety of sources
6. Represent ideas and feelings through pretend play
7. Represent ideas and feelings through movement
8. Represent ideas and feelings through music
9. Represent ideas and feelings through art and construction
10. Recognize that symbolic expression has social, cultural and historical contexts

Physical Development

1. Develop motor skills for personally meaningful purposes
2. Develop healthy living practices

Dear Parent/Guardian:

On behalf of the administration, Board of Education, and the pre-K faculty, I want to welcome you to the 2023-2024 school year at the Bronaugh R-7 School District. It is our hope that this year will be enjoyable as well as rewarding.

This handbook has been written to provide you with information about your school. It is important for parents and students to read and discuss the handbook and become familiar with the material it contains. We encourage you to keep the handbook for future reference. Please sign and return the form below to your child's teacher.

We welcome your questions, suggestions, and input. The administration and staff are here to assist you.

Sincerely,

Austin Gripka
Bronaugh R-7 Principal

My child, _____ and I have reviewed and understand the Student Handbook and the Attendance Policy for the 2023-2024 school year.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Parent/Guardian signature