Bright Futures Early Learning Center
Preschool Program 2019-2020

Our Approach to Education

The Bright Futures Preschool Program helps children advance skills in core pre-academic areas such as literacy, math, and science, as well as in other essential areas such as art, social and emotional well-being, and health/wellness. Our child-centered approach ensures that children are exposed to a diverse array of learning activities and that they thrive in all areas of child development, such as creative thinking, complex problem solving, empathetic collaboration, curious investigation, and astute decision making. Bright Futures provides a balanced approach to learning, giving you the peace of mind that your child will have fun as they develop socially, emotionally, physically, and intellectually.

We recognize that curriculum is more than what appears in manuals or a series of activities. We believe curriculum is everything that happens in the classroom, from interactions to singing and playing. We never miss an opportunity to educate. While academics play a role in development, we believe there are many other opportunities for enhancing the whole child. We give your child the tools to become confident and self-aware. In a caring and stimulating atmosphere, our passionate and engaging teachers give your child endless opportunities to grow, learn, and imagine. Our holistic approach in the classroom engages young minds with the early learning fundamentals they'll need as they continue on to grade school, with a rich blend of music, art, and dramatic play. Everything we do is designed to prepare your child for kindergarten education.

Preschool Program Features

- Encouragement and support that builds your child's self-confidence, self-regulation, and self-help skills
- Opportunities for your child to express him or herself creatively through music, arts, dance and dramatic play
- A classroom environment that focuses on building your child's cognitive, emotional, social, and fine/gross motor skills
- Age-appropriate activities and materials that help your child master important learning concepts
- Regular teacher-family communication, including weekly updates to keep you informed on progress and ways to further encourage your child’s development
- Engaging small and large-group experiences
- Effectively proven curriculum through North Dakota Reading Corps Program.
- Working or writing name – capital first letter followed by lower case letters. Once this is mastered, move to name.
- Comprehension of story line and story sequencing – this involves “What happened first? Next? Last?” “What was the problem the character faced? How was it solved?”
- Introduction of vocabulary words and apply short definitions to them that are preschool geared. In the Kindergarten Readiness Classroom, we pick out three new words a day!
- We learn to identify the author and illustrator of the book as well as their ‘jobs’ – on writes the words, the other creates the pictures
- Kindergarten Readiness focuses on the following skills near winter benchmarks: letter identification, letter sounds (vowels are introduced as LONG sounds to begin with), alliterations – words that start the same, rhyming – words that end the same, site words – such as it, is, like, the, star, etc.
- We also introduce Dolch Sight Word List for Pre-K and Kindergarten. These skills are tested using a preschool assessment called PELI (Preschool Early Literacy Indicators). This information is gathered three times a year in this program and compared against all programs using the Reading Corps Model in the state of ND.
- Handwriting in this classroom follows Zaner-Bloser handwriting script. Here is the website for additional resources on workbooks and the script. https://www.zaner-bloser.com
Program Schedule:

- 8:30AM – Arrival: As children arrive, they can visit learning centers or participate in individual or small-group activities until most children have arrived.
- 8:45AM – Morning Group Time: Our teacher bring the group together for morning routines including calendar, sharing, and discussion of the day’s activities. We use a variety of music, language, and STEM concepts that are introduced at this time. Children will also have an opportunity to bring a ‘share’ item each week on Fridays that relate to the lesson or literacy event of the week to build public speaking skills and concept understanding.
- 9:00-10:10AM – Learning Centers and Small-Group Activities: Children choose activities in the following learning centers: blocks, creative arts, dramatic play, library, math and manipulatives, science and sensory, writing, art, and technology. Teachers implement small-group activities, focusing on skill building activities and observational assessments. Children will also be introduced to a foreign language during this time.
- 10:10AM – 10:35AM Gross Motor/Outdoor Play
- 10:35AM-11:00AM – Group Time – Teachers read aloud to the children as they recap what has occurred throughout the day and build on the thematic curriculum units.
- 11:00AM- Parent Pick up time

Bright Futures Preschool Program does plan on taking field trips throughout the school year. These dates will be established in advance and given to parents for their child to have written permission to be taken off site. Events, curriculum, and outings will be given to parents in advance for volunteer requests and planning purposes.

Billing

Bright Futures Preschool Schedule is a 5-day per week program and will follow the West Fargo or Fargo Public School Days for closures and holidays depending on site. The program tuition per month is made payable by the first of each month by ACH, credit card, or check. A late fee of $10 will be charged if received after the 5th of the month. Our tuition rates are:

- Already Enrolled Bright Futures Childcare: $215 per month
- Not Enrolled in Bright Futures Childcare (no lunch option): $300 per month
  - Meal option for children not enrolled in childcare - $10 per day (Pick up time is extended to 12:00PM) This must be scheduled in advance through your child’s teacher
- Not Enrolled in Bright Futures Childcare (with lunch option) $350 per month
  - This extends pick up time to noon each day
- Extended day option – 830 – 230 with lunch $140 per week

There is a $50 enrollment fee for families NOT currently enrolled in Bright Futures Childcare.


For more Information - Please contact the site director either site below to assist in answering any enrollment questions or to set up a tour and meet our teachers!

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