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LONG BEACH ISLAND PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS

The Long Beach Island Board of Education offers preschool programs for three and four year old children. Classes meet 5 days a week. The PK Half-day program times are from 8:25 AM – 11:25 AM and the PK Full-day program times are 8:25 AM-3:00 PM. Children for the PK Half-day Program must be age 3 by October 1, 2022. Children in the PK Full-day program must be age 4 by October 1, 2022. Teachers are fully certified and serve to prepare the children for Kindergarten with state-approved curriculum aligned with each child's progress monitored.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Long Beach Island School District's Preschool Programs recognize that the years from three through five are critical in the growth and development of a child. We believe that a child thrives in a safe, happy and nurturing environment that supports learning through each developmental stage. The Long Beach Island Schools' Preschool Programs are designed to provide developmentally age-appropriate experiences in a nurturing environment. The intention of our programs is to address the individual needs of each child by providing experiences that promote physical, emotional, social and cognitive development through curricular activities. The Long Beach Island Schools' Preschool Programs seek to enable children to reach their potential regardless of abilities. Children with disabilities and typical preschoolers will serve as role models for one another in this program.

PROGRAM GOALS

- To provide experiences that meet each child's needs, to stimulate learning in all developmental areas (physical, emotional, social and cognitive) and curricular areas (language literacy, mathematics, social studies, science, world language, creative arts and health, safety and physical development).
- To provide opportunities to develop relationships, interactions and activities. These are designed to develop children's self-esteem to engender positive feelings towards learning and towards other students.
- To provide small and large group activities for the children to participate in to the best of their abilities.
- To stimulate the child in all areas of language development-listening, speaking, reading, thinking and expressing themselves in various ways.
- To provide experience in gross motor skills (running, skipping, climbing) as well as fine motor activities (writing, cutting, coloring).

PROGRAM OFFERING

- PK – Half-Day Program with state approved curriculum
- PK- Full-Day Program with state approved curriculum
- Generally these classes are capped at 15 students
- State certified teachers

TRANSPORATION

Transportation is not provided however it but may be offered to resident students in the Full Day Program at the Board of Education's discretion.

SECURITY AND SAFETY

The school will release a child only to the child's parent/guardian or an individual that has been given **written permission** by the child's parent. **Under no circumstances will verbal permission be accepted.**

An Emergency Evacuation Plan is posted in each classroom. Each month the children participate in a Fire Evacuation Drill and Emergency Safety Drill. The Fire Evacuation Drill includes the testing of the alarm system.

For safety reasons, rubber soled shoes or sneakers are encouraged. Please do not allow your child to wear flip-flops or sandals as they are a safety concern.

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

Communication with parents is absolutely essential. Please be assured that our teachers will be open to any questions, problems or concerns you may have about the program. Our Back-To-School Night will be held in September to give the teacher the opportunity to review our school policies and give you an overview of the preschool program. Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held in November and February. This is an excellent time for the teacher to review your child's progress with you and address any concerns you may have. Newsletters will also provide information on activities and concepts presented in the classroom.

DISCIPLINE AND BEHAVIOR MANAGEMENT

We hope to maintain a happy and healthy environment for your child. In order to do so, the children are taught the importance of safety, care of property, good habits, rules of conduct and respect for others. Our philosophy is to work in a positive way to provide instruction and guidance in helping children to learn appropriate and inappropriate behavior in the classroom.

- **Appropriate behavior** is defined a cooperative spirit on the part of the child to follow guidelines and rules. This behavior will be rewarded with praise and recognition. Examples of this behavior: no hitting, biting, screaming, be willing to put away toys and follow instructions
- **Inappropriate behavior** is defined as an uncooperative or harmful behavior to oneself, classmates or teachers. This behavior will be handled by verbal correction (reminding the child of limits), time out, and with extreme behavior, removal from the classroom with a teacher present. Examples of inappropriate behavior: biting, hitting, choking, screaming, etc.)

CLOTHING/BEDDING/TOILETING

Please send an extra set of clothing in with your child to keep in school. **Your child must be toilet trained to attend our preschool classes – no diapers or pull-ups.** We will assist children with clothing, but they will be expected to manage themselves so that they can learn to be independent in their toilet habits. We understand that accidents may occur occasionally, but frequent accidents may need to be addressed through the health office. If an accident does occur your child will be assisted into clean clothes in a calm and pleasant manner reassuring them that it is okay.

CHILD ILLNESS/MEDICATION

If your child is out due to illness, please call the school nurse or the main office to advise. If your child has a fever, vomiting, diarrhea, he/she must be fever, vomiting, diarrhea free for 24 hours prior to returning to school. **Please note that a student may not bring a medication to or from school.** This includes vitamins, herbal preparations and all over-the-counter medications. If medication is needed during school hours, it is necessary for you and your provider to complete a brief form for each medication and address it to the nurse. The first dose of any new medication must be given at home. The medication authorization form is available in the Health Office and on the school's website at: www.lbischools.org

SNACK/LUNCH

There will always be a snack time during the morning for each of the preschool classes. Please have your child bring in a healthy snack each day. Our PK Full Day class will have lunch offered. The monthly menu is on our school website at: www.lbischools.org There are many options for your child to choose from or you may also pack a healthy lunch if you so desire. Our lunch program is through Sodexo School Services. We also offer a Child Nutrition Program for free or reduced price school meals if you meet the eligibility guidelines.

TUITION

The tuition rates set by the Long Beach Island BOE for the 2022-2023 school year are PreK-Half Day - \$3,000 and PreK-Full Day - \$4,000. The payment schedule is as follows:

<u>Half Day Program</u>		<u>Full Day Program</u>	
May 6, 2022	\$750 deposit & agreement	May 6, 2022	\$1,000 deposit & agreement
October 7, 2022	\$750	October 7, 2022	\$1,000
January 20, 2023	\$750	January 20, 2023	\$1,000
April 7, 2023	\$750	April 7, 2023	\$1,000

Please note that if we do not have your deposit and agreement by May 6, 2022 your spot may be offered to a child on the waiting list. If tuition payments are not received by the due date, your child may be subject to removal from the program.

FINAL NOTE

Your child may have some difficulty adjusting to school when they first start. In order to provide your child with a smooth transition into the school day please allow us to help you by making suggestions: If your child is assigned a bus, allow them to use it or when dropping children off to the building please do so in a quick, efficient manner. Most importantly, give your child some extra time, personal contact and love during the beginning days of school. This is a change for parents and children that should be embraced. Our goal is for your child to have a successful school year.