



Bright Beginnings Preschool Statement of Purpose

To provide a quality program in a Christian atmosphere where children have a happy, healthy wholesome learning experience that encompasses:

Physical Development-

By developing their large muscle skills through games at gym and playground time, and small muscle skills at manipulative centers during free play time. [OB]

Mental Development-

By developing their intellectual abilities at their own pace, critical thinking skills, creativity during art time, play time, and as we discuss lessons. They also develop an active curiosity about their community and God's creation on field trips. These areas all prepare each child for successful Kindergarten achievement.

Spiritual Development-

By providing a Christian education through prayer, songs, and Bible stories so they can develop their awareness of God, His Son Jesus Christ, and the Bible, and to make them meaningful and personal.

Social Development-

By developing friendships with other children and with their teachers. They learn ways to interact in a group setting and thus prepare the way for an enjoyable primary school experience. They also learn to express themselves in appropriate ways and appreciate the feelings of others.

Emotional Development-

By developing their confidence in group situations. They grow in their independence and become more comfortable with their environment. We seek to nurture in them that each is unique and created and loved by God- and us!

Preschool Daily Schedule

Three Year Olds

Monday-Wednesday and Tuesday-Thursday

Classes

Enter/Name Recognition
 Free Play/Art Project
 Tidy Up Toys
 Circle Time:
 Bible Story/Prayer
 Attendance, Calendar, Weather, Flag Salute
 Lesson Time
 Library Time/Story
 Recess
 Snack/Prayer
 Show and Tell
 Music, Lesson Review

PreK

Monday-Wednesday-Friday

Tuesday-Thursday

Classes

Welcome Students
 Free Play at Learning Centers
 Art Project, Science or Cooking experience during Free Play time
 Circle Time:
 Group Prayer time
 Bible Story
 Attendance, Calendar, Weather, Flag Salute
 Introduce and teach the lesson of the day.
 Lesson time at tables
 "Library time"- Quiet independent Book Reading
 Show and Tell
 Snack time
 Recess
 Closing Story
 Singing

Bright Beginnings Preschool Operations Manual

Records

The school will keep records of attendance, academic assessments, and identification of each child. We have full details of where parents can be reached at work or at home including information about emergency contacts and authorized escorts.

Authorized Escorts

The school will dismiss a child ONLY to those people listed as authorized on the registration form. They will need to have photo identification with them, which a teacher will ask to see. Under no circumstance will a teacher make an allowance and let a child go with an unauthorized person, without permission from a parent or guardian.

Insurance

The school has liability insurance.

Emergency Services

Bright Beginnings Preschool staff will perform the necessary and proper actions to provide emergency health care to a student. This includes but is not limited to medical procedures by medical personnel as they deem necessary. A parent/guardian will always be attempted to be called and informed first. The parent/guardian is responsible for all costs and expense of such medical treatment.

Dismissal

The school reserves the right to dismiss a child, if after entering the preschool, the child seems unprepared for group experiences and is unable to adjust properly.

Health and Immunization Records

All children must have immunizations up to date, and parents will provide us with a record of these. Any exemption waivers must be signed by the child's physician.

Children must be left at home if ill and /or have the following symptoms: sore throat, fever of 99.6 or more, rash, earache, headache, or digestive upset. Children who develop signs of communicable diseases while at Preschool or develop a temperature will be isolated and a parent or emergency contact will be notified immediately. That person will be expected to come for the child as soon as possible.

The school will post any contagious diseases that have been reported to the class.

The staff at Bright Beginnings Preschool are trained in CPR and up to date with health standards.

School Closure due to Pandemic

We comply with the CDC and Washington State Department of Health guidelines and follow health and safety requirements to protect both the preschool teachers and students.

In the case of another closure such as we experienced with Covid-19, we will comply with what the CDC and Health Department require of us. We will hold Zoom classes and provide student packets and drive-by delivery to keep our students learning as best as we can.

Student Photo and Video on School Website and Facebook Page

Bright Beginnings Preschool periodically posts photos on our website, www.gbcpo.org, and on our Facebook page. Each parent can either consent or opt out at registration time. At no time will there be personal information shared along with a photo, such as a name, address, or location.

Registration and Tuition Fees

The fee for registering your child is payable in advance and is non-refundable.

Preschool tuition is payable in advance and is non-refundable. Payment is due on the first of the month, September through June. Payment is based on a yearly fee, divided into ten equal payments.

There are some months with less school days and some with more; the payment remains the same.

The fee will include a planned educational and developmental program. The school reserves the right to refuse service to those with unpaid fee accounts. There are no credits given for vacations and absences. In the event of natural emergencies or pandemics, no refunds will be given.

Late Child Pick-Up Fees

All children should be picked up immediately after class time. There is a late fee for the time you are late, noted in your tuition agreement. This is payable immediately to the teacher present at that time.

Withdrawals

30-day notice is required for a child intending to withdraw. If less is given, you will be charged the tuition amount to fulfill the 30-day notice requirement.

Holidays and Closures Holidays, winter and spring breaks are the same as the South Kitsap School District. We do NOT close on their half-day closures, however- just their full day closures. Please check the calendar on our website, www.gbcpo.org. The school observes the same yearly calendar as the South Kitsap School District.

When the School District finds it necessary to close due to snow or inclement weather, we will close also. However, if they are only running on a late schedule, we will be open as usual. We will try to post these emergency closures on our website, and on our Facebook page- Bright Beginnings Preschool.

Ways Parents Can Help

Have your child attend regularly, unless ill. We have a progressive learning program that your child will benefit from if attendance is regular. Please call us if they are going to be absent.

Teach your child self-reliance by encouraging them to do things on their own. Help them by showing them how to take off and put on their coat themselves, set down their bucket, and enter the classroom each day.

Keep active communication with your child's teacher, but not in the presence of your child. Report any upsetting experiences which may help the teacher to better understand your child. Build a healthy, friendly attitude toward the teacher and take an interest in the classroom activities. Display their artwork at home. Always say goodbye to your child, then leave. Let them know who will pick them up.

Emergency Disaster Plan

The school has emergency supplies on site to last for 72 hours. This includes food staples, bottled water, first aid supplies, flashlights, and blankets. Children will be kept at school, attended by the teachers, until a parent or authorized escort can pick them up. Please keep your emergency numbers current. All teachers are certified in first aid and CPR.

Toys and Supplies

The school will provide all the necessary equipment. Children will not be permitted to bring personal property to school except on their Show and Tell day. The school or staff will not be responsible for any items brought to school.

Toileting Assistance

The Preschool staff will not be able to assist your children with toileting needs. If a toileting "accident" occurs, we will need to call you to bring a change of clothing and help your child. We will assist with clothing needs.

Discipline Policy

The Washington State policy, contained in WAC388-73-004- "Corporal Punishment" is prohibited. The teachers model and teach Christ's love for everyone. No child will be subjected to any form of sexual harassment, corporal punishment, pain, humiliation, ridicule, or threat.

Bright Beginnings' policy is a 5-step process:

1. The teacher speaks to the child, giving choices that are good for both the child and the group.
2. Redirecting- directing the child's activity away from the disruptive activity and helping him get involved in an acceptable activity.
3. Teacher places child in Time-out for a brief time, clearly stating why the child is there- keeping the child in sight. Taking a break is often all a child needs to regain control.
4. If a reoccurring behavior, teacher speaks to parent for assistance from home.
5. Director talks to parent; dismissal may be necessary if above steps do not yield positive results.

Teachers in every classroom state class rules often, in clear and appropriate language. They also indicate the consequence of not obeying the rules. Discipline is always fair and consistent. Most importantly, we initiate positive reinforcement. We make sure to praise the children for good and appropriate behavior.

Communication

Bright Beginnings Preschool will periodically post photos and videos on our website and Facebook pages. You may visit these sites to see what is happening in your child's classroom. Each teacher also sends home a monthly newsletter and calendar to inform parents of daily events and upcoming field trips.

The school director is always available via email at www.brightbeginningspreschool7070@gmail.com or by telephone at 360-895-3643.

Bright Beginnings teachers will complete a student assessment for each child at mid-year and a copy will be sent home. At any time, you are welcome to discuss your child's development with the teacher.

Daily Activities and Their Benefits

Group Activities:

Includes social studies, science, language development.
Increases attention span.
Self-expression through discussion and dramatization
Increases vocabulary.
Learn a story sequence.
Develop a social being.
Accept and respect themselves and others.

Motor skills and Creative Movement:

Develop and explore Motor abilities.
Develop body control.
Develop fine and large motor control.
Learn spatial relationships.
Develop spatial concepts (front, back, behind, below, under, etc.)

Cognitive tasks:

Learn to think and solve problems.
Recognize and name alphabet.
Introduce phonetic sounds.
Learn to print name.
Recognize numbers and understand number concepts
Learn basic colors.
Learn basic shapes.

Self-Management

Learn telephone number.
Learn address.
Practice good manners
Develop sharing with peers.

Music Activities:

Self-expression through singing, moving to music
Develop rhythm.
Explore different musical instruments.

Art Experience:

Learn to be creative.
Learn to explore, manipulate, and investigate different materials
Construction
Shape, size, design

Daily Activities and Their Benefits, Continued

Snack Time:

Learn responsibility by helping set up and clean up
Learn to take turns.
Practice good hygiene
Learn to give thanks to God for food.
Practice good table manners
Learn to try different foods.

Christian Education:

Learn to love God.
Learn that God loves us and cares for us.
Introduce the Bible to each child
Teach basic Bible stories and principles.
Learn to have a growing understanding of Jesus.
Understand their place in the family.

Field Trips:

Learn about the community around us.
Learn to appreciate God's handiwork.

Recess:

Learn good sportsmanship.
Learn coordination.
Learn to take turns and play together.
Realize the importance of exercise for good health.

Story and Movie Time:

Learn to appreciate and enjoy books.
Learn to understand word usage.
Learn to listen.
Develop an imagination.

Clean Up:

Learn to care for toys and equipment.
Accept responsibility.
Learn to be a good helper.
Learn to appreciate cleanliness.
Learn to be part of a group working collectively.

Science Exploration:

Seasons
Animals
Nature
Weather
Five Senses
Plants
Insects
Gardening
Magnets

Daily Activities and Their Benefits, Continued

Social Studies:

Family

Self

Community awareness

Culture awareness

Physical awareness

Holidays

Travel around the world

Health:

Food groups, nutrition

Cleanliness

Exercise

Dental Health

Safety:

Seatbelt safety

Fire safety

Traffic signs

Making judgements

Community helpers

Language Arts:

Listening and speaking

Oral expression

Group discussion

Sharing original ideas

Using puppets

Public speaking

Pre-Reading

Visual discrimination

Auditory discrimination

Sequence development

Vocabulary

Recognition

Classification

Free Play at Learning Centers

Learning through play is critical for Early Learning and is self-initiated. Teachers follow the child's lead and facilitate their expression.

Housekeeping Area

Social development through role play, self-expression, language development, sharing.

Art Centers

Learn about colors, textures, fine motor development, eye/hand coordination, self-expression, develop creativity.

Book Center

Learn to care for books and enjoy them, training their eye to move from left to right, fostering their imagination

Table Toys

Fine motor development, visual discrimination, sensory development, eye/hand development, math concepts.

Science Center

Learn to observe, experiment, develop habits of thinking and exploring, learn about the world around them.

Water, Macaroni and Sand Tubs

Fine motor development, sensory development, classify things that sink, float, etc.

Building Blocks

Large and small muscle development, self-expression, eye/hand coordination

Imagination Center

Self-expression, cooperation, imagination development, role play

Preschool Curriculum Guide**September:**

All about Me
 Letters A, B and C
 Number 1
 Color Red
 Shape Circle
 Fall Season
 PreK Seat Belt safety
 Johnny Appleseed
 Number 2 - PreK

October:

Fire Safety
 Letters D, E and F
 Number 2
 Color Orange
 Shape Square
 Left & Right
 Harvest Party
 PreK Manners
 Healthy Exercise
 Columbus Day
 Number 3 & 4-PreK

November:

Letters G, H, and I
 Number 3
 Color Black
 Shape Triangle
 Pilgrims & First Thanksgiving
 PreK Food & Nutrition
 Number 5 & 6-- PreK

December:

Letters J, K and L
 Number 4
 Nativity
 Shape Star
 Color Green
 Christmas party
 Sharing and Giving
 Numbers 7& 8- PreK

January:

Mid-year Assessments
 Letter M, N and O
 Number 5
 Color White
 Shape Rectangle
 Telephone & Address
 Winter Season
 PreK Mexico, Alaska, Hawaii
 Numbers 9 & 10- PreK

February:

Letters P, Q, and R
 Number 6
 Color Pink
 Shape Heart
 Valentine party
 Dental health
 Shadows
 President's Day
 Numbers 11 & 12- PreK

March:

Letters S, T and U
 Number 7
 Color Blue
 Shape Diamond
 St. Patrick's Day Party
 Spring Season
 Weather
 Five Senses
 Numbers 13 & 14- PreK

April:

Letters V, W and X
 Number 8
 Color Yellow
 Shape Oval
 Easter Party
 Farm Animals
 PreK Pets
 Gardening
 Insects
 Numbers 15 & 16- PreK

May:

Letters Y and Z
 Number 9
 Mother's Day
 Color Purple
 Zoo animals
 Dinosaurs
 PreK Seashore
 Numbers 17 & 18

June:

Number 10
 Numbers 19 & 20- PreK
 Color Brown
 Alphabet Review
 Numbers Review
 Summer Season
 Father's Day
 Graduation for PreK
 End of Year Picnic

Bright Beginnings Preschool Snow/Inclement Weather Closure Policy

We adhere to the recommendations of the South Kitsap School District regarding school closures due to weather conditions.

If the School District announces it will be CLOSED due to weather conditions, we will be closed also.

If the School District remains open but is running two hours late (even if it announces it is closing its preschool) we will remain open as usual- both AM and PM classes. They often list their Kindergarten and preschool as closed, but that does not mean Bright Beginnings Preschool.

However, please use your own discretion regarding the road conditions in your own area.

If possible, we will list our information on our Facebook page, Bright Beginnings Preschool. The Director will also attempt to email directly to each parent.

The major radio, television, social media, and Internet sites will also have the SKSD information after 6:30 AM.