



Country Junction Preschool

Our Mission

At Country Junction Preschool it is our goal to provide a loving, caring, positive atmosphere that creates a warm, happy place for preschoolers to learn and grow each day. We are committed to building a solid foundation for every child as we bridge the gap from home to school. We strive to guide each of our students to help maintain and nurture a positive self-image while building their academic, behavioral and social skills in a school and classroom setting.

Our Philosophy of Learning

Based on the theory that children learn through free play as well as through formal instruction, our daily schedule is designed to balance structure (direction-following) and free choice times as well as allowing for active and quiet times. Classroom routines encourage active involvement, meaningful experimentation, and reinforcement through repetition.

We believe that young children learn best in an environment that allows them to interact with other children. Our classroom provides many learning stations with a rich variety of materials for children to manipulate. During free play they may choose the learning stations that interest them most and interact with other children who have the same interests. During circle and instruction time our well-designed curriculum helps young children build the skills they will need to be excited about learning and build the foundation to become confident students.

We believe that children progress through the same stages of development, but each at his/her own individual pace. Our curriculum and learning stations allow children, at different stages of development, to use the same materials in ways that are meaningful and appropriate for them. Some of the learning stations at our preschool include:

- CREATIVE ART
- HOUSEKEEPING / DRESS UP
- LIBRARY
- BLOCKS / CONSTRUCTION
- MANIPULATIVES / GAMES
- SCIENCE
- SENSORY TABLE
- MUSIC & LISTENING

Throughout the school year, we enhance every station with a variety of materials, to reinforce what has been introduced to the children during instruction time. Therefore, each station provides new experiences as the children learn more about themselves and their environment.

Our Curriculum

Our curriculum is based on weekly themes that provide young children with a wealth of information that they find fun and exciting. Materials and activities are introduced which are both child-centered and teacher-directed. All themes are designed to help build sensory, motor, and language skills in each child.

September - June weekly themes include:

OFF TO SCHOOL/FRIENDS/APPLES

ALL ABOUT ME/FEELINGS

PUMPKINS/NOCTURNAL ANIMALS/HALLOWEEN

COLORS OF FALL/HARVEST / FARMS

THANKSGIVING

BEARS

HOLIDAYS AROUND THE WORLD/FAMILY TRADITIONS

WINTER WONDERLAND/POLAR ANIMALS

TRANSPORTATION/SPACE

FAMILIES/COMMUNITY HELPERS

VALENTINES/DR SUESS

WIND/ RAIN AND RAINBOWS

DINOSAURS

SPRING/GARDENS/BUTTERFLIES/INSECTS

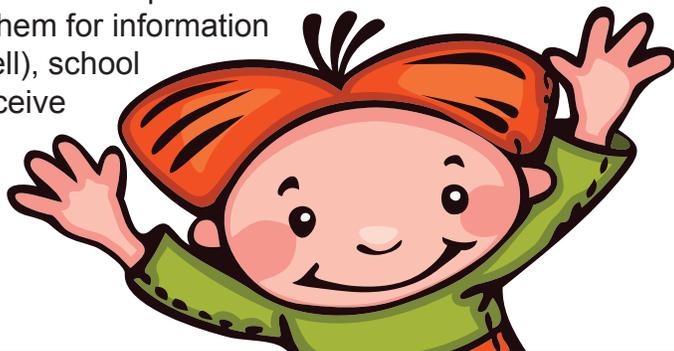
ZOO ANIMALS

UNDER THE SEA

Every day we encourage self-help skills and good hygiene thereby helping each child become more independent. We also include; colors, shapes, numbers, the alphabet, pre-reading, pre-writing and science into our curriculum. We celebrate many holidays throughout the school year including Halloween, Thanksgiving, Holidays around the World, Valentine's Day, Birthday's and others. As we integrate these basic skills, holidays, and monthly themes into our curriculum and learning stations, we provide a well-rounded learning environment for your preschooler.

Policy and Procedures

Monthly Newsletter & email: Our monthly newsletter as well as teacher emails and white boards are ways of communicating to all of our parents about what's going on at preschool. Please be sure to read them for information regarding daily themes, sharing days (show-n-tell), school holidays, reminders, and more. You will also receive your monthly tuition invoice on each monthly newsletter.





Departure and Arrival: Please bring your child into the building at class time, and come inside to pick them up. Remember to sign them in and out each day. No child should ever enter or leave the building without an adult. If your child is going home with another child in the preschool or being picked up by someone else, please inform the teacher and make a note on the sign-in sheet. Late pick-ups and early arrivals leave teachers without adequate preparation and lunch time. Please be considerate and time your arrival and departures properly. A tardiness fee will be issued to families who are habitually late at pick up time.

Your Child's Progress: Because the preschooler is an extremely changeable being and his/her growth, development and maturity occurs at different stages and rates, we feel that regular parent -teacher conferences for every child are unnecessary. We feel that comparisons of your preschooler to others students are not good for parent or child. We do however, begin assessments for our pre-K students to help strengthen needed skills prior to Kindergarten. Of course, if you have any concerns about your child's development, maturity, or behavior and would like to discuss it with us, please let us know and we will be happy to arrange a time when we can meet with you. We will also let you know of any special concerns we may have about your child, and arrange a meeting with you when necessary.

Illness: One of the primary goals of Country Junction is to provide a safe and healthy place for your children to learn and grow. We do our very best to provide a clean, healthy, germ free environment. We clean and sanitize our classrooms daily, but we need everyone's help to keep germs from spreading.

-If your child has a fever, keep them home. They may return to school after 24 hours of normal temperatures without medication.

-If your child is vomiting, keep them home. They may return to school after 24 hours of no vomiting and a healthy normal eating pattern.

-If your child has active cold symptoms, including a runny nose, cough or sneezing please keep them at home. We know that it is tempting for some families to medicate their child and send them to school, but they are still contagious. We know that even when medicated, children are too sick to participate in our full program. When they don't feel well they need to stay at home.

Healthy children learn better and healthy teachers teach better!
Please help us all stay healthy.

Potty Training:

All children must be potty trained to attend County Junction. We are not licensed by the health department to change diapers like daycare centers are. All students need to be self-sufficient in the bathroom which includes wiping themselves. No pull-ups at school. We understand that a few kiddos have occasional accidents and we will be reminding them to go potty

throughout the morning. We will help them change into extra clothes as needed if they wet. If they happen to have a poop accident while at school we will need to call you for help or your emergency contact should you be unreachable.

Helpful Reminders:

- Please be sure your child has gone potty prior to school each morning. Or bring them in to use our potty when you bring them to school.
- Teach your child to wipe themselves.
- Be sure they are familiar with flushing the toilet.
- We are vigilant at our school about hand washing when using the potty.
- Send a change of clothing in your child's backpack should they need them.

Miscellaneous:

- Parents give consent for school staff to photograph their children for use in classroom displays, student projects and in class yearbooks.
- Parents need to keep the preschool informed of any changes in address, phone numbers, email, employment, and emergency contact information.
- If your child has occasional accidents, please bring a backpack with extra clothes for your child each day. Every child must be potty trained, no diapers or pull-ups.



Behavior \ Discipline

We consistently guide and direct the children to help them learn to cooperate with their peers and solve problems in a positive manner. If a child is having continued problems cooperating in an area of the room, he/she is asked to go to another area, i.e., "Joe, I'm sorry but that is not how we play with the blocks, please go to the puzzle table or the art table."

If group behavior is a problem, the area that has become a problem for the group is closed and the group is broken up and redirected to other activities in the room. Sometimes just a touch on the shoulder can remind a child of our presence and this will in turn put him/her back on track.

If after using our redirecting methods, a child still seems to have a problem with appropriate behavior, the child is asked to sit out for a few minutes. There is a time-out spot in the classroom to think about what he/she has done. With the help of the teacher's discussion, together the child can think of what might be a better way to interact with the classmates, teachers, materials, etc. Time out is never longer than a few minutes, depending on the age of the child and the behavior itself.

Children with consistent difficulties are taken through the above procedures, and the parents are asked to help. Ultimately, the child could be dismissed from the program. This is seriously considered when the health, safety and welfare of the child or other children in the group are at risk.

We use positive reinforcement at all times; all of our staff consistently rewards good behavior, good effort and kindness. Please be assured that all forms of abusive language, ridicule, harsh, humiliating or frightening treatment is against our philosophy. **NONE OF THESE FORMS OF PUNISHMENT WILL EVER TAKE PLACE** at Country Junction Preschool.

On a final note, we try to be as consistent as possible with our classroom rules and routines so that the children will continue to learn what is expected of them. We find that this consistency helps all the children a great deal and leads to their success at school, at home and other activities they pursue out in the community

2018-2019 Tuition, Fees, Holidays.....

A.M. T\TH \$280.00

A.M. 3 Day PreK \$350.00

A.M. 4 Day PreK+ \$380.00

P.M. LUNCH BUDDIES \$110.00 MONTHLY OR \$35.00 DROP-IN

The first months (Sept) tuition is due prior to the first day of school. The following monthly tuition fees are due by the 1st day of class each month Oct-June. A \$10.00 late fee is charged for payments made after the 10th. Returned checks will be charged \$25.00 to cover bank fees. Your tuition invoice will be attached to your monthly newsletter and distributed to you through your child's cubby at the first of each month. Please be sure to make payment by mail or in the payment box located in the cubby room or at the entrance of each classroom. Check or cash is acceptable. The preschool also uses PayPal as a payment option however, due to the PayPal fees, you must submit \$ as a gift not invoice. The PayPal email is countryjunction@comcast.net

ABSENCES AND WITHDRAWAL: Thirty days' written notice must be given to the school if a child is to withdraw from enrollment. Parents are responsible for each month's tuition, regardless of absences. The school's budget and teachers' salaries are based on full enrollment; therefore compensation cannot be given for absences due to illness or vacations.

September 2019-June 2020 Arrival Departure times

M\W\F A.M. PRE-K ARRIVAL: 9:15 – 12:15 DEPARTURE

M\T\W\TH A.M. PRE-K+ ARRIVAL: 9:15 - 12:15 DEPARTURE

T\TH A.M. 3's ARRIVAL: 9:15 - 11:45 DEPARTURE

LUNCH BUDDIES DEPARTURE 3:15 (will begin on Wed. Oct. 2 through May 27)

HOLIDAYS Country Junction Preschool follows the same vacation and holiday schedule as the Snoqualmie Valley School Districts (with a few exceptions).

A full year calendar is included in this handbook, on our website www.countryjunctionpreschool.org and we will add holiday reminders in your monthly newsletter and teacher communication.

WEATHER When Snoqualmie Valley School District #410 is closed due to snow or other adverse weather conditions, the preschool will also be closed. When SVSD is on a 1 hour late schedule, we will delay all a.m. classes by 1 hour (classes will begin at 10:15 and end at the usual time). A 2 hour school delay will cancel all morning preschool classes. There are 2 snow make-up days built into the school calendar and we will follow the school district and use those days if needed. If a class should miss an excessive amount of school days, rest assured that it will be our top priority to ensure that your child's education is complete and all students will be well prepared for the next school year.

