

HOURS

Rainbow Bridge Preschool is a part-time program which operates Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 8:45 am to 12:45 pm. The school year commences after Labor Day and continues through mid-June. We are closed on:

- Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas (2 weeks)
- Mid-winter break (1 week in February)
- Spring break (1 week in April)

TUITION

- \$390 per month (September ~ June)
- \$50 registration fee (non-refundable)
- \$100 materials fee (one-time only, due in September)

BIRTHDAYS AND OTHER EVENTS

Parents are encouraged to attend their child's birthday celebration. On the child's birthday, they may bring photos or memorable items, such as first shoes, favorite toys, etc. to share with the group.

Play date	10:30 am ~ 12:00 pm	Last Monday in July
Home visit	20 ~ 30 minutes	August
Welcoming the Fall (<i>children only</i>)	10:00 am ~ 12:00 pm	Last Wednesday in August
First day of school	9:45 am ~ 12:45 pm	Wednesday after Labor Day
Morning at the park (<i>Matthew's Beach</i>)	10:30 am ~ 12:00 pm	First Saturday in October
Winter Solstice Celebration (<i>with family</i>)	4:00 pm ~ 5:00 pm	Mid- December
Games Day	9:20 am ~ 11:00 am*	Early June

*Regular school activities from 11:00 am until 12:45 pm)

SNACK AND LUNCH

Healthy and organic snacks are provided every mid-morning, including hot cereal (oat/millet), brown rice, freshly baked bread, soup, rice cakes, popcorn, fruits, nuts, and warm herbal tea.

Lunch should be brought from home. Please include a napkin in the lunch bag (a wet cloth or wet paper towel in a zip lock bag works well)

NO SODA, CANDY OR GUM, PLEASE!

CLOTHING

The following items should be brought in at the beginning of each season:

- Rain coat
- Rubber boots or Velcro shoes (must be water resistant and easy to wear)
- Extra clothes (2 pairs of socks, 2 pairs of underwear, 1 short sleeve shirt, 1 long sleeve shirt, and 1 pants)
- Hat and mittens (seasonal)

Please replace anything that was brought home.
Each item should be labeled with your child's name.

TOYS FROM HOME

Children may bring toys or books from home as they transition into school. However, please encourage your child to keep valuable toys at home.

PARENT COMMUNICATION

Discussions around child development and parenting are encouraged. Daily greetings during pick-up and drop-off provide opportunities to share current information about the child's physical, social and cognitive development. Home visits help children to transition smoothly, while building rapport with family. These usually take place at the beginning of the school year, but I will offer times to schedule these conferences throughout the year, if necessary.

Parents are invited to spend the morning with us.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Prospective families are encouraged to visit the preschool.

If you decide to enroll, your family will be asked to fill out a personal information form and provide a photo along with a \$50 registration fee.

- In July, I will share information about summer events, school rosters, and important dates.
- In August, I will do a short home visit.
- The last Wednesday in August will provide an opportunity for children to "Welcome the Fall" and experience school one week prior to the first day of school. This will be a short, two-hour school day with free play, circle time, snacks, and outdoor play. There will be no need to provide lunch on this day, as we will end at noon.

- The first official school day will be the first **Wednesday** after Labor Day, from 9:45 am until 12:45pm.

DAILY SCHEDULE

8:45 am: Arrival

Children should arrive no later than 9:20 am. Arriving on time will ensure continuity and an easy transition into playtime.

Free Play

First Activity:

Tue: Water color painting

Wed: Baking and cooking

Thu: Craft and handwork

9:45 am: Tidy up

9:55 am: Circle time (songs, games, greetings, morning verse, seasonal stories with movements and gestures to learn through imitation)

10:20 am: Light snacks

10:45 am: Outside play (swings and sand box)

Second activity:

Tues: Games (ball tossing or jump rope)

Wed: Woodwork

Thu: Raking/washing/cleaning

11:45 am: Washing and getting ready for lunch

11:55 am: Lunch (brought from home)

12:30 pm: Stories or puppet play

12:45 pm: Goodbyes