

Brunswick Parks and Recreation Department



The Brunswick Parks and Recreation Department Preschool is a licensed, half-day, early childhood program for 3 - 5 year olds with a focus on socialization and learning through play.

Where: Venture Avenue, Brunswick, ME 04011-1584; Phone 725-6656; Fax 725-0148

When: 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. Monday through Friday, September through May.

Registration Information: Children who are three years old by October 15 may enroll in our 3 day program - Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, or our 2 day program - Tuesday, and Thursday, or our 5 day program – Monday through Friday

2016 - 2017 Fees: Registration - \$20.00 (non-refundable)



Monthly Tuition:

	<u>Residents</u>	<u>Non-residents</u>
2 Day Program (Tu/Th)	\$116.00	\$155.00
3 Day Program (M/W/F)	\$173.00	\$231.00
5 Day Program (5 Day M-F)	\$289.00	\$386.00

You must provide a copy of your **child's birth certificate and updated immunization records** at the time of registration.

Your child must be toilet trained. Please, however, send a change of clothes with your child's name clearly marked on them.

Our yearly tuition is divided into nine equal monthly payments. Payment is due in advance. You may choose a **monthly** (payment due on the 1st Monday/1st Tuesday of each month) or **bi-monthly** (payment due on the 1st and 3rd Monday/1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month) schedule. This cost includes any snow days that may occur during the year. You are not charged tuition for school vacations or school holidays.

The Program:

The goal of the Preschool is for each child to have a positive preschool experience that fosters self-confidence. We have three classrooms divided by general age group. There are 15-16 children in each class. The teacher and assistant in each room make an experienced, caring team.

The classrooms are large and contain equipment and materials for a variety of activities; blocks, sand, water, dramatic play area, and easels are among the most popular. Puzzles, pegboards, balance scales, magnets, etc., offer different kinds of challenges at the tables. Books, crayons, scissors, paste and paper are always available. A special project may be making applesauce or finger painting or any number of other fun and educational activities.

The Preschool has daily use of the gym or Edwards Field playground. The gym is a feature especially appreciated during the winter. Field trips are scheduled throughout the school year such as the Arctic Museum, Crystal Spring Farm and the Rocky Ridge Orchard. In addition, special visitors may include singers, firefighters, librarians and storytellers.

A typical day includes a free play period, stories, songs, exercise in the gym or on the playground, and a snack. Through a structured environment with supportive adults, the children are encouraged to try new things, to learn by doing, to dare to make decisions and even mistakes, and to grow through these experiences.

Since any school experience is most successful if parents and teachers work together, parents are invited to visit the school, share their special skills or interests, assist on field trips, and participate in parent-teacher conferences. Parents are encouraged to share their suggestions, concerns and questions with the teachers at any time.

STAFF DURING THE 2016/2017 SCHOOL YEAR:

SUSAN TOOTHAKER, Head Teacher, is a graduate of the University of New Hampshire with a B.S. in Animal Science and a graduate of the University of Maine at Farmington with a B.S. in Early Childhood Education. She has also received training at the New England Montessori Center in Boston and was on the staff of the Downeast Montessori School in Bath. Susan was previously a substitute teacher for eight years then an Assistant Teacher for eight years at the Brunswick Recreation Department Preschool. Susan has been on the staff since 1998.

SUZANNE CAMERON, Teacher, is a graduate of the University of Maine, Orono with a B.S. degree in Child Development/Early Childhood Education. She worked four years teaching first grade at Coffin School in Brunswick. Suzanne taught kindergarten at St. John's Catholic School in Brunswick for 26 years and one year of pre-k. She lives in Brunswick with her husband Bob. She has two married sons, Chris and Tony and two grandsons, Alexander and Elliott.

LISA CESARETTI, Assistant Teacher, joined the Brunswick Parks and Recreation Preschool staff in Fall 2016. During her high school work study in a kindergarten class room and her variety of positions working in bookstores, she developed a passion for children's literature and enthusiastically supported Children's Literary programs. In 2012, she became a stay at home Mom and took on the responsibility of caring for her two nephews during the week. She attended East Stroudsburg University with a history major and plans to resume her education with a focus on Early Childhood Education. She lives in Brunswick with her husband, Dave, and daughter, Madilyn.

PHOEBE DOEHRING, Assistant Teacher, is a graduate of Gordon College in Wenham Massachusetts with a BA in Sociology. She moved here from Hopkinton, New Hampshire where she worked for four years as an assistant teacher at Parkside Montessori School. She has been with our preschool program since 2008. Phoebe lives in Brunswick with her husband Bill and has two boys, Willy and Matthew.

MELISSA HEWSON, Teacher, is a graduate of the University of Maine at Farmington with a BS in Elementary Education and Special Education. Melissa gained her prior experience at the Phippsburg Elementary School, where she taught for 15 years in both of her fields of study. She and her husband live in Brunswick with their two children, Riley and Madilynn.

TRACEY HARVEY, Assistant Teacher, is a graduate of the University of Southern Maine with a BA in Psychology. She was inducted into the USM Sports Hall of Fame for her achievements in softball. For several years she has been a volunteer in the Brunswick School System and a preschool teacher at her local church. She lives in Brunswick with her husband Earle and their two children, Jack and Thomas.

The Parks and Recreation Department encourages individuals with disabilities to register for this program. Should you desire further information, contact the Recreation Department at 725-6656.

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