

## **La Center Developmental Preschool**

700 E. Fourth Street  
La Center, WA 98629  
360-263-2134

### **Classes and Times:**

AM-Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 8:30am-11:00 am  
Wednesday: 9:00-11:30

PM-Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 12:00 pm-2:30 pm  
Wednesday: 12:15-2:45

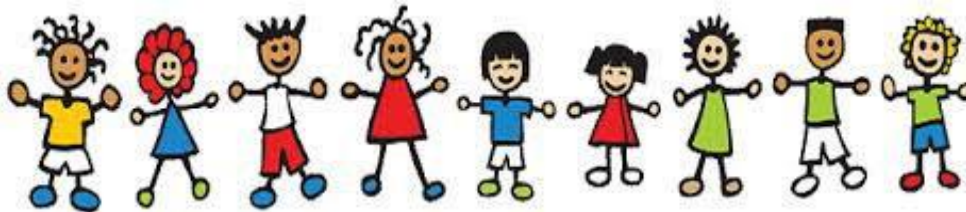
### **Early Childhood Special Education Teacher:**

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Welcome,

Thank you for enrolling your child in the La Center Developmental Preschool Program. We are excited to have your child in class this year and look forward to supporting your child's growth and development in conjunction with their first and most important teachers - you.

The La Center Developmental Preschool Program is offered by the La Center School District. The preschool is located on the La Center Elementary School campus, which provides rich opportunity for staff to work collaboratively to prepare your child for Kindergarten. Please take time to review this information and keep it on hand as it contains preschool's policies, guidelines and important information.

## District Mission

The mission of the La Center School District is to create a supportive learning environment that empowers students to reach their fullest potential. We will do this in partnership with families, the community, staff and students to develop confident and self-reliant life-long learners who can thrive in a rapidly changing, more technologically advanced and diverse society.

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## Program Philosophy

We believe that the family is the primary source of education and socialization of young children. The role of the preschool is to support families in this endeavor. You can expect that the teachers and support staff will:

- Maintain the health, safety and well-being of the children in our care.
  - Release children only to authorized persons.
  - Keep information shared by families confidential - unless we have a signed release of information to communicate with other programs, agencies and schools.
  - Not discuss individual children with staff or parents in the child's presence.
  - Treat children with respect regardless of ethnic background, lifestyles, gender or religion.
  - Strive to enhance the overall development of each child in the program.
  - Communicate with families about their child's developmental progress in the program.
  - Consistently strive to provide programs based on sound child developmental principles.
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## Program Partnerships

Research has demonstrated the important role that parents, child care providers, school staff and other community members play in supporting children's readiness for school and in promoting a seamless transition into kindergarten.

Research has also clearly indicated that children and families manage those transitions most effectively when there is continuity or similarity between programs. Sharing the campus with the primary school affords many opportunities for preschool-aged children in La Center to learn about Kindergarten teaching staff. In addition, this arrangement will provide opportunities for parents not familiar with the public school system, to become better acquainted with school expectations. In order to strive for a high degree of continuity and alignment, the La Center Preschool Program will work closely with the **La Center Elementary School** to develop and implement policies that maximize student safety and communicate clear and reasonable expectations.

In addition to the strong partnership with the school, we value and respect your role as a parent. You know your child best and we look forward to working with you to build on your child's strengths and create a strong foundation for school success.

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## **Program Curriculum**

The preschool program is designed to meet the developmental needs of the whole child and the curriculum includes six basic areas of early childhood development:

- Social/emotional development - learning to cooperate, share, take turns and express emotions.
- Language development - learning to listen to others and to use language to communicate.
- Small motor development - small muscle groups of the hands involved in coloring, writing, stringing beads, cutting and turning pages.
- Pre-academic/cognitive development - concepts such as same and different, colors, sizes, shapes, and introduction to numbers and letters.
- Large muscle development - large groups of muscles involved in running, skipping, swinging and jumping.
- Self help skills/adaptive - learning to be independent, clean up, button and zip.

La Center preschool implements the Creative Curriculum for Preschool. The Creative Curriculum is designed to help educators plan and implement a developmentally appropriate content rich program for children with diverse backgrounds and skill levels.

In addition, your child will work on the goals written in their Individual Education Plan-IEP (see Eligibility and Program Enrollment section for more information). These goals can be accomplished through a variety of means including explorative play and individual instruction. Please ask the Early Childhood Special Education teacher for more information regarding specific curriculum(s) and instructional strategies.

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## **Program Eligibility and Enrollment**

The La Center Developmental Preschool is supported by special education state and federal funds and specializes in serving children with a variety of developmental needs in the area(s) of communication, gross motor, fine motor, pre-academic, social/emotional skills and self help/adaptive skills. Your child must be evaluated by the preschool coordinator or other qualified support staff to determine eligibility for preschool services based on state and federal educational requirements.

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## **Program Attendance Policies**

In order to maximize your child's preschool experience, regular attendance is encouraged. If your child is healthy, please make every effort to bring her/him to school on time. Late arrivals disrupt the routine and impact the time the children have to participate in activities. If your child will be absent for any reason, please contact the elementary office at (360) 263-2134 and transportation

if your child rides the bus at (360) 225-8075. AM classes are 8:30-11:00 am Monday, Tuesday and Thursday; 9:00-11:30 am Wednesday. PM classes are from 12:00-2:30 pm Monday, Tuesday and Thursday; 12:15-2:45 pm Wednesday. Please do not drop your child off early as the staff is setting up and planning for the day.

**Child pick up** - Please note that only those you have officially authorized on your enrollment form will be allowed to pick up your child from school. We must have written permission on file. If the adult who arrives to pick up your child is unfamiliar to staff - we will need to check I.D.

**Transportation** - **Please discuss transportation options with the IEP team. If it is determined that transportation is necessary, the classroom teacher will submit a transportation request.** When the transportation request has been processed you will be notified by the bus driver at KWRL Transportation regarding the time(s) your child will be picked up and dropped off from school. If your child will be absent please contact the transportation agency directly.

### **KWRL Transportation (360) 225-8075**

**Weather Closures** - The preschool operates on the same schedule as the La Center School District for closures and delays. If the district cancels school, we will be closed too with the day made up at the end of the school year. If there is a two hour late start - AM preschool will be cancelled, PM will take place as scheduled.

### **Health and Safety - keep me home if.....**

**Illness** - We ask for your cooperation in stopping the spread of contagious illness by watching for the following symptoms: fever, green/yellow discharge from the nose, hacking cough, sore throat, watery/red swollen eyes, swollen glands, stomach ache, vomiting, diarrhea, head lice, or other communicable disease such as chicken pox, impetigo, scabies, etc. Please DO NOT send your child to school if (s)he is not feeling well or is exhibiting signs of the above mentioned symptoms within the last 24 hours. If a child becomes sick at school, the parent/guardian will be notified. The parent is expected to pick up the child within ½ hour unless other arrangements have been made.

**Head lice - A child with head lice will not be admitted to school until nit-free. If a child has head lice, treatment must be sought.**

**Injuries** - We do our best to keep children safe at all times. However, accidents do occur. A child who needs more than ice, band aids and TLC will need to go home. All emergency contact information needs to be kept up-to-date. If a student is injured, we will attempt to contact the parent/guardian. Emergency medical personnel will be contacted as needed.

**Medications at School** - Prescription AND over the counter medications which must be given during school hours require signed authorization by the parent and physician. Medications must

be supplied in the original container and have a pharmacy label with instructions to match the physician's written instructions. Schools may only accept a 20 day supply. The medication must be transported to school by a parent, where it will be counted and signed for by the parent and nursing or office staff.

**Allergies and other medical conditions** - Safety is our first priority. Children with allergies and other medical conditions may need to complete a health plan with the school nurse prior to attendance - this ensures staff have the information needed to keep your child safe.

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## Parent Participation

We believe preschool is an ideal time for children to learn daily routines and socialization with peers and trusted adults. If you do anticipate spending time in the classroom volunteering, you must complete a **La Center School District Volunteer Application** form and submit it with a copy of your photo identification to the school office. Visiting the classroom does not require filling out the Volunteer Application. Whether you are visiting or volunteering please check in at the elementary office.

**Clothing - Please send a change of clothing in the event of toileting or other accidents. In addition, students have recess daily, so please dress your child accordingly.**

**Communication** - We do our best to keep you informed about your child's progress at school. However, if you have questions or concerns, please make arrangements to discuss these issues with the appropriate staff outside of class time. In addition, please keep us informed of changes at home (medical, physical, emotional) that may affect your child's behavior at school.

**Confidentiality** - The family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) are federal laws intended to protect an individual's right to privacy with respect to medical or educational records maintained regarding that individual.

**Holidays and Birthdays** - Please check with the teacher. **Additionally, we follow the District calendar for Holidays and other regularly scheduled breaks and conference times.**

**Student Possessions** - Please label jackets, toys, and other materials your child brings to school. Understanding that some students have special items/toys they want to bring to school, please limit those items to things like: stuffed animals, toy phones, toy cars or trucks. All items should be able to fit in the child's backpack.