

PILGRIM PRESCHOOL INFORMATION

Occupying only a few hours of a child's week, preschool education is planned as a supplement to a child's home experience, not as a substitute for it. Home and preschool should work cooperatively to meet the young child's needs. At Pilgrim Preschool we strive to help each child learn while building happy trustful relationships with peers and adults while growing in independence.

Activities are designed to promote the development of the whole child. Days are planned around themes using lessons and materials which are concrete and invite children to learn by playing and asking questions. Activities include language and reading skills and the acquisition of math concepts. Science lessons which are built on the children's innate curiosity help promote divergent thinking. Art, music and dramatic play provide opportunities for self-expression. Games and outdoor activities help develop small and large motor skills. Throughout the day the children are working on social skills.

The daily schedule:

8:25- Preschool door opens and children begin to arrive

8:30- Free time (building, tactile table, manipulative games, arts and crafts, dramatic play)

9:15 – Story Time (a book is read to the children in a group setting) - Back to Free Choice Time following Story

10:00- Clean up time (children help put away toys and games). Line up for Circle time

10:10 Circle time (music, movement activities, finger plays, games, readiness activities, science, show and tell)

10:30- Bathroom and washing of hands for snack

10:40- Snack

11:00- Outdoor play (children pack bags and dress for outside play)

11:30- Dismissal (children are picked up inside the school)

Times may change somewhat with different activities as well as the Montana weather!

- 3 year old and young 4 year old children attend on Tuesday and Thursday
- 4 and 5 year old children attend on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. This group is eligible age for kindergarten the following school year: turn 5 by September 10th of following year.

Tuition costs:

- Two days a week is \$240/month
- Three days a week is \$360/month

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