

Alsea Pups Preschool Parent Information Sheet

Parents/Guardians

The Alsea Pups Preschool recognizes parents/guardians as the primary and most important educators of their children. Our school staff sees themselves as your colleagues, providing care and education for your child. Ways in which parents/guardians can make the preschool a welcoming and stimulating learning environment for children and parents:

- Share with Ms. Mirium about your children's needs, activities, interests and progress.
- Support pro-social and developmentally appropriate behaviors.
- Help at sessions of the preschool, which includes sharing your own special interests with the children. (These can count towards your volunteer hours. Ask Ms. Mirium for the volunteer sign-up sheet).
- Help to provide, make and look after the equipment and materials used in the preschool. (This can count towards your volunteer hours. Ask Ms. Mirium for the volunteer sign-up sheet).
- Practice and encourage your children to be safe and respectful to others in and outside the classroom learning environment.
- Create habits of listening, sharing, concentration and pride in your child's achievements.
- Participate in events and community activities in which the preschool takes part.
- Build friendships with other parents in the preschool.
- Visit us in the classroom (but please make arrangements beforehand so Ms. Mirium can plan accordingly).

Daily routine

The Alsea Pups Preschool believes that care and education are equally important in the experience which we offer children. The routines and activities that make up the preschool's session/day are provided in ways that:

- Help each child to feel that he/she is a valued member of the preschool
- Promote the overall wellness of each child
- Help children to gain from the social experience of being part of a group
- Help them to be safe and to be respectful to others and of the classroom learning environment
- Provide children with opportunities to learn and help them to value learning

- Prepare them socially and academically for kindergarten

Ms. Mirium uses both Creative Curriculum and, in alignment with Alesa Kindergarten, Zoophonics. The children are encouraged to take part in adult-led small and large group activities, which introduce them to new experiences and help them to gain new skills. They will also learn to work with others and practice being safe and respectful to others and the classroom.

- A typical session will generally follow the pattern of:
 - 8:00 a.m.: Arrival and social play
 - 8:30 a.m.: Circle time, calendar, weather, music, group gross motor and discussion
 - 9:00 to 10:15 a.m.: Exploratory, math and literacy centers, art
 - 10:15 a.m.: Sharing, literacy and positive behavior discussion
 - 10:30 a.m.: Recess
 - 11:00 a.m.: Lunch
 - 11:30 a.m.: Dismissal (**Please pick your child up promptly**)

Kindergarten Readiness Program held on Tuesdays and Thursdays. For kindergarten readiness, for children ages 4 or older and/or with Ms. Mirium's recommendation.

- Our typical session for our enrichment program is as follows:
 - 11:45 a.m.: Recess
 - 12:00 p.m.: Quiet/Nap time
 - 12:30 p.m.: Circle time, social/emotional discussion, geography
 - 1:00 p.m.: Art, story time with Kindergarten
 - 1:30 p.m.: Snack
 - 1:45 p.m.: Literacy, math exploration, Positive behavior discussion
 - 2:30 p.m.: Circle time, day review, science experiment/discussion
 - 2:50 p.m.: Recess
 - 3:10 p.m.: Dismissal- Parent pickup and bus (**Please pick your child up promptly**)

Tuition

We aim to keep tuition costs affordable at the Alsea Pups Preschool, and as such, the tuition fees are highly subsidized by grants and fundraising. The preschool could not exist without combined funding, including tuition payments.

Tuition may be paid in full or in 10 monthly payments. You will be required to pay the full amount by the end of the school year and sign a promissory agreement for the amount due. Tuition is due by the 10th day of each month. If you choose to pay monthly, your first payment is due by September 10, and your last payment will be due by June 10, or until it is paid in full.

TUITION FEES:

Full rate:

Annual fee: \$1,300 or \$2,000 including the Enrichment Program

Monthly payments: \$130 per month, or \$200 per month including the Enrichment Program

Reduced rate, for families that qualify for reduced price meals:

Annual fee: \$650 or \$1,000 including the Enrichment Program

Monthly payments: \$65 per month, or \$100 per month including the Enrichment Program

Reduced rate, for families that qualify for free meals:

Annual fee: \$350 or \$500 including the Enrichment Program

Monthly payments: \$35 per month, or \$55 per month including the Enrichment Program

Your first and last month's tuition is due in September. If you choose to pay monthly, your second payment is due in October, and your last payment will be due June 10, or until it is paid in full. Tuition payments can be handed to Ms. Mirium, mailed to the Strengthening Rural Families Office, or deposited in the tuition box in the classroom. Please make all checks payable to Strengthening Rural Families.

If your family fails to pay tuition and is more than 30 days late, your child will not be allowed continued participation in the preschool program. You will be asked to keep your child home until you pay your balance due.

Additional Information

- We follow the Alsea School District Calendar
- Sign up for the Alsea School notification list for information about holidays and inclement weather days.
- Class begins at 8:00 a.m and ends at 11:30 a.m.
- The Kindergarten Readiness Program extends until 3:20 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- Parent meetings will be held throughout the school year. Ms. Mirium will inform parents/guardians of these meeting dates.
- It is important that your child be on time and be picked up promptly.
- Children are not allowed in the classroom before 8:00 a.m., so please make alternate arrangements if your child needs before school care.