

North Spencer Preschool & Daycare Information 2022-2023

Philosophy on Early Childhood Development

The new preschool educational program in North Spencer has been developed on sound, research-based principles of child development. Our goal is to give children a sense of worth by helping them develop at their own individual pace while learning basic developmentally appropriate skills. We want all children to feel confident and secure enough to explore and grow in a stimulating educational and social environment. We acknowledge and utilize the role of play in the development of children. Play allows children to be curious, creative, inventive and imaginative in an environment that encourages emotional well-being, socialization, communication, cognitive processes and motor skills.

We are committed to promoting and supporting all aspects of a child's growth in an atmosphere of respect. Children will participate in a variety of individual and group activities designed to:

- Develop language and reading readiness skills
- Enhance physical, social, emotional and intellectual growth
- Promote skills and attitudes, which will increase their ability to succeed in life. We strive to build a sense of community for children and family, and to enhance each child's self-concept.
- Provide a stimulating, safe and fun environment where children can progress and grow at their own pace and in a manner that will support a lifelong love for learning and growth.

Program Options & Costs:

- Preschool Only Option
 - 3-5 year olds
 - \$45 Weekly - 5 Day Program - Monday thru Friday
 - \$35 Weekly - 3 Day Program - Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
- Preschool/Daycare Combination
 - 3-5 year olds
 - \$115 Weekly (total for daycare and preschool fee)
 - Daily and partial week daycare rates available; prorated rates for families with multiple kids in one family and for those qualifying for federal free/reduced assistance. No vouchers accepted.
 - Breakfast and Lunch
 - 2022-2023 North Spencer Prices (\$2.10 for lunch, \$1.55 for breakfast)

Program Director and Staff:

- The Preschool Director will ensure all preschool curriculum is research-based and developmentally appropriate. Contact Preschool Director Jody Schmitt at 937-2400 ext. 4 with questions.
- All staff will be certified. The development and training of North Spencer Preschool staff will be a continuous and ongoing process, which includes attending workshops, webinars, or listening to guest speakers and frequent discussions with the Preschool Director.

Program Hours & Operating Calendar:

- The program will follow the North Spencer calendar.
- Specific drop-off and pick-up procedures will be provided by each site on the first day.

Preschool Program Features

Your child will thrive in our preschool curriculum. Learning centers for math, science, dramatic play, music, creative art and computers provide opportunities to balance both shared and independent learning experiences.

- Teachers will incorporate theme-related materials, individual attention and child-engagement.
- Fostering foundational skills: Your preschooler will be introduced to cognitive skills such as sequencing and matching; social skills in similarities and diversity; and language art skills of storytelling and writing.
- Self-reliance: Our preschool will provide opportunities for your child to develop self confidence and

practice decision-making in each center with guidance.

- Setting the pace for confidence: Your preschooler will be encouraged to progress at his/her own pace according to individual needs and abilities.
- Physical and Social Well-Being and Creativity: Fitness to promote gross motor development, arts and crafts, and manners will be incorporated into your preschooler's daily schedule.

Nap/Rest Time:

- Nap/Rest time will be a part of the Daycare program's daily routine. Naptime is much more than providing rest for a child! Children's developing brains need adequate amounts of sleep for healthy brain development. When children have had enough sleep it enhances cognitive functioning and moods.
- We recognize that all students have different resting needs. For those who need little/no sleep in the daytime, quiet and calm activities will be provided while others sleep.

Meals and Snacks:

- Children participating in the Daycare program will receive breakfast, lunch, and afternoon snack. Breakfast and lunch are an additional charge. Students may bring their own meals.

Illness & Injury:

- Parents will be notified as soon as possible if their child becomes ill at school.
- Parents will be notified in writing if their child is injured at school; parent, or other emergency contact, will be notified as soon as possible by phone call if the injury is serious.
- Students with vomiting, diarrhea, temperatures of 100 or over, or with any communicable disease should remain at home.
- We ask that students who have been out sick be fever free for 24 hours before returning.

Payment and Billing:

- You will receive a statement weekly. Payments are expected on Friday prior to the week of service.
- Past due payments beyond 2 weeks of service may result in termination of your spot to another student on our waiting list and may be turned over to small claims.
- If school is not in session, you will not be charged. If your child misses due to illness, vacation, or an appointment their regular rate is still due.
- You may pay in advance. Your weekly statement will reflect your credit balance.

What Your Child Needs to Bring:

- Change of clothes and extra underwear to be left at school. Preschoolers are still young and we just want to be prepared for messes and accidents.
- Child may bring a blanket and/or comfort object for naptime.
- While there is no required supply list for preschool, we would welcome donations of crayola crayons, glue sticks, dry erase markers and scissors.
- Any needed medications with specific instructions must be in original containers. All medications must be kept in the nurse's office, and can only be given to school personnel by the parent or an individual of at least 18 years of age. Any medication not in the original container will NOT be given.

What You Need to Know:

- Nancy Hanks will still host the district's special needs preschool regardless of the numbers enrolling in the preschool programs throughout the district.
- Twelve preschool children are needed at a site for that school to house a preschool/daycare. If a site does not have twelve preschool children, those who have enrolled will be given the option to attend an alternate site.

North Spencer Preschool & Daycare 2022-2023 Enrollment Information for those NOT Already Enrolled:

- Children must be at least 3 years of age by August 1, 2019 and potty trained to begin preschool. Students turning 3 after this time are welcome to enroll upon turning 3 and may begin preschool as available spots allow.
- Individual student needs may not exceed available staffing. In addition, students may be denied access to preschool/daycare services at any time their behavior becomes harmful or disruptive to others.
- There will be an open preschool/daycare enrollment in each elementary building on the following dates from 12:00 noon - 3:00 p.m. and 4:00-7:00 p.m.
 - February 14, 2022 - David Turnham
 - February 15, 2022 - Chrisney
 - February 16, 2022 - Lincoln Trail
 - February 17, 2022 - Nancy Hanks
- A \$25 deposit will be required at enrollment to hold your child's spot for the 2022-2023 school year.
- Please bring your child's **birth certificate** and **shot records** to the open enrollment. These records, along with a physical, are required by the first day of attendance.
- You should enroll at the school you wish to attend.
- We offer preschool/daycare in 4 locations (each elementary building). If a site other than your school of residence is more convenient you may fill out a transfer request when you enroll.
- Preschoolers from outside the North Spencer school district are welcome to enroll and should register at the site in which they wish their child to attend. Preference will be given to North Spencer families.

Contact Information:

- Contact your school of residence if you have any questions.
 - Chrisney Elementary ~ 937-2400 ext. 7 ~ Lori Hermann ~ lhermann@nspencer.k12.in.us
 - David Turnham ~ 937-2400 ext. 6 ~ Kelsey Henrickson ~ khenrickson@nspencer.k12.in.us
 - Lincoln Trail ~ 937-2400 ext. 5 ~ Ben Lawalin ~ blawalin@nspencer.k12.in.us
 - Nancy Hanks ~ 937-2400 ext. 4 ~ Jody Schmitt ~ jschmitt@nspencer.k12.in.us
- If you live outside of the North Spencer School district, please contact the principal of the school in which you would like your child to attend.