

April 1, 2021
Bright Local Preschool
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Welcome to the Family of _____
to our informal Preschool Registration, which is scheduled for Friday, April 30, 2021. Families will have the opportunity to schedule a time that day. We have half-hour slots. Your child and his/her parent will have the opportunity to meet all 3 of the preschool teachers, Mrs. Farris (PSE teacher), Ms. Moore (ECE teacher) and Mrs. Scott (ECE teacher), as well as visit each of their classrooms.

All families must complete the attached paperwork and bring the following paperwork to the registration as well: *copy of the family's 2020 tax return forms or copies of your last 2 pay stubs, a copy of the child's birth certificate, social security card, record of immunizations, proof of residency (junk mail), copy of one of the parent's/guardian's driver license, and copy of custody paperwork, if applicable.* We will have a copier available for your convenience.

It is our goal to have peer models demonstrating age-appropriate skills attend the preschool. One skill your child must have to attend the preschool is to be potty trained. Below are examples of what other skills your child should display in developmental areas:

3- to 4-Year-Old Development: Language Milestones

Between or at ages 3 and 4, your child should be able to:

- Say his or her name and age
- Speak 250 to 500 words
- Answer simple questions
- Speak in sentences of five to six words, and speak in complete sentences by age 4
- Speak clearly, although he may not be fully comprehensible until age 4
- Tell stories

3- to 4-Year-Old Development: Cognitive Milestones

Your child will start asking lots of questions. "Why is the sky blue? Why do birds have feathers?" Questions, questions, and more questions! While it may be annoying at times, asking questions is a normal developmental milestone. In addition to asking "why?" all the time, your 3- to 4-year-old should be able to:

- Correctly name familiar colors
- Understand the idea of same and different, start comparing sizes
- Pretend and fantasize more creatively
- Follow three-part commands
- Remember parts of a story
- Understand time better (for example, morning, afternoon, night)
- Count, and understand the concept of counting
- Sort objects by shape and color
- Complete age-appropriate puzzles
- Recognize and identify common objects and pictures

3- to 4-Year-Old Development: Movement Milestones

Your busy preschooler continues to be on the move. Between or at ages 3 and 4, your child should be able to:

- Walk up and down stairs, alternating feet -- one foot per step
- Kick, throw, and catch a ball
- Climb well
- Run more confidently and ride a tricycle
- Hop and stand on one foot for up to five seconds
- Walk forward and backward easily
- Bend over without falling
- Help put on and remove clothing

3- to 4-Year-Old Development: Hand and Finger Skills

Your child is becoming much more nimble. At this point in his or her development, your child should be able to:

- More easily handle small objects and turn a page in a book
- Use age-appropriate scissors
- Copy circles (3) and squares (4)
- Draw a person with two to four body parts
- Write some capital letters
- Build a tower with four or more blocks

- Dress and undress without your help
- Screw and unscrew jar lids
- Turn rotating handles

3- to 4-Year-Old Development: Emotional and Social Milestones

Your 3- to 4-year-old is not only becoming more independent physically, but also emotionally. You may start to notice fewer tantrums when you leave your child with a sitter or at preschool.

In addition, your 3- to 4-year-old is becoming more social. Your child may now be able to cooperate with his or her friends, take turns, and may begin to show some problem-solving skills.

4- to 5-Year-Old Development: Language and Cognitive Milestones

- Speak clearly using more complex sentences
- Count ten or more objects
- Correctly name at least four colors and three shapes
- Recognize some letters and possibly write his or her name
- Better understand the concept of time and the order of daily activities, like [breakfast](#) in the morning, lunch in the afternoon, and dinner at night
- Have a greater attention span
- Follow two- to three-part commands. For example, "Put your book away, brush your [teeth](#), and then get in bed."
- Recognize familiar word signs, such as "STOP"
- Know his or her address and phone number, if taught

4- to 5-Year-Old Development: Movement Milestones and Hand and Finger Skills

Children learn through play, and that is what your 4- to 5-year-old should be doing. At this age, your child should be running, hopping, throwing and kicking balls, climbing, and swinging with ease.

Other movement milestones and hand and finger skills your child may achieve in the coming year include being able to:

- Stand on one foot for more than 9 seconds
- Do a somersault and hop
- Walk up and down stairs without help
- Walk forward and backwards easily

- Peddle a tricycle
- Copy a triangle, circle, square, and other shapes
- Draw a person with a body
- Stack 10 or more blocks
- Use a fork and spoon
- Dress and undress, brush [teeth](#), and take care of other personal needs without much help

4- to 5-Year-Old Development: Emotional and Social Development

Your self-centered child is now figuring out that it is not always about him or her. At this age, children are starting to understand about other people's feelings. Your 4- to 5-year-old should be better able to work through conflicts and control his or her emotions.

Emotional and social development milestones your child may achieve at this age include:

- Enjoys playing with other children and pleasing his or her friends
- Shares and takes turns, at least most of the time, and understands rules of games
- Understands and obeys rules; however, your 4- to 5-year-old will still be demanding and uncooperative at times.
- Is becoming more independent
- Expresses anger verbally, rather than physically (most of the time)

If you have any developmental concerns about your child, please make sure you report this directly to a staff member. If you have any paperwork pertaining to your concerns from any physician, please plan to share this document when registering your child.

****In order for your child to be considered as a peer-model, he/she MUST attend this registration; otherwise your child may be removed from the waiting list. Attending the preschool registration does not guarantee that your child will be attending the preschool for the upcoming school year.**

Please remember Bright Local's policy is all children who are 5 years old on or before August 1 are eligible to attend Kindergarten.

To schedule your time and if you have any questions or concerns, please contact Miss Lisa Beresford, our preschool coordinator at (937) 927-7010 ext. 22164 or lisa.beresford@blsd.us.

Sincerely,
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Pre-K teachers