

Preschool Playtime

Play . . . Learn . . . Grow Together

Preble County ESC Preschool

3 Locations with AM and PM sessions.

East Elementary 8:00—10:45 or 12:00—2:50

ESC Office 8:25—11:40 or 12:10—3:25

Twin Valley 7:40—10:25 or 11:25—2:10

- Affordable tuition based on a sliding scale that considers total household income. Cost ranges are \$0—\$55/week.
- Program provides high quality preschool experience; teachers hold a minimum Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education.
- Follows Ohio Dept. of Education and Step Up to Quality standards and guidelines. Prepares children for kindergarten while providing a play-based model. Program uses Creative Curriculum with an emphasis on project learning. Serves typically developing and special needs students.
- Ask about transportation—may be available based on location for a fee.

Enrollment sessions for the 2017-2018 School Year for children who are 3 years old by 8/1/2017 and who are not yet 5 years old by 8/1/2017:

Friday March 10th, 2017 8:00 am to 4:30 pm at the Preble ESC

Friday, April 14th, 2017 8:00 am to 4:30 pm at the Preble ESC

Friday, May 12th, 2017 8:00 am to 4:30 pm at the Preble ESC

The Preble ESC is located at 597 Hillcrest Drive in Eaton, Ohio. Enrollment packets will only be accepted if all enrollment information and paperwork is included. We ask that you bring the following information with you:

- *Student social security card
- *Official student birth certificate
- *Court documents—if applicable
- *Most recent tax form or pay stub
- *Name, address, phone number of doctor, dentist, hospital
- *Name, address, phone number of at least 3 alternate contacts



Current students must register by 5/12/2017 to keep their preschool slot for next year.

Contact Us Today!

937-456-1187

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Students will be notified of their class placement by mail during the month of June 2017.

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Good reasons your child should attend preschool

- 1. Preschool is an opportunity for growth:** For many, preschool is a child's first experience in a structured setting with teachers and groups of children. It's an opportunity to learn and share, follow instructions, and begin the foundation for learning that will occur in elementary school.
- 2. Preschool prepares children for kindergarten:** As kindergarten becomes more academic, many parents look to preschool to launch their child on the path to success in school. Parents may worry that the current trend to focus on pre-math and pre-literacy skills in preschool cuts into important play time. It's a confusing issue, especially with friends and family offering different opinions and advice. A high quality early childhood education program will offer learning opportunities embedded in children's playtime so that lessons are delivered in a developmentally appropriate manner.
- 3. Preschool promotes social and emotional development:** In order to learn, a young child needs to feel cared for and secure with a teacher or caregiver. A 3 year old child is able to spend time away from parents and build relationships with teachers and peers. High quality preschool programs nurture relationships among children and teachers.
- 4. The preschool environment is structured, although it may not appear that way:** A highly structured environment helps young children learn to make friends and play well with others. This doesn't mean there are lots of rules, or that adults constantly direct children's activities. On the contrary, the structure of a high quality preschool program is largely invisible to children. Social emotional skills are taught as part of the curriculum with the goal of developing a caring "school family."
- 5. Children get to make choices:** Children have several choices of activities; a child who is wandering aimlessly is encouraged to choose one that interests him or her. Teachers are alert to a child who can't figure out how to enter the other children's play, and may offer ways to join the group.
- 6. Children learn to take care of themselves and others:** Children's sense of competence and self-worth grow as they learn to take care of themselves and help others. Teachers appeal to a young child's desire to engage in "real work" by offering chances to help out in the classroom. Children are expected to work towards becoming independent in the classroom environment by washing their hands, hanging their own coat and backpack, and helping with clean up time.
- 7. Preschool promotes language and cognitive skills:** Preschool aged children's language skills are nurtured in a language rich preschool environment. Between the ages of 3 and 5, a child's vocabulary grows from 900 to 2,500 words, and their sentences become longer and more complex. A young child's cognitive skills are strengthened by engaging in a wide range of hands on activities that challenge them to observe, ask questions, test ideas, & problem solve.
- 8. Preschool teachers nurture a child's curiosity:** Teachers observe, ask questions and listen to children's ideas during the preschool day. "Correct" answers are not the goal. To nurture young children's curiosity and motivation to learn, teachers use children's interests and ideas to create activities. Chance events can be turned into exciting learning opportunities! The imaginary play area is well stocked with costumes, props, and child-sized household items. In the dramatic play area, we find that children progress steadily from solitary play to more complicated group play.
- 9. Preschool activities boost pre-math and literacy skills:** Young children show growing interest in pre-math and pre-literacy skills. They are curious and observant, and they want to be competent in the skills that their family and society values—such as reading the instructions to assemble a toy or selecting the correct bills or coins to pay for a purchase. Examples of pre-literacy activities that are appropriate for preschool children include singing songs, reading books, engaging in discussion about read aloud stories, or playing with magnetic alphabet letters. Children work on pre-math skills through matching, sorting games, and counting games that build a child's understanding of number, categories and sequence which supports later math learning. To sustain children's excitement and motivation for learning, high quality preschool programs introduce early literacy and math skills not as isolated exercises and worksheets, but rather these activities are embedded in planned play activities.
- 10. Preschool helps develop motor skills:** Physical coordination improves, allowing the child to explore his/her environment—and to challenge themselves in new ways. Young children are in motion for a good part of the day. High quality preschool programs provide several opportunities daily for children to be active. Activities such as threading beads or cutting with scissors help develop fine motor skills. Planned motor activities help children to develop hand-eye-coordination and balance. Music and movement activities help children to get their "wiggles" out so they can focus on whole group and small group activities.