

Welcome to Coulee Children's Center Preschool Class!

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Meet the Teachers!



Kristy Koopmann: Welcome to your exciting new preschool adventure! My name is Ms. Kristy and I will be your preschool teacher. I have been at Coulee Children's Center since the summer of 2013. Previous to the center, I worked for the Sparta School District as well as their local Boys & Girls Club. I graduated from Viterbo University with a BA in Elementary Education with a minor in Early Childhood. I love to travel the world, play outside with my dogs, and start a new adventure whenever I can! I am so excited to meet you and your family, and eager to see your growth through play and new learning experiences. Let's make this a year of fun, knowledge, friends, and experiences to show the world just how wonderful you are!

Jerene Beitlich: Hello! My name is Ms. Jerene and I, along with Ms. Stacy, am a teacher's assistant for the Model III Preschool Program for the La Crosse School District at Coulee Children's Center. I have been with CCC since 2001. I have an Associates Degree in Child Care and development. I consider it a privilege to be part of this fantastic program offered at CCC. I especially love working with the children in our library corner during "Station Time" and children's literature and music are two of my greatest joys. I look forward to meeting and greeting you and your child in the fall as we embark on this wonderful journey of learning, growing, laughing, singing, reading, playing, exploring, and spending time together!

Stacy Bruemmer: It is my absolute joy to introduce myself to you! I'm Ms. Stacy and I get to spend my days playing, learning, singing, and exploring with your child here at CCC. I am one of the assistants for the Preschool Program and I have been at the center since 1998! I learn something new every week, right along with our students. I enjoy introducing a little theatre to our Preschool day thru imagination play and acting out our favorite books! My favorite thing about Preschool is the growth I witness in each child throughout the year.

Preschool Supply List

- Box of markers
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- Binder with a clear front (at least 1 inch, 1 ½ works better)
- A complete change of weather appropriate clothing with your child's name on them
- Bag or backpack big enough to carry projects home in.
- Box of facial tissues
- Pack of baby wipes
- A 4x6 or 5x7 family photo. Many of our children get a little homesick at the beginning of the year. We find hanging up these photos helps whenever they are feeling a little down.
- Children staying for wrap around care after preschool will need a blanket and sheet for nap time.

Preschool Hours

8:30-11:00 am

Monday-Friday

Following the La Crosse School District's Calendar.

****We do provide wrap around care for those who are interested. Please contact our Child Care Director, Angie Wells, for more information.****

Contact Information

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Preschool Daily Schedule

A Typical Preschool Day!



8:15-8:45: Breakfast

Breakfast provides a wonderful opportunity for social/emotional as well as language and concept development. Children work on name recognition as they search for their chairs. Their social skills and manners are practiced as children pass food/beverage. Verbal and self-help skills are increased as they converse with friends and teachers and attend to their own needs.

8:45-9:15: Morning Meeting

During this time students are building a sense of community and friendship while also practicing rules, routine, and developing positive social skills. Music, small and large motor movement, as well as academic enhancement are interwoven to help prepare the student for success. This period includes science (weather/observation), math (numbers, colors, shapes, patterns), literacy (name recognition, alphabet recognition, letter sounds), and social skills (rules, jobs within the classroom, learning to be good friends, and talking about our day).

9:15-9:45: Outside/ Gross Motor Play

In this important portion of our day your child is able to work on their gross motor and socialization skills while getting some much-needed fresh air and change of environment. We go outside every day except for inclement weather days. Inclement weather days include gross motor play inside through cooperative movement games, tumbling on mats, and other activities. Children need a time to move freely and use their larger muscles.

9:45-10:15: Large Group Activities

Together, as a community of learners, we work on a project, game, or activity that develops our thematic unit. We may read or make a class story to develop a love of books, have guided discoveries such as science experiments or cooking. We may also use the opportunity to express ourselves through different forms of art.

10:15-10:45: Learning Centers

Learning centers are for children to learn and explore through various activities in a

small group setting. Classroom centers may include: art, sensory activities (may get messy), blocks/building, literacy corner (stories, rhyming, alphabet, letter sounds, etc.), dramatic play, science exploration, manipulatives/puzzles, or math (counting and recognizing numbers, patterning, shapes, measurement, colors), etc. During this time, small group, teacher-led activities give the students' individual attention and instruction.

10:45-11:00: Wrap-Up/Dismissal

We use the final moments to talk about what we learned and the choices we made throughout our day. We use critical thinking and reasoning to solve problems, predict outcomes, and decide alternative solutions.

This is an example of a typical day, but preschool days are seldom typical! We like to be flexible and may change the schedule if it is appropriate and meets the needs of the students. We always allow for "spontaneous" learning moments, which often happens when you put a group of curious four and five-year-olds together!



Absence/ Illness

If your child is not able to attend due to illness, doctor's appointment, or other reason, call the Coulee Children's Center main line and let them know your child will be gone or late that day. Please leave a message if no one is able to answer.

Attendance/Tardiness is sent to the La Crosse School District so please make sure that we are aware if your child will be absent/tardy.

Please note that if your child runs a fever of 100.5 or more degrees, they will be sent home. They have to be fever free (without the use of a fever reducer) for 24 hours before returning unless you acquire a doctor's note stating that you are able to bring your child back before the 24-hour waiting period.

If your child is vomiting or has had three bouts of diarrhea in one hour, the child will be sent home. They will need to wait 24 hours from when the vomiting and/or diarrhea has subsided before returning.

Any unexplained rash that may be contagious needs to be consulted with by a doctor and a doctor's note will need to be given to stay in childcare until rash clears up.

If your child is unable to participate in our daily routine due to illness, they are unable to stay at the center (ie. Extremely lethargic, unable to go outside per parent's request etc). We do not offer sick care, so if your child is unable to participate in normal programming, they are unable to stay here at the center.

Medication

Prescription or non-prescription medication may be given to a child under the following conditions:

A signed, dated, written authorization from the parent, including the dosage and direction for administering is on file. Prescription medicine must be in the original container, and non-prescriptive medication must be labeled with the child's name.

(This will also need to be filled out for items such as lip balm, lotion, sunscreen, etc.)

Child's Arrival and Departure

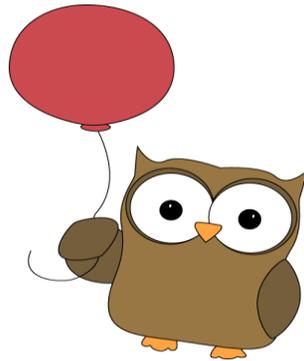
*All children need to be picked up by authorized persons stated on your emergency sheet. Any person not clearly indicated on the emergency sheet **will not** be allowed to pick up*

your child unless we have verbal or written authorization from the parents. All persons picking up need to have picture identification available upon request to make sure all our students are safe. Please keep all contact information current.

Your child must be accompanied into the center by either you or another authorized adult. You need to maintain supervision of your child until the teacher has been personally notified of your child's presence. Please be sure to your child is signed in and out daily.

When picking up your child, be sure that the teacher knows your child is leaving the center. This procedure is for your child's protection. Please assume responsibility for your child's supervision as soon as you enter or exit his/her classroom.

The Preschool Program officially starts at 8:30 AM, however, you may drop your child off starting at 8:15 AM. Any earlier than 8:15 AM is not part of the La Crosse Preschool Program and families will be charged for wrap around care.



Birthdays, Special Days, and Days Not in Session

Coulee Children's Center preschool class follows the La Crosse School district calendar. If school is not in session, then neither is preschool. Child care will still be provided to students who are contracted through the center. A district calendar will be provided for you or you can get one off the school district's website.

You are welcome to send in treats to share with your child's class but please check with the teacher for current allergies within the classroom. All birthdays are very special days and will be celebrated briefly.

Sometimes, we may have a special day that we celebrate such as Valentine's day, Thanksgiving, Christmas, or Fill-The-Bucket day. We will let you know of these days in advance.

Open Classroom Days happen officially once a month where we invite the family to join our preschool day! It is a great opportunity to see and support your child's learning experience. The children love it!

Family Fun Nights usually happen once a month and happen after school hours. It is a

chance for you and your preschooler to meet and interact with the other preschool families. It is also a time for your family to have some time together. We hope to see you there!

Child's Belongings

Please do not allow your child to bring toys from home other than **one** for nap time if your child stays for wrap-around care. Toys often get lost or broken and sometimes children have a hard time sharing their toys from home. Coulee Children's Center cannot assume responsibility for materials brought from home. Please label all clothes and outerwear as well as any sheets, blankets, or backpacks. Each child has a cubby in which to keep personal items.

Outdoor Play

Daily outdoor activity is very important for young children. We will be going outside everyday unless there is inclement weather. In the winter, children will not be going outside if the wind chill is zero or colder and, in the summer, they will not go out if the heat index reaches 90 degrees. In the winter months, they should have mittens, boots, shoes, hats, snowsuits or snowpants with jackets. Please make sure to provide weather appropriate clothing for the extremes we have here in Wisconsin.

Frequently Asked Questions

Does Preschool start on the same day as the rest of the schools start in the fall?

No. Open house for preschool is held the first two days of school. Preschool begins on the third day.

What is open house?

These days have two purposes.

First, it gives the preschooler a chance to spend a short time with their teacher, learn some important information (such as where their coat hook or locker is and where the bathroom is), practice what they will do when they come to school for the first time and hopefully increase their comfort level about starting school.

Second, this is the time for parents to fill out and turn in the necessary paperwork, ask questions regarding breakfast/lunch, bussing, etc. **You will also need to turn in immunization cards on this date.**

How will we know when to come for open house?

You will receive a letter during the summer with a time and date for you to attend open house/registration.

Can my child eat breakfast at school?

Breakfast is served every morning from 8:15-8:45. Our preschool program officially starts at 8:30 AM and our morning meeting starts at 8:45 AM. Breakfast may not be guaranteed after 8:45 AM.

Will bussing be provided for my child?

If you filled out a Request for Bussing form, bussing will be considered for your child. This does **not** mean that bussing will be available. The bus company will contact you in August to let you know what is happening in terms of bussing. You must fill out a Request for Bussing form by the end of June in order to be considered for bussing for the first week of school. Any requests after August 1, will be considered for starting in mid-September. All bus requests will go through Pamela Soucek, the district preschool administrative assistant, at 789-7006.

I have other questions regarding preschool....

You can ask your child's preschool teachers or call Pamela Soucek, the Administrative Assistant for the district preschool, at Hogan Administrative Building at 789-7006.

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