

# Brunswick Parks and Recreation Department



The Brunswick Parks and Recreation Department Preschool is a licensed, half-day, early childhood program for 3 - 5 year olds with a focus on socialization and learning through play.

**Where:** Venture Avenue, Brunswick, ME 04011-1584; Phone 725-6656; Fax 725-0148

**When:** 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. Monday through Friday, September through May.

**Registration Information:** Children who are three years old by October 15 may enroll in our 3 day program - Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, or our 2 day program - Tuesday, and Thursday, or our 5 day program – Monday through Friday

**2019 - 2020 Fees:** Registration - \$20.00 (non-refundable)



## Monthly Tuition:

	<u>Residents</u>	<u>Non-residents</u>
2 Day Program (T/Th)	\$128.00 per month	\$172.00 per month
3 Day Program (M/W/F)	\$189.00 per month	\$249.00 per month
5 Day Program (5 Day M-F)	\$317.00 per month	\$421.00 per month

You must provide a copy of your **child's birth certificate and updated immunization records** at the time of registration.

Your child must be toilet trained. Please, however, send a change of clothes with your child's name clearly marked on them.

Our yearly tuition is divided into nine equal monthly payments. Payment is due in advance. You may choose a **monthly** (payment due on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday/1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month) or **bi-monthly** (payment due on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday/1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month) schedule. This cost includes any snow days that may occur during the year. You are not charged tuition for school vacations or school holidays.

## The Program:

The goal of the Preschool is for each child to have a positive preschool experience that fosters self-confidence. We have four classrooms divided by general age group. There are 14-16 children in each class. The teacher and assistant in each room make an experienced, caring team.

The classrooms are large and contain equipment and materials for a variety of activities; blocks, sand, water, dramatic play area, and easels are among the most popular. Puzzles, pegboards, balance scales, magnets, etc., offer different kinds of challenges at the tables. Books, crayons, scissors, paste and paper are always available. A special project may be making applesauce or finger painting or any number of other fun and educational activities.

The Preschool has daily use of the gym or Edwards Field playground. The gym is a feature especially appreciated during the winter. Field trips are scheduled throughout the school year such as the Arctic Museum and the Rocky Ridge Orchard. In addition, special visitors may include singers, firefighters, librarians and storytellers.

A typical day includes a free play period, stories, songs, exercise in the gym or on the playground, and a snack.

Through a structured environment with supportive adults, the children are encouraged to try new things, to learn by doing, to dare to make decisions and even mistakes, and to grow through these experiences.

Since any school experience is most successful if parents and teachers work together, parents are invited to visit the school, share their special skills or interests, assist on field trips, and participate in parent-teacher conferences. Parents are encouraged to share their suggestions, concerns and questions with the teachers at any time.

### **STAFF DURING THE 2019/2020 SCHOOL YEAR:**

**SUSAN TOOTHAKER**, Head Teacher, is a graduate of the University of New Hampshire with a B.S. in Animal Science and a graduate of the University of Maine at Farmington with a B.S. in Early Childhood Education. She has also received training at the New England Montessori Center in Boston and was on the staff of the Downeast Montessori School in Bath. Susan was previously a substitute teacher for eight years then an Assistant Teacher for eight years at the Brunswick Recreation Department Preschool. Susan has been on the staff since 1998. Susan has three sons and one granddaughter Ada.

**SUZANNE CAMERON**, Teacher, is a graduate of the University of Maine, Orono with a B.S. degree in Child Development/Early Childhood Education. She worked four years teaching first grade at Coffin School in Brunswick. Suzanne taught kindergarten at St. John's Catholic School in Brunswick for 26 years and one year of pre-k. She lives in Brunswick with her husband Bob. She has two married sons, Chris and Tony and three grandsons, Alexander, Elliott and Caleb.

**LISA CESARETTI**, Assistant Teacher, joined the Brunswick Parks and Recreation Preschool staff in Fall 2016. During her high school work study in a kindergarten class room and her variety of positions working in bookstores, she developed a passion for children's literature and enthusiastically supported Children's Literary programs. In 2012, she became a stay at home Mom and took on the responsibility of caring for her two nephews during the week. She attended East Stroudsburg University with a history major and plans to resume her education with a focus on Early Childhood Education. She lives in Topsham with her husband, Dave, and daughters, Madilyn and Elisabeth!

**PHOEBE DOEHRING**, Assistant Teacher, is a graduate of Gordon College in Wenham Massachusetts with a BA in Sociology. She moved here from Hopkinton, New Hampshire where she worked for four years as an assistant teacher at Parkside Montessori School. She has been with our preschool program since 2008. Phoebe lives in Brunswick with her husband Bill and has two boys, Willy and Matthew.

**JESSICA SUTTON**, Assistant Teacher, grew up in South Portland and spent many years watching the neighborhood children. She then went on to get involved with The Greater Portland Mothers and Dads group doing childcare during weekly meetings. She has been primarily a stay at home mom since 2010 caring for her 2 kids whom loved their time at Brunswick Parks and Rec Preschool. Jessica has a love for crafting and reading. She lives in Brunswick with her husband Shawn and their two children, Haley and Callen.

The Parks and Recreation Department encourages individuals with disabilities to register for this program. Should you desire further information, contact the Recreation Department at 725-6656.

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