

Culpeper County Public Schools
Early Childhood Education Preschool Learning Lab

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Culpeper County Public School's Early Childhood Career and Technical Program offers preschool care for three- and four-year-old children. On Monday, Wednesday, and Friday's we offer care for four-year-olds. On Tuesday and Thursday's we offer care for three-year-olds. The hours are 8:05am to 1:00pm.

The preschool lab at Eastern View High School is a unique preschool situation, planned to benefit both the preschool child and the high school student. Under careful direction and supervision, your child will experience a wide variety of activities within a carefully planned educational program. The high school student-teachers will provide one-on-one attention to the preschoolers daily. They also will have the opportunity to observe and apply various educational skills and theories as they teach and play with the children.

The daily calendar for the preschool is the following:

8:05 – 8:45: Drop off, Morning Work, Free Play
8:45 – 9:00: Calendar, Daily Theme Introduction
9:00 – 9:45: Choice Play
9:45 – 10:00: Music
10:00 – 10:15: Snack
10:15 – 11:15: Curriculum Time
11:15 – 11:45: Gross Motor Play/Recess
11:45 – 12:15: Lunch/Potty
12:15 – 12:45: Afternoon Activity/Curriculum
12:45 – 1:00: Group Meeting/Closing Circle

Four-year-old children will follow preschool standards and competencies set forth by the Virginia Department of Education. Four-year-olds will graduate at the end of May. Three-year-old children will focus on socialization and introductory preschool standards of learning. We also focus on listening and speaking skills, self concept and self control skills that help ensure your child is ready for Kindergarten.

Registration:

Both the registration form and a \$25.00 registration fee must be received for your child to be enrolled in the preschool program. We are currently accepting application through the 2011-2012 school year. The twenty five dollar registration fee is non-refundable. Those on the waiting list will be notified of any vacancies as soon as they become available. *In order to allow all community members to utilize this preschool program, preschoolers are not allowed to repeat classes (i.e. Daniel cannot be enrolled in the three-year-old class for two years).*

Requirements:

Children enrolled **must** be potty-trained and three-years-old by September 30th. No exceptions!

Fees:

Tuition for the 2009-2010 school year is \$300.00. This should be paid in two installments. A \$150.00 fee is due in August. The other \$150.00 installment is due in January. Please make checks payable to Eastern View High School. This fee includes the cost of materials needed to care and educate your child for the school year and sanitary needs for your child/preschool. Parents are required to pack your child's lunch and mid morning snack.

Immunization Record:

A current copy of your child's immunization is necessary for enrollment. Please see vaccination document that lists all necessary immunizations for enrollment in the program.

Clothing/Dress:

Think of your child's comfort and provide simple clothing that is free of complicated fastenings which will enable him/her to use the bathroom easily and independently. Dress your child for outdoor and active play. Rubber-soled shoes that do not come off easily are best for running and climbing. We will go outside most days, unless it is raining or too cold.

Supplies:

A student backpack should be brought to school everyday. In addition, an extra set of clothing should be sent to keep at the center in case of emergencies. Please put this extra set of clothing in a Ziplock bag with your child's name on it.

Daily Feedback:

Parents will receive a individualized daily log when their child attends preschool. This log records all activities that were completed in the preschool that day and also gives details about how their son/daughter preformed at school. It also records what your son/daughter ate at snack and lunch time. It is our goal to have parents informed daily of what we are doing in the preschool and of their child's progress. *We have an open door policy* – if you wish to observe you son/daughter or our preschool program you are welcome to observe through our two-way mirror.

Group Snacks:

If you would like to provide a "special" snack for all children, please inform Mrs. McDowell of this at least two days in advance. Please keep in mind some of the children could have food allergies, so please speak with Mrs. McDowell *before* preparing or planning a special snack.

Toys:

Please leave your child's personal toys at home. We have many interesting toys and planned activities for the children at the center. "Show and Tell" days will be announced in advance.

School Delays and Closings:

Listen to your local radio station. If Culpeper County Public Schools are closed, we are closed. If Culpeper County Public School is on a delayed schedule, we will also operate on a delayed schedule. Also, please keep in mind if Culpeper County Public Schools is observing a holiday or does not have school, the preschool will not be open.

Discipline:

Discipline is the responsibility of the parents. If the behavior plans that we implement in the preschool do not correct or control you child, you will be notified. If a child continues to act in a manner that is hurtful to himself/herself, other children, high school student-teachers or disrupts the learning environment, he/she may be asked to withdraw from the program. The preschool at EVHS has a ZERO tolerance policy for behaviors that include threatening or harming other preschoolers, high school students, or adults. If a preschooler makes violent or harmful threats, sexual references/behaviors, or any other behavior deemed inappropriate by administration, they will be asked to withdrawal from the program immediately. If preschoolers are removed from the program for behavioral issues, parents will receive a prorated refund.