

Bartlett Community Preschool



Week of September 3rd, 2015

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Preschool Schedule:

8:00-8:30: Sign in, bathroom, wash hands, jobs, free play (Transition time)

8:30-9:00: Outside free play

9:00-9:15: Morning Meeting

9:15-9:45: Tray Jobs/AM Snack/bathroom

9:45-10:30: Activity/Structured play centers

10:30-10:45: Reporting Circle

10:45-11:20: Outside activities

11:20-11:55: Lunch

12:00-12:15: Story Time

12:15-1:15: Rest/bathroom

1:30-2:00: Specials

2:00-2:15: PM Snack/Story

2:15-2:30: Music/Movement

2:30-2:45: Rhyme Time

2:45-3:00: Table activities

3:00-5:00: After School Program - outside/inside free play

Preschool News



Dear Families,

Welcome! The children will be spending the first few weeks getting to know each other, learning about friendship, beginning to learn a few simple rules and routines, as well as, exploring and caring for materials in our classroom.

When you arrive with your child please help him/her put their belonging in their locker. Their rest things, and extra clothes go in the top locker, and their coat, etc. go in the bottom locker.

Clothing requests: We go outside at least twice a day for 30 minutes each unless it is pouring or below zero. For this reason I ask that your child be prepared for all types of weather with rain boots/jacket, etc.

General health info: The sun is still quite strong. Please bring in sunscreen for your child, and bug spray if you would like. Also, please help your child wash their hands before playing in the classroom to stop the spread of germs.

Staffing: Ms. Ann, Ms. Brittany, and Ms. Sara will continue in their teaching roles this year. Please welcome Ms. Janet as our new after school teacher!

We look forward to a fantastic year with you and your children!!



Apple Project:

Our first project of the year will be on apples. Please see the attached page for more information.

Family Photographs

Family photographs tell your children, "This is your space, you belong here!"

I would greatly appreciate it if you could bring in one photograph of your child as a baby, as well as, a family photograph soon as possible. You may email me the pictures if that is more convenient for you. bcp@jbartlett.k12.nh.us Thank you!



Important Dates

- Thursday, September 3rd: First Day of Preschool
- Friday, September 4th: Opening Assembly @ 2:15pm
- Monday, September 7th : Labor Day, **No School**
- Friday, September 11th: Patriot Day
- Sunday, September 13th: National Grandparent's Day
- Tuesday, September 15th: Picture Day (Retakes Wed, Oct. 14th)
- Thursday, September 17th: Open House (Subject to change)
- Monday, September 21st: First trip to MWV Children's Museum @ 10:00-12:00
- Wednesday, September 23rd: Autumn Begins – Fall Equinox
- Friday, September 25th: Baby photos & Family Photos Due
- Friday, September 25th: Scholastic orders Due (Online Code: KJ6CY)
- Monday, September 28th: Believe in Books, Corduroy Character @ 9:05am

Important Reminders

- JBES locks their doors between 9:00am-3:30pm. If you are dropping off or picking up during these times you must go through the front office.
- Please sign your child in/out at drop off/pick up
- Please call when child is going to be absent
- **DO NOT** send your child to school if they have a fever, vomited, or diarrhea in the past 24 hours. If your child is sent home with any of these symptoms they may not return until 24 hours after that symptom has gone.
- In the event school is closed due to weather related issues please listen to 93.5 FM, WMWV for cancellations and delays. I will also have a sheet for you to sign for one number that you would like to be placed on the JBES automated line for delays/closings due to weather related issues. This message is sent out quite early in the morning in order to give you plenty of time to plan for alternative care.
- If there is a delayed start BCP will begin at the same time as JBES: For example, a two hour delay means BCP will begin at 11:00am. If there is an early release BCP will close at 12:30pm.

Drop Off Tips

As exciting as the beginning of a new school year can be, the separation process can be difficult when saying "goodbye" to your little one. Young children at this age may hug your leg tightly, grip your waist, and refuse to let go, or cry. While drop-off time may seem like the most difficult time of the day, there are some things you can do to make this transition smoother.

- Arrive early to give plenty of time to adjust to focus your attention on your child, help them transition, and say a special goodbye.
- Develop a consistent morning routine. Knowing what to expect will help your child develop confidence.
- When saying goodbye talk with your child to let them know you are leaving and that you will be back at a certain time. Slipping away unnoticed makes children more anxious because they can't find you. Speak to your children about separation anxiety in a positive way. Acknowledging their emotions is important in helping them cope. You might say, "I know you're sad to see me leave. I will miss you too and will pick you up after you have outdoor playtime this afternoon."
- Read books such as, "Llama, Llama Misses Mama", "The Night Before Preschool", and "Preschool Day Hooray!" to help your child understand what might happen at school.

It's important to keep in mind that every child is unique and may respond in different ways to separation. Remember, too, we are experienced at helping families and children with separation anxiety, and are always willing to step in at any moment during goodbye time to help you and your child work through the transition.



You and your child are important to us.

Should you wish to share something good a teacher has done

or if you ever have a concern, please:

Speak to or Call: Ann Auger **Telephone:** 603-374-6803, in case of emergencies my cell phone number is 603-991-8995



The Apple Project

Our class will be starting a project about apples. A project is an in depth of a meaningful and interesting topic.

Projects provide an excellent opportunity for families to become involved in their child's learning. There are many ways that you can contribute to our apple project.

First of all, talk with your child about his/her prior experiences with apples. For example, you could talk about the types of foods made from apples that your child has eaten. Also, share any memories you have concerning apples (baking a pie, visiting an orchard, etc.) You are welcome to write about some of your memories in order to share them with the class.

Another way to become involved is by loaning or donating apple related items that would help the class in their pursuit of knowledge. Some possible items are: apples, a branch from an apple tree, an apple peeler, etc.

You are welcome and encouraged to visit the classroom and share any expertise you may have concerning apples. This could involve sharing factual knowledge or helping the children make an apple dish (apple pie, apple sauce, caramel apples, etc.).

Furthermore, we encourage your child to talk about the project and his/her participation in activities.

At the conclusion of the project there will be an opportunity for you to visit the classroom and see the children's work.

Thank you!

Ann Auger

