

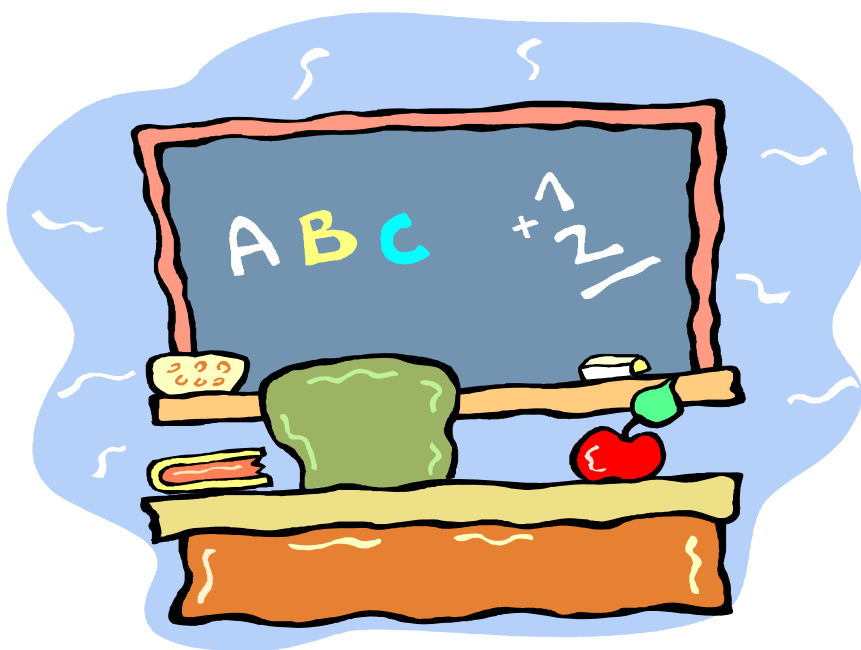
Pre-K
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Toby Wells YMCA Developmental Preschool



Pre-K
Classroom



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Welcome to the fabulous Pre-K classroom at Toby Wells Developmental Preschool. We are very excited about your child being a part of our classroom. Pre-Kindergarten is a time in your child's life when he/she will be preparing for Kindergarten, as well as finishing up their preschool years here at Toby Wells. As your children grow into school aged children we hope that they will enjoy this last "fling" as preschoolers.

Our classroom curriculum is based on the YMCA "Playing to Learn" curriculum. Your Pre-Kindergartener will have an opportunity to develop and learn cognitively and socially through "play". Our classroom is set up with various centers (manipulatives, science, reading, writing, etc.). Each center is set up daily with activities that will help support our classroom learning environment.

We will also focus a lot of time on self-help skills (skills that help a child gain control over his/her own body): performing simple two and three step tasks, dressing oneself with limited help from adults, and cleaning up after meals and play. Social skills: cooperation, self-control, confidence, independence, empathy, and communication. These essential developmental skills help to prepare your child for school success. If a child is not able to take turns, follow directions and sit in a group ... how can he/she learn what is being taught.

Cubbies

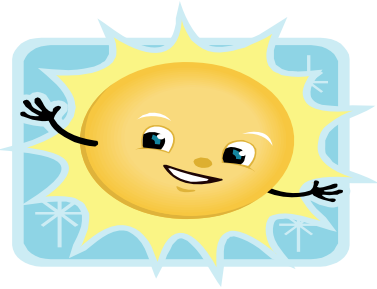
Please help keep our classroom cubbies neat and organized. Your child's cubby should contain only a jacket , sun block, and a complete change of clothes (a shirt, pants/shorts, underwear, and socks).

*Toys, toothbrushes, and food are not permitted inside the cubbies.

Cubbies should be checked daily and cleaned out on Fridays.



Sun Block



Please apply sun block to your child before bringing he/she to school each morning. We will reapply sun block to each child throughout the day as needed.

*We must have a current sun block permission slip before we can apply sun block to your child.

Share Day



We have found that when children bring in personal toys or games from home it tends to cause some jealousy among classmates. It is also very difficult to keep track of 24 "special" toys. Our "share days" will be based on themes. Themes will be based on our classroom curriculum (letters, numbers, books, etc.).



Breakfast Club

6:30 am- 7:30 am

For those children who will be arriving early parents are welcome to bring in their child's morning breakfast. The teachers designate one table in the mornings so that the children can sit and have their breakfast. After 7:30 am "outside breakfast" is no longer allowed. Our classroom morning snack is served daily at 9:00 am.



Circle Time

9:15 am- 9:30 am

Circle time is a very important part of your child's preschool day. It is one of the few times during the day when all 24 preschoolers are together in the room. It is our "large group" time. During circle time; stories are read, our daily curriculum is introduced, and take-home activities are shared by the children. This is basically the "kick off" to our very busy preschool day. It is for the best interest of your child' that he/she attends circle time daily.



Small Groups 9:30 am- 10:30 am



Each teacher is assigned a group of 8 children. During this time the teacher is able to work with a small group and focus on early literacy skills, pre-writing, early math, etc. These small groups are extremely important. Working in small group settings enables the teachers to focus more individual attention to each child. We are able to observe and document each child's individual progress. The different groups and the teacher assigned to the group are posted in the classroom. You are encouraged to talk to the teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

Outside Playground Time

Mornings

10:30 am- 11:30 am

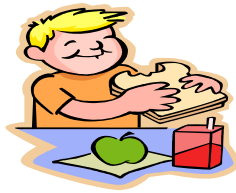
Afternoons

2:30 pm- 3:30 pm

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Lunch

11:45 am- 12:15 pm



Gymnastics

Tue. & Thurs. 2:00- 2:45 pm



Nap Time

12:30 pm- 2:00 pm

Non-Nappers are provided an inside or outside activity at 1:30 pm.

Each child needs a fitted sheet (crib size), a blanket, and a pillow case (used to store bedding inside). Your child's name should be clearly marked on these items. Your child's bedding needs to be taken home every Friday to be cleaned and returned on Monday.



Swimming

Wed. & Fri. 10:00 am- 11:30 am



The children are divided into swim groups according to swimming levels. On the days that we swim it would be extremely helpful if the children arrived at school already dressed in their swimsuits. Please remember to check your child's cubby for wet swim gear on these days.