

The ABC's of Preschool

Torrence Preschool

Keokuk Community School District

2017-2018

A

If your child is absent, please call 319-524-1953 to inform us. A note stating the reason for the absence should be sent with your child upon their return to school, to avoid an unexcused absence.

B

BEE (Bring Everything Everyday) folder helps keep us organized. This plastic folder with three prongs houses a clear zipper pouch for notes and money, and the sides for returning papers to school and keeping papers at home. This folder will assist us with communication between home and school.

If you would like to send a birthday treat with your child on or near his/her birthday, please feel free to do so. No homemade treats or food items may be brought to school. All treats must be commercially prepared and packaged for distribution with intact ingredient labels. Classrooms with students who have life-threatening allergies may have more specific guidelines depending on the type(s) of allergies.

Birthday Party Invitations coming to school need to include all the girls/all the boys/or the entire class. This helps to avoid hurt feelings and some students feeling left out.

C

Parent Teacher conferences are three times a year. This is an excellent time to discuss your child's progress.

Communication is important. Feel free to contact us whenever you have a question, comment, or concern. You can call (319-524-1953); send an e-mail, send a note in the BEE folder, talk to us in person, or send a message by "Remind."

D

Discipline is simple. We work hard as a class to make the classroom a positive and safe place for all.

E

Our e-mail addresses are amy.pihl@keokukschools.org, betty.ralph@keokukschools.org, and lori.brewer@keokukschools.org. We check our email daily. If you have an e-mail address that you'd like us to be aware of, please let us know.

F

Information about Field Trips will come home in the BEE folder.

Check out our Facebook page <https://m.facebook.com/KeokukTorrence>

G

Your child will be assessed throughout the year using Gold Teaching Strategies. Gold Teaching Strategies is a form of assessment based on observing and documenting student's learning and growth (through pictures, video clips, and short summaries). This assessment will be used to record how your child is doing in the following areas: Social Emotional, Physical, Language, Cognitive, Literacy, Math, Science & Technology, Social Studies, and The Arts. You will receive an Individual Child Report during each scheduled Parent Teacher Conference. This report shows your child's level of learning compared to the developmentally appropriate goal, as well as show growth in the multiple areas of learning and development.

H

Preschool Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday (A.M. only), Thursday, & Friday

A.M. Class= 8:00-11:00

P.M. Class= 12:00-3:00

On Wednesdays there is no afternoon preschool. Teachers use this time to collaborate to enhance your child's education.

I

Independence is a goal for students because it builds self-esteem and self-confidence. We encourage them to do as much as they can for themselves in the classroom. Please work on the following self-help skills at home with your child: zipping, dressing, blowing nose, wiping independently after going to the bathroom, etc.

J

Jolly Phonics is the curriculum that we use to introduce letters of the alphabet and the sounds they make. Kindergarten also uses this curriculum, which gives them the students a great foundation to build on.

K

Keep updated by reading the classroom newsletter, which will be in your child's folder every Friday, and check the BEE folder daily for notes and information.

L

Learning Areas (Centers) is a time for your child to experience opportunities for "free play." The students will self-select an area in which to work (play). Children learn through play and this is an important time, integral to the growth and development of your child.

M

The preschool math curriculum provides students with mathematical experiences that help them develop number sense and a positive attitude towards mathematics that will continue throughout their

school career. Many of our math concepts are covered through our daily calendar routine. Others are explored during center time.

N

News and information will be sent via our Facebook Page <https://m.facebook.com/KeokukTorrence> and Remind. Other information will be sent home by special notes in your child's folder.

O

Open House will take place on Friday, September 1st. The morning class may come for a visit anytime from 8:00-11:00am. The afternoon class may come for a visit anytime from 12:00-3:00pm. Open house is a time for you to come with your child to visit the classroom. It is also a wonderful opportunity for you to ask any questions that you may have before school starts. You and your child will be able to see how the classroom is set up as well as where your child will keep their things. This will help your child to transition, when you bring them to their first day of Preschool on Tuesday, September 5th.

P

When picking up your child, please use the 17th street entrance. Please wait at the double doors for your child to be dismissed. This will help ease confusion as we strive to make sure that each child is leaving with the correct adult. Please send a note in your child's BEE Folder or call, prior to pick up, if someone other than yourself is coming that day to pick up your child.

Visiting pets are prohibited in our school. An exception will be made for service animals and approved classroom curriculum units involving animals as a part of a lesson or lessons.

Q

Questions? Please feel free to call, email, stop in, send a note, or message us on "Remind".

R

Preschool has 15-20 minutes of recess daily, weather permitting. Please make sure your child is dressed adequately and has on appropriate outdoor attire.

S

Science and Social Studies will be explored in preschool using a literacy based, hands-on approach. The students will develop an awareness of the world in which we live and how they relate to others in their family, classroom, and community.

We will send home Scholastic Book Club Order forms every month. Book Clubs offer books at reduced prices. There will be an online class code to use for your convenience. It's a great way to build your child's home library.

Snacks are offered daily to students. Parents will be asked to provide snacks at different times throughout the year.

T

If your child has any changes in his/her transportation, please call or let me know in writing through the BEE folder.

U

Please do not underestimate your child's abilities. This year we will focus on helping your child gain self-confidence as they begin to gain independence. As parents, it can be difficult to step-back and allow your child to try new things and do things for themselves. However, doing so allows your child to develop new skills and achieve success! Your child is capable of great things! Please celebrate these accomplishments!

V

Volunteer to help with classroom parties. We will celebrate Halloween, Christmas, & Valentine's Day. These parties are parent led; We take a backseat and let the parents get creative. The more volunteers we have, the more fun the students will have. If you are not able to attend the parties, you can help by providing supplies and ideas.

W

Winter weather announcements will be announced on KOKX Radio 1310 or 95.3, WGEM CH. 10, and KHQA CH 7. Watch for weather-related announcements. If there is a late start to the school day, there will be no AM preschool. If there is an early dismissal, then there will be no PM preschool on that day.

We have adopted the World of Wonders Curriculum to use along with Creative Curriculum. It is the same curriculum that the elementary school uses. This will give the children a smooth transition to kindergarten.

X

Parents and family members may exit and enter via the school entrance on 17th Street. The doors on 17th Street will be locked until 15 minutes before school starts 8:00 am and 12:00 pm. At 8:10 am and 12:10 pm the doors will be locked and remain locked until dismissal, for security purposes. **If you need to enter the school at any other time, you must enter via 18th Street. Press the door bell icon on the white box located by the 18th Street entrance to be let into the building.**

Y

Your ideas... and suggestions are welcome!

Z

Zzzzz- Make sure your child gets plenty of rest. Setting and keeping a bedtime is a wonderful gift you can give your child. A well-rested child learns better than a sleepy one!