



Three Year Preschool

Buffalo Grove Park District

February Dates To Remember:

Open House – February 9

Fee Payment - February 15

Beach Day – Tues. Feb. 26, Wed. Feb. 27

No School - Mon. Feb. 18

Thurs Feb. 28 Fri. Feb. 29

2nd Preschool Open House

Our 2nd Preschool Open House is Saturday, February 9th from 10 – noon. If you have friends who haven't registered for preschool please tell them about the Open House



February 15 Fee Payment

Fees will be withdrawn or charged to credit card on February 15. Make sure your credit card information is up to date by February 10th.

Beach Day Summer Clothes, Beach Towel

Please have your child wear summer clothes, such as shorts, short-sleeved shirts, sunglasses, etc. (no sandals, tank tops or bathing suits, please) and bring a beach towel. We will pretend it is a warm summer day at the beach!



Valentines Day

We will be celebrating Valentines Day on February 13th or 14th. Please send valentines with your child's name signed, but not addressed to individual children.

Put them in a bag labeled with your child's name and send them to school on the 13th or 14th.

The teachers will tell you the number of cards needed.

Units

Our Zoo unit will be Feb. 1 - 8

Our Ocean unit will be Feb. 19 - 27

If you have the opportunity to visit the Shedd Aquarium or the Zoo before or after these units, your child would love it!

Fragrance-Free, please

As more children and adults are becoming allergic to fragrances, we find it necessary to ask that you Please **not wear perfume, cologne or aftershave** when you are a parent helper. Thanks for your consideration.

Parent Helper

Parent helper times need to be fulfilled before you and your child can attend the Preschool Celebration in May. (5 times for TTh, 6 times MWF)

Please check with your child's teachers.





Parent's Corner



Communication – Listening

Communication begins by listening and showing you hear the child's feelings and meanings.

Treat your children the way you treat your best friend.

Mutual respect means accepting the child's feelings

Effective listening involves having eye contact and posture that clearly shows you are listening.

Avoid nagging, criticizing, threatening, lecturing, and ridiculing.

Learn to give open responses that accurately state what your child feels and means.

Avoid closed responses that ignore the child's feelings, relaying that you have not listened or understood.

Let your child learn. Resist the impulse to impose your own solutions.

Responses that block communication

Threatening - if you don't then... You'd better or...
Possible reaction – invites testing of threatened consequence, anger, and rebellion

Preaching – you should have...
Possible reaction – communicates lack of trust in sense of responsibility

Blaming – you are lazy... you are bad...
Possible reaction - Cuts off communication from child for fear of being criticized

Analyzing– what's wrong with you is... you don't really mean that...
Possible reaction –implies child's problems are unimportant. Discourages openness

Pacifying – oh cheer up... it's not so bad!
Possible reaction – child feels can't express feelings

Preschool Screening

All elementary schools provide preschool screening for children. If you have a question or concern about your child's development in any area, please talk with your child's teachers and/or call your local school for an appointment.

Boots

The Park District maintenance always gets the sidewalks cleared immediately after a snowfall so it isn't necessary for your child to wear boots. If your child does wear boots – remember to bring shoes. Boots are too hot and not easy to play in.



Visit our preschool website:

www.bgparkdistrict.org

If you ever have questions or concerns, please call me at 847-850-2111.

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