Preschool B

Back to School Night



Mrs. Fox

- Bachelor's Degree in Elementary **Education from Central** Washington University
 Minor in Reading
 4 years experience in Pre-K
 2 years experience teaching 2-5

- year olds and Transitional
- Kindergarten6th year at St. Charles (4th year teaching)

What Makes This Grade So Special?

Fine and Gross Molor Skills

Playdoh, coloring, using tweezers, and other grabbers. Sitting, crawling, running, and throwing skills.

Becoming Independent

Learning how to clean up after ourselves, how to put on our coats

Creativity

Learning to express ourselves through art, music, and play.

Social Skills

How to make friends, how to be kind, how to talk to people

Cultural Education

Learning some basic sign language, Spanish, and customs from different countries.

Classroom Expectations and Etiquette

- Learning how to get into a line
- Listening skills
- Learn how to ask for help
- Learn how to go to the bathroom in a classroom setting
- Learn how to walk in the school
- Learn how to play (and clean up)
- Learn how to pray
- Learn how to wait

Curriculum Content!

Literacy

- ★ Phonics Letter names and sounds (exposure)
- ★ Exposure to different kinds of print
- * Exposure to many books and authors
- ★ Working on story related projects
- ★ Environmental print
- * Recognizing names
- ★ Spelling names
- ★ Tracing/writing their names
- **★** Tracing



Math

- * Number recognition
- * Rote counting
- * Counting manipulatives
- ★ Cardinal and ordinal
 - numbers
- **★** Patterns
- ★ Sorting
- ★ Shapes
- ★ Puzzles



Fine Motor Skills

- ★ Play doh
- ★ Coloring
- ★ Cutting
- ★ Painting with different materials
- ★ Stamping
- **★** Stickers
- ★ Manipulatives
- ★ Lacing beads
- ★ Unifix cubes
- ★ Eye droppers
- **★** Tongs
- **★** Buttons
- **★** Tearing
- ★ Gluing



Speech and Language Skills

- ★ Through direct teaching of age appropriate concepts (spatial, positional, and quantitative)
- ★ Through stories
- * By making choices and during play
- ★ Structured activities
- ★ Oral Curriculum
- ★ Vocabulary

Science

- ★ Light
- ★ Sound
- **★** Magnets
- * Animals
- ★ Matter (solid, liquid, gas)
- **★** Plants
- ★ Our Bodies
- ★ Weather
- ★ Colors

Religion

- * Religion Curriculum Allelu!
- ★ Sign of the Cross
- * Prayer Before Meals
- ★ Advent Activities
- ★ Lent Activities
- * Religious Figures
- ★ Saints
- ★ Monthly Mass Attendance

Social Skills

- * Being a Friend
- ★ Maintaining Friendships
- * Sharing
- * Cleaning Up
- ★ Taking Turns
- ★ Identifying Emotions
- ★ Self-Regulation
- ★ Asking for Help
- ★ Listening
- * Manners
- * Problem Solving
- ★ Playing Together
- **★** Classroom Expectations

Testing

- ★ Informal Assessments
- ★ Small Group Assessments
- **★** Teacher Observations

Birthday Celebrations

- ★ 21 small treats to share two-bite brownies or cupcakes, doughnut holes, small cookies, raisins, applesauce pouches, rice krispie treats, etc. are fun choices
- ★ Celebration will be during morning snack
- **★** NO NUTS

Conferences

- ★ October 23rd
- ★ October 24th
- ★ Both are NO SCHOOL days for students!
- ★ Look for a SignUp Genius in early October for sign ups! (If these dates are not feasible for your schedule, please contact me we can make something work!)

Communication

- ★ The best way to contact me is through email or Brightwheel. (I do check my email more frequently than Brightwheel!)
- ★ Weekly newsletter is emailed Friday afternoons
- ★ I am open to schedule a conference as needed!

Volunteer Opportunities!

- Room Parent helps plan and run class parties (Halloween, Christmas, Valentine's Day, End of the Year Party)
- Gardening Volunteer help us with our garden - weed, plant bulbs, winterize, help us plant seeds and transfer to our garden
- WFH Volunteer (Work from home) we can send cutting or tracing projects home with your student and you return them!
- Other Can you think of a way? Do you have a special skill you would like to share?

Reminders

Shoe Liturgy

Halloween Party - October 31

Christmas Party - December 18

Valentine's Day Party - February 13

End of the Year Party/Field Day - June 10

