

Vision

All children will learn, grow and develop to realize their full potential.

Early Childhood Center Mission

The Early Childhood Center is committed to providing a nurturing learning environment that prepares each child for early success and kindergarten readiness.

District Mission

The Mountain Grove R-III School District has a commitment to excellence in preparing students to be successful, life-long learners in an ever changing global society.

Philosophy

We believe:

- All young children are capable of learning.
- Children learn best in a safe, nurturing environment.
- Children show individual differences in development.
- Children learn best by doing.
- Learning is structured through play, exploration, and meaningful activities.
- The early years of a child's life are critical for optimal development and provide the foundation for success in school and life.

Preschool Programs

3-Year-Olds

- Monday-Thursday
- 8 a.m. Preschool classes begin.
- 11 a.m. Preschool classes dismiss.

4-Year-Olds

- Monday-Friday
- 12 noon Preschool classes begin.
- 3 p.m. Preschool classes dismiss.



Goals for Children

The Preschool will provide activities and experiences to help children:

- Develop socially, emotionally, physically, and cognitively.
- Develop language skills.
- Develop problem-solving skills
- Develop conflict resolution skills.
- Learn to be a member of the preschool community.
- Be curious, confident and creative.

Preschool Screenings

Children are screened for language, fine and gross motor, self-help, social-emotional and cognitive skills. Children also are given hearing, vision, and, dental, screenings. These screenings can help parents identify any potential concern before it becomes an obstacle to the child's development. If appropriate, the staff will provide referrals to Early Childhood Special Education services or appropriate community resources.



Parents as Teachers

Parents as Teachers (PAT) is an early childhood parent education and family support program that serves families from pregnancy until the child enters kindergarten. The program provides parents with child development information and parenting support.

The Parents as Teachers Program include the following components:

- Home Visits
- Developmental Screenings
- Group Meetings
- Resources

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Curriculum

The Mountain Grove School District Preschool uses the nationally recognized early childhood curriculum "Project Construct." This curriculum is based on the learning theory that children construct their own knowledge, at their own pace and development level, through play and interactions in a well-facilitated learning environment.



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