

Parks Elementary Prekindergarten



Our Admin Team and Front Office - Introductions

Principal, Candice Arthur

AP, Maria Escobar

Counselor, Wadquidia Retta

Nurse, Rocio Huerta

Attendance Clerk, Irma Perales

Parent Coordinator, Andrea Salazar

Our Pre-k Team - Introductions

Pre-k Teachers:

- Ms. Wulff and Ms. Watkins
- Ms. Montano and Ms. Macias
- Ms. Benavides and Ms. Mendez (Bilingual)

Our Pre-k Program



Benefits of Attending Pre-k

Children who attend prekindergarten...

- ☐ Have better social skills, behavior, and conduct
- ☐ Are more prepared for kindergarten
- ☐ Have better reading and writing skills
- ☐ Do better in grades K – 12
- ☐ Have greater success in life

In our pre-k program your child learns...

- ☐ How to get along with others
- ☐ How to make friends
- ☐ How to listen & follow directions
- ☐ How to take care of themselves
- ☐ How to make choices
- ☐ How to take turns and share
- ☐ How to write his/her name
- ☐ Letter names and letter sounds
- ☐ How to count and recognize numbers
- ☐ About colors and shapes
- ☐ About the world they live in
- ☐ About plants and animals
- ☐ AND, so much more!

Breakfast and Lunch

We provide universal breakfast. All children receive a free breakfast.

Your child may...

- ☐ Qualify for free or reduced lunch (Apply in August)
- ☐ Purchase a lunch at school,
- ☐ Or, bring a lunch.



All Breakfast and Lunch menus are available on the [district website](#).

Child Find

- ❑ If you feel your child is significantly behind in development in the areas of communication, motor skills, behavior, social skills, cognitive or adaptive skills or if your child has an outside disability diagnosis you are concerned will affect success in school, you can request assistance from the school district.
- ❑ We seek to identify, locate, and evaluate any child who may need special education services.
- ❑ If you enroll your child for Pre-kindergarten services, the school where your child is enrolled will start the process for Child Find.
- ❑ Families may also contact Child Find at 713-740-0953
- ❑ For more information regarding Child Find, go to the [District Website](#).

Bell Times

School begins at 7:45 and ends at 3:05.



Instruction in Our Pre-K Program



Social Emotional

- ❑ Children learn how:
 - ❑ To identify and manage their feelings.
 - ❑ To take turns listening and speaking to others.
 - ❑ To work with others by taking turns and sharing.
 - ❑ To follow 2 and 3 steps directions.
 - ❑ To stay on task when working independently.



Beginning Reading

- ❑ Teachers work with children in small group to teach beginning reading skills and strategies.
- ❑ Children practice what they know about reading and writing in independent centers and workstations.



Beginning Reading

- ❑ Children respond to stories read aloud to increase vocabulary and strengthen comprehension.
- ❑ Children learn how letters and words work in the context of reading when they participate in Shared Reading.



Beginning Writing

- ❑ Teachers model what a writer thinks, draws, and writes.
- ❑ Children draw a picture and then label it with the teacher's support.
- ❑ Children share their drawing/writing with others.



Beginning Mathematics

- ❑ Teachers models new math concept through hands-on experiences, gross motor activities, and acting out math problems.
- ❑ Small Group – Children practice new and challenging math concepts with teacher support.



Beginning Science and Social Studies

- ❑ Children participate in hands-on science and social studies experiences.



Help Your Child Prepare for Prekindergarten



Create Schedule and Teach Routines at Home

☐ Bedtime Routines

- ☐ Young children need 9 to 10 hours of sleep per night.
- ☐ We recommend that children are in bed by 8:30. This will allow them time to get a good night sleep.



Create Schedule and Teach Routines at Home

☐ Morning Routines

- ☐ Create specific wake-up routines for each morning.
- ☐ Example:
 - ☐ Get up at a specific time
 - ☐ Brush teeth
 - ☐ Wash face
 - ☐ Get dressed
 - ☐ Get backpack
 - ☐ Etc.



Teaching Self-Care

Your child will adjust better to the school setting if he/she is independent in various skills:

- ☐ Restroom procedures:
 - ☐ Potty trained
 - ☐ Buttoning and zipping pants
 - ☐ Washing hands
- ☐ Getting dressed:
 - ☐ Zip, button, tie etc.
- ☐ Eating breakfast and lunch:
 - ☐ Using utensils
 - ☐ Wiping mouth
 - ☐ Opening milk/juice and packages of food

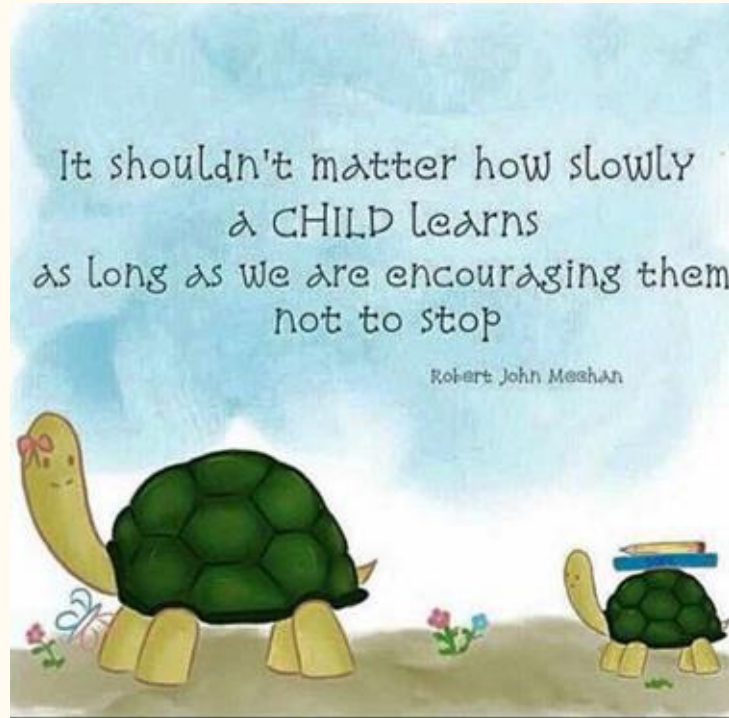


School Readiness Skills

Your child will have a smoother transition into the school setting if he/she has some understanding of beginning reading, writing, and math skills:

- ☐ Drawing with pencils/crayons
- ☐ Listening to books read aloud
- ☐ Recognizing and writing his/her name
- ☐ Knowing the names of the letters in his/her name
- ☐ Identifying colors
- ☐ Identifying shapes
- ☐ Counting

In Pre-K, it's about the journey...



Is your child
eligible for Free
Pre-k?



Eligibility Guidelines

Your Child Must Be 4-years-old On Or Before September 1, 2022 and Fit At Least One Of The Following Criteria:

- ☐ **Limited English Proficiency:** eligible after Home Language Survey is completed, Oral Language Proficiency Test is administered and LPAC committee gives final approval
- ☐ **Military-**eligible when parent presents proper military identification
- ☐ **Foster Care-** eligible when proof is presented that the child is or has been in conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services as a foster child
- ☐ **Homeless-** eligible when identified by the PISD Homeless Liaison
- ☐ **Educationally Disadvantaged-** eligibility determined when student qualifies to participate in the National School Lunch Program. Proof of income is required.
- ☐ **Star of Texas Award** - Be the child of a person eligible for the Star of Texas Award as a peace officer, firefighter, or emergency medical first responder.

Proof of Eligibility

Income Eligibility

- ☐ Current SNAP or TANF
- ☐ Current Medicaid (*NOT CHIP*)
- ☐ Current Pay Stubs (*Gross Pay - Before Taxes*)

Information to apply for SNAP, Medicaid, or TANF through the Department of Health and Human Services

HHSC Benefits Office
810 Preston
Pasadena, Texas 77503
713 – 947 – 8130

Online at yourtexasbenefits.com

Tuition Program for Employees and District Families



Determining Tuition

- ❑ Families will go through the same process.
- ❑ Tuition is on a sliding scale and is determined by the number of people living in the family household and the total gross income of the household.
- ❑ Families will provide pay stubs for the tuition to be calculated.
- ❑ The school will calculate your tuition during the enrollment process.

Paying Tuition

- ❑ District employees pay via payroll deduction twice a month.
- ❑ District families pay via Revtrak using a credit card
 - ❑ 4% service charged is paid to cover credit card fees imposed by Revtrak and credit card companies.

Registration Process



Begin Online - Appointment Scheduler Survey

- ❑ Families may begin the process at home.
- ❑ Or, our school will provide a computer for you to use.
 - ❑ We will schedule a time for you to come to the school, and we will help you through the process.



Begin Online



- ☐ You will need an email address. If you do not have an email address, we can help you create one.
- ☐ Families registering online must scan and upload the following:
 - ☐ One proof of residency is required to complete the online process. (Current gas, water, electric, or cable bill)
 - ☐ If you have a smartphone or tablet, you can take a picture of the document and upload it with your device.
- ☐ Are you an existing Skyward User? Do you have an older child already enrolled in school?

Documentation to Bring to School

☐ Proof of Residence in the Pasadena Independent School District

☐ Acceptable documents include the following: Two documents required

- ☐ Deed
- ☐ Mortgage / Payment Book
- ☐ Lease and
- ☐ Current Utility Bill

Documentation to Bring to School

- ❑ Current Birth Certificate
- ❑ Up-to-date Immunizations
 - ❑ If child has turned 4 at enrollment
 - ❑ 4-year-old immunizations must be up-to-date
 - ❑ If child is still 3 at enrollment
 - ❑ 3-year-old immunizations must be up-to-date
 - ❑ 4-year-old immunizations must occur within 7 days of the child's birthdate and records must be brought to the school

Documentation to Bring to School

- ❑ Proof of Eligibility
 - ❑ SNAP, TANF, Medicaid, or Pay Stubs
 - ❑ Foster Care Letter
 - ❑ Military ID or Letter
 - ❑ Star of Texas Certificate