



McCloud Elementary Preschool

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Our Purpose

McCloud Elementary Preschool is designed to offer your child the opportunity to learn through exploration, investigation, and play, while developing meaningful relationships with others. McCloud Elementary Preschool is a state funded program, offering services to children ages 3 and 4-years-old.

Our Methods

The McCloud Elementary Preschool is most aligned with the constructivist philosophy; children learn best through a well prepared, developmentally age appropriate environment. We also believe that children learn through peer interactions and playful experiences. McCloud Elementary Preschool understands that every child is unique and progresses through different developmental stages at different rates. Our staff members are here to support your child by scaffolding their developmental abilities. McCloud Elementary Preschool will strive to provide your child with the following:

- A Positive Child-Centered Environment
- A Safe, Healthy, & Orderly Classroom
- Developmentally Age Appropriate Curriculum
- Enrichment Activities for all Developmental Domains
- Fun and Inviting Experiences
- Encouragement of Family Involvement
- Nurturing and Caring Staff Members
- Low Teacher to Child Ratio (1:8)
- Well Qualified Early Educators in accordance with Title 5&22 Requirements

Our Goals

It is our goal at McCloud Elementary Preschool to ensure every child acquires a successful foundation of the developmental domains in preparation for kindergarten. We focus building a love for learning through a whole-child approach – prioritizing all of the developmental and personal needs of children in addition to their academic growth:

- **Approaches to Learning-Self Regulation** – The ability to better understand appropriate interactions with others, while developing attention and self-regulation skills.
- **Social and Emotional Development**– The ability to understand and manage emotions, while developing meaningful relationships with others.
- **Language and Literacy Development** - The ability to better communicate with others, while developing and interest in reading and letter recognition.
- **English-Language Development** – Development of the English Language through exposure and guidance. (Applies only to children with English as a second language.)
- **Cognitive Domain** - The ability to learn through investigation, while having a better understanding of number concepts and the natural world.
- **Physical Development - Health** – The ability to understand personal care and nutrition, while also developing fine and gross motor skills.
- **History-Social Science** - The ability to participate within a group, while learning about people and their environments.
- **Visual and Performing Arts** - The ability to express themselves creatively through visual and performing arts, while developing an appreciation for the arts.

These developmental domains are assessed throughout the school year in accordance to the California Department of Education’s Desired Results Developmental Profile (DRDP).

Admissions Procedures

If you are interested in enrolling your child in our program, please complete the following steps:

- Meet with the staff and tour the preschool
- Complete the enrollment packet:
 - Enrollment Application
 - Income Eligibility Form
 - Health History Form
 - Authorization for Emergency Medical Care
 - Emergency Contact Information Form
 - Pre-Admission Health Evaluation (signed by a physician)
 - Complete Immunization Record (children must be up to date on all immunizations prior to enrollment)

Description of Services

- We welcome children ages 3 and 4-years-old.
- Children must use the bathroom independently.
- We operate on the McCloud Elementary School calendar; our typical program runs Monday through Friday from 8:00-11:45.
- The daily schedule includes active play, morning meeting/calendar time/story time, educational centers; art, science, math, literacy, as well as social-emotional and motor skill development.
- An hour session of movement and music is provided by Miss Mo's Tiny Toes program every Thursday.
- Breakfast is served for a fee in the school cafeteria from 8:00-8:20 a.m. and follows the nutritional state guidelines set on McCloud Elementary School.
*During the COVID-19 Pandemic – Breakfast will be served at 8:30.
- Lunch is served for a fee in the school cafeteria at 11:00 a.m. and follows the nutritional state guidelines set on McCloud Elementary School. Children not wishing to eat school lunch may bring a lunch from home.
- A mid-morning snack will be provided daily.
- We offer assistance to families with special needs.
- We encourage parent involvement in our program.

Meet Our Teacher



Amber Ramos – Lead Teacher / Preschool Director

Miss Amber was first hired at McCloud Elementary School in August of 2014 as an instructional aide in the SAFE afterschool program, where she was in charge of planning and teaching monthly enrichment activities for 1st - 4th grade students. In August of 2016 she was promoted to the SAFE Coordinator, and was in charge of overseeing and running the afterschool program. Amber earned her

Associates Degree at College of the Siskiyous in 2018, double majoring in Early Childhood Education and Liberal Art with an emphasis on Social Sciences. Amber has a Child Development Master Teacher Credential through the California Commission Teacher Credentialing Department.

Staffing Requirements

Employment requirements for all staff includes a fingerprint clearance and child abuse index check through the Department of Justice; a Tuberculosis (TB) clearance and pre-employment physical examination, CPR and First Aid certified, and a thorough reference check. All preschool staff members must be in compliance with California Title 22 immunization requirements.

A credentialed Preschool Teacher is present with the children throughout the daily session. Teacher's aides assist in supervising the children and conducting activities. The elementary school staff also includes a cook, who is responsible for implementing the nutrition program.

Sample Menu

Breakfast: Sausage Breakfast Sandwich, Applesauce, Fruit Juice, and Milk

Snack: Whole Grain Aussie Bites and Milk

Lunch: Chicken & Noodles, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Oranges, and Milk

Transportation

McCloud Elementary Preschool does not offer transportation to or from the program. On occasion we will take field trips; parents are responsible for transporting children to and from field trips.

Our Daily Schedule

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8:00	-	Arrival
8:00-8:30	30 Minutes	Table Activity
8:30-8:40	10 Minutes	Morning Song & Handwashing
8:40-9:00	20 Minutes	Breakfast Time
9:00-9:30	30 Minutes	Exploration (Free Choice)
9:30-9:40	10 Minutes	Clean up Time
9:40-10:00	20 Minutes	Morning Meeting (Calendar)
10:00-10:10	10 Minutes	Snack
10:10-10:30	20 Minutes	Outside Play / Indoor Movement
10:30-10:45	15 Minutes	Literacy
10:45-11:10	25 Minutes	Daily Activity (Art, Science, or Sensory)
11:10-11:20	10 Minutes	Clean Up & Wash Hands
11:20-11:40	20 Minutes	Lunch Time
11:45	-	Dismissal

McCloud Elementary Preschool believes in a play-based approach to learning. We encourage learning through social interactions, exploration, and investigation. While we do have some teacher directed academic activities, we make sure to make these activities interactive and engaging for your child.