

Preschool Options for 2021-2022

We have some exciting news! Your child is now ready to make an exciting move to further their learning career! Our preschool program has a variety of options to help enrich your child's mind and get them excited about school. The Bright Futures Preschool Programs help children advance skills in core pre-academic areas such as literacy, math, and science, as well as in other essential areas such as art, social and emotional well-being, and health/wellness. Our child-centered approach ensures that children are exposed to a diverse array of learning activities and that they thrive in all areas of child development, such as creative thinking, complex problem solving, empathetic collaboration, curious investigation, and astute decision making. Bright Futures provides a balanced approach to learning, giving you the peace of mind that your child will have fun as they develop socially, emotionally, physically, and intellectually. We want to provide the options that may best suit your family's learning goals for your child.

The options that now become available for your child based on age starting late summer will be the following programs:

- Enchanted Forest Classroom
- Dual Language Program – Owl's Nest
- Kindergarten Readiness Program

*Please read over the following document to know the options for your child as we enter the new school year! If you do not express wanting to move your child into the Dual Language Program (Owl's Nest) or the Kindergarten Readiness Program, **your child will remain in the Enchanted Forest Classroom.***

Enchanted Forest Classroom –In the Enchanted Forest, we learn in all sorts of ways! We learn with our ears during circle time, and when we are being given directions on what to do next. We learn with our hands when we build and play, work at the sensory table, and when we are writing our names during sign-in every morning. We learn through social interactions with our peers and teachers, too! At this wonderfully curious age, there is learning that can be done in almost everything, and we do our best to take advantage of this through meaningful play, engaging lessons, and hands on projects.

- Taught by Miss Shelby – Reading Corps Materials and Curriculum
- Full day program – open 7AM to 6PM, Monday to Friday
- Tuition – \$190/week
- Includes Breakfast, Lunch, and Snack

Dual Language Program –This bilingual preschool program located in the **Owl's Nest Classroom**, is an excellent way to support the development of children in their native language and also jump-start them toward a future of fully bilingual professional adults. We implement a Spanish curriculum called Profe Club which focuses on learning through exposure and use of the Spanish language. This exciting program gives students a sense of culture, early literacy skills, early math development, hands on learning, and a vast amount of teaching experience! This program allows for children to work in small groups and provides individual attention for each child. Individual temperaments, learning styles and language preferences are respected.

- Taught by Miss Mitzi Tkach – Profe Club Curriculum
- Full day program – open 7AM to 6PM, Monday to Friday – Curriculum runs from 815-3PM.
- Tuition – \$210/week
- Includes Breakfast, Lunch, and Snack

Kindergarten Readiness Program – (1/2 day Capstone Program) We recognize that curriculum is more than what appears in manuals or a series of activities. We believe curriculum is everything that happens in the classroom, from interactions to singing and playing. We never miss an opportunity to educate. While academics play a role in development, we believe there are many other opportunities for enhancing the whole child. We give your child the tools to become confident and self-aware. In a caring and stimulating atmosphere, our passionate and engaging teachers give your child endless opportunities to grow, learn, and imagine. Our holistic approach in the classroom engages young minds with the early learning fundamentals they'll need as they continue on to grade school, with a rich blend of music, art, and dramatic play. Everything we do is designed to prepare your child for kindergarten education.

Preschool Program Features

- Encouragement and support that builds your child's self-confidence, self-regulation, and self-help skills
- Opportunities for your child to express him or herself creatively through music, arts, dance and dramatic play
- A classroom environment that focuses on building your child's cognitive, emotional, social, and fine/gross motor skills
- Age-appropriate activities and materials that help your child master important learning concepts
- Regular teacher-family communication, including weekly updates to keep you informed on progress and ways to further encourage your child's development
- Engaging small and large-group experiences
- Effectively proven curriculum through North Dakota Reading Corps Program.
- Working or writing name – capital first letter followed by lower case letters. Once this is mastered, move to name.
- Comprehension of story line and story sequencing – this involves “What happened first? Next? Last?” “What was the problem the character faced? How was it solved?”
- Introduction of vocabulary words and apply short definitions to them that are preschool geared. In the Kindergarten Readiness Classroom, we pick out three new words a day!
- We learn to identify the author and illustrator of the book as well as their ‘jobs’ – one writes the words, the other creates the pictures
- Kindergarten Readiness focuses on the following skills near winter benchmarks: letter identification, letter sounds (vowels are introduced as LONG sounds to begin with), alliterations – words that start the same, rhyming – words that end the same, site words – such as it, is, like, the, star, etc.
- We also introduce Dolch Sight Word List for Pre-K and Kindergarten. These skills are tested using a preschool assessment called PELI (Preschool Early Literacy Indicators). This information is gathered three times a year in this program and compared against all programs using the Reading Corps Model in the state of ND.
- Handwriting in this classroom follows Zaner-Bloser handwriting script. Here is the website for additional resources on workbooks and the script. <https://www.zaner-bloser.com>

Kindergarten Readiness Program Schedule – (CAN BE USED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE FULL DAY PRESCHOOL PROGRAM)

- 8:30AM – Arrival: As children arrive, they can visit learning centers or participate in individual or small-group activities until most children have arrived.
- 8:45AM – Morning Group Time: Our teacher bring the group together for morning routines including calendar, sharing, and discussion of the day's activities. We use a variety of music, language, and STEM concepts that are introduced at this time. Children will also have an opportunity to bring a ‘share’ item each week on Fridays that relate to the lesson or literacy event of the week to build public speaking skills and concept understanding.

- 9:00-10:10AM – Learning Centers and Small-Group Activities: Children choose activities in the following learning centers: blocks, creative arts, dramatic play, library, math and manipulatives, science and sensory, writing, art, and technology. Teachers implement small-group activities, focusing on skill building activities and observational assessments. Children will also be introduced to a foreign language during this time.
- 10:10AM – 10:35AM Gross Motor/Outdoor Play
- 10:35AM-11:00AM – Group Time – Teachers read aloud to the children as they recap what has occurred throughout the day and build on the thematic curriculum units.
- 11:15AM- Parent Pick up time

Bright Futures Preschool Schedule is a 5-day per week program half day program. Our Preschool Program runs Tuesday September 8th, 2020 to Thursday May 20th, 2021. Program will conclude with a “Pre-Kindergarten Graduation” in late May 2021.

Information on this class:

- Taught by Miss Julia (Morning Class) afternoon teacher will be determined based on number of children, however transitions will be as limited as possible with COVID-19 restrictions.
- This class has a small class size capped at 14 students
- This program can be used as a capstone enrichment program for full day students entering kindergarten that are already enrolled in Bright Futures Learning Center.
- Already Enrolled Bright Futures Childcare: \$220 per month
- Not Enrolled in Bright Futures Childcare (no lunch option): \$310 per month
 - Meal option for children not enrolled in childcare - \$10 per day (Pick up time is extended to 12:00PM)
This must be scheduled in advance through your child’s teacher
- Not Enrolled in Bright Futures Childcare (with lunch option) \$355 per month
 - This extends pick up time to noon each day
- Extended day option – 830 – 230 with lunch \$145 per week

Again, we encourage any questions you may have regarding the options for furthering your child’s educational career! We look forward to the upcoming year and want to remind families that early enrollment for the Kindergarten Readiness Program and Dual Language begins on a first come first serve basis starting 1/6/2021. On Monday February 1st, 2021 any remaining spots become open to the public. We ask that you email us with your preferred option at Abi@brightfuturesfargo.com. Thank you for choosing Bright Futures Learning Center for your child care and preschool program needs! We look forward to helping answer any questions you may have!

