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INSTRUCTIONS FOR ENROLLMENT
2013-2014 ACADEMIC YEAR

1. All registration paperwork must be filled out completely!
2. Application for admission will NOT be accepted without the following:
   a. State certified birth certificate
   b. Up-to-date immunization records
   c. A $100 NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT at the time of registration is due. The deposit will be applied to the total Registration Fee. The remaining balance of the Registration Fee is due by July 1, 2013. If you are registering after July 1, 2013 the total Registration Fee is due (no deposit is required). All Registration Fees are non-refundable.
3. Kindergarten Registration will begin on Thursday- May 23, 2013 at 8:00 a.m. Spots are available on a first come basis. Student enrollment will be secured by the signed tuition agreement and $100 deposit. Once the classroom is filled students can be placed on a waitlist. An additional Kindergarten classroom may be available if numbers indicate the need.
4. Student Enrollment Packets and Parent Handbooks will be mailed out to all registered families by July 1, 2013. All paperwork must be filled out completely and returned to the BSU Children’s Center by August 2, 2013.

Frequently Asked Questions:

What are the hours and days of the Kindergarten Program?
The Kindergarten program will operate Monday- Friday within the starting and ending hours of a traditional school day (8:30am-3:30pm). The full-day program will operate under a similar academic calendar of the local school districts and run independently from the infant-preschool calendar. Optional care days and extended hour care (before and after school) are available to families at an additional charge.

Who will be teaching the Kindergarten Program?
A certified teacher will teach the class. In addition to the classroom teacher, a qualified Teacher’s Aide will assist in the classroom all day. The Kindergarten staff will meet all teacher qualification requirements set forth by NAEYC and maintain a 1:10 ratio at all times.

What if my child does not meet the Idaho age requirement of being 5 years old on or before September 1st?
Enrollment for students not meeting the age requirement will be handled individually. Please contact the Director, Bethani Studebaker, to talk more about this option.
If my child is currently attending the BSU Children’s Center, do I need to enroll him/her in kindergarten?
Yes, you do need to register your child for kindergarten. If your child is currently enrolled at the Center, much of the required paperwork can be transferred over to their file.

What about additional supplies fees and other costs?
The tuition and fees for the Kindergarten program include all supply fees. Students will be asked to bring a backpack with them daily; however no additional supplies will need to be purchased by the family. Morning snack and lunch (USDA certified) are also included in the tuition. A small cost for special fieldtrips or activities may be asked of families by the classroom teacher.

What immunizations are required prior to school beginning?
5 DTaP, 4 Polio, 2 MMR, 3 Hepatitis B, 2 Hepatitis A, 2 Varicella
Immunization records must be provided before a child may start Kindergarten. Parents are responsible for providing current documentation each time their child completes a series of shots. Immunizations help protect all children and staff from severe diseases. Exemptions from any immunization for personal and/or religious beliefs will not be accepted.

What will a typical school day look like for my child?
The BSU Kindergarten session will provide students an enriched and extended curriculum, focused on language arts experiences through drama, speaking, writing and reading. It will provide enrichment in math, social studies, and science.

The Kindergarten curriculum will be aligned with the National Common Core Standards recently adopted by the State of Idaho. Students will also participate in the State IRI (Idaho Reading Indicator) testing. In addition, the program will be NAEYC Accredited and meet all standards outlined by the Academy. The literacy curriculum will be rigorous with an emphasis on writing, reading and phonics. Numerous different tools will be used to develop an vast understanding of literacy in your child.

The Administrative staff has been working closely with Jonathan Brendefur, a professor with the Math Teaching Initiative, to develop a math curriculum unique to the BSU Center. The math curriculum will be framed around the concepts and teachings presented through MTI and will aim at teaching your child to think mathematically and be a problem solver.

Thematic units will be implemented that stem from the children’s interests. Art, music, technology library, and physical education classes will be scheduled into your child’s week to encourage well rounded and developed individuals. The classroom staff will set high attainable classroom goals for your child and will work with them throughout the year to achieve such goals.
Is there any type of financial assistants available for the Kindergarten program?
Financial Assistant is available. Please contact the Center’s administration to discuss this more.

What are the advantages of full-day Kindergarten?
According to recent research, full-day kindergarten boosts children’s cognitive learning, creative problem-solving and social competence. Yet for many young children full-day kindergarten is a missing half step in the early learning continuum. Limited access to full-day and full-week high quality kindergarten means too many young children lose a critical opportunity to develop and strengthen foundational skills necessary for success in school and lifelong learning.

Quick Facts on the Benefits of Full-Day Kindergarten
• Children who attend full-day kindergarten learn more in reading and math over the kindergarten year than those in half-day programs.2
• Children in full-day kindergarten programs receive 40-50% more instruction than children enrolled in half-day kindergarten programs. More instructional time in full-day kindergarten allows for increased learning activities and strategies such as: group read-aloud, peer tutoring, mixed-ability grouping, and child-initiated activities.3
• Children who attend full-day kindergarten spend 30% more time on reading and literacy instruction and 46% more time on mathematics than children in half-day programs.4
• Full-day kindergarteners exhibit more independent learning, classroom involvement, productivity in work with peers and reflectiveness than half-day kindergarteners.5
• Full-day kindergarten allows for a more consistent schedule for children and reduces the ratio of transition time to class time, reducing stress for children.6,7
• Parents of children in full-day kindergarten report higher levels of satisfaction with their children’s schedule and curriculum and the program’s support for working families.