

## **LCWM Little Knights Preschool 2021-2022 Information**

**Our Environment:** Little Knights Preschool is an integrated preschool program providing quality learning experiences for children ages 3, 4, and 5. A warm caring staff provides plenty of "hands on" developmentally appropriate activities that will nurture your child's growth and make their transition into kindergarten run much smoother. Students are exposed to a variety of experiences which reinforce independence, socialization, self-help skills, creative play, language, cognitive skills, pre-math and pre-reading skills, direction following, and physical development. We are an inclusive program and serve children that receive services through Early Childhood Special Education. We are located in the LCWM Elementary school and are proud to be a part of the Knight school family!

**Our Mission:** To develop the unique capabilities of every learner and to prepare them in a supportive, nurturing environment, to enter kindergarten with the necessary skills to succeed and flourish.

**Our Programming:** Each classroom is taught by a licensed Early Childhood teacher with experienced paraprofessionals assisting. A \$35.00 registration fee is required to reserve your child's place in class. This is a non-refundable deposit (unless the program is full). The fee will not be applied toward the first month's tuition. Our program reserves the right to place students in classes that best fit the need of each child and our program.

**Children can register only if they are 3 by September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021.**

The Little Knights calendar will closely follow the district school year calendar. Preschool classes plan to begin September 14<sup>th</sup>. You will receive a letter in August stating final class placement, teacher name, and your conference time for before school conference time.

We will also have our Parent Orientation and Meet Your Class Night on Wednesday, September 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **2021-2022 Little Knights Preschool options:**

Due to the disruption from COVID during this past year we are just asking for parents to register so we can get a count of students and ages before classes are set up for days of weeks. In the past we have run 3 and 4 day a week classes (No Mondays). We expect this to be the same for this year but depending on numbers and staffing we may need to do some adjusting.

Morning classes: 8:00-10:45 a.m.

Afternoon classes: 12:00-2:45 p.m.

Space is limited in the Pre-K classes for the morning. Pre-K class is the year before Kindergarten or Knights Plus: 4 years old by September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021.

Once all of the applications are in, we will divide the students into Pre-K, Mixed Age and Young 3's classes.

#### **Tuition:**

3 days a week preschool is \$1035.00 for the year, or \$115.00 per month over 9 months

4 days a week preschool is \$1350.00 for the year, or \$150.00 per month over 9 months

Payment can be made in full, divided in half, or made monthly, due on the last day of the month before. Tuition can be paid by cash, check or online by credit card.

You can indicate that you are requesting financial aid on the application. Please be aware that this next year we will have limited awards and they will be awarded on a first come first served basis.

Potty training should be "in process". Most children should be independent in these skills: getting up on the potty, dealing with clothing, and wiping. Staff will be limited as to how much help can be given in the bathroom. This can differ for some children that are on an individualized plan. If you have questions please let us know. We understand that some of you registering now have children

that have not started this process. Please feel free to talk to Kim if you have concerns in this area. We don't want this to be a barrier for attending school!

### **Preschool Bus Options:**

Preschoolers will ride the K-12 bus routes to school in the morning and home from school in the afternoon. The midday routes for drop off and pick up will be small buses or vans with seatbelts. The only exception to this is if the child has an I.E.P. and it is written into the plan for them to have alternate transportation. Busing is available if the family is unable to provide transportation due to lack of a vehicle or the child is being transported to or from daycare.

Students needing to ride on the K-12 buses must be at a childcare provider or with an older student at an established bus stop. The buses will not stop at preschool only homes for pick up and drop off. Midday pick up and drop off can be a home pick up, but only if it works within the route. Please contact Kim with any questions about busing.

We work with two bus companies. Morning pick up and afternoon drop off will be Champlin Bus Company, contact is Kristi Champlin: (507)726-2832. Midday drop off and pick up is with Nickel Transportation: (507)726-6403.

Cost of busing will be an additional monthly cost added to your child's preschool tuition. Lake Crystal Bus Company and Champlain Bus have not determined this cost as of yet. In the past it has been \$60.00 per month for 4 day both ways  
\$44.00 per month for 3 day both ways  
Cost is half if only riding one way.

\*other arrangements for busing may be made with coordinator and bus owners depending on need. Cost is the same for riding the big or little buses, even when riding with elementary students. The total transportation fee is divided by 9 months so the charge is the same every month. **There is no fee waiving for transportation and we will no longer scholarship this cost.** Tuition must be current to receive transportation. If tuition is not paid by the 15th of the month, transportation will be put on hold until account is paid.

Bus times for the start of school will not be available until the week before school begins.



We are a Four Star Parent Aware Program and can accept Early Learning Scholarships!

