



Berks Nature Preschool

Preschool location: The Nature Place, 575 St. Bernardine Street;
Reading PA 19607

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www.berksnature.org/preschool

2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR

For Children Ages Approx. 3 Years – 5 Years

Mission:

The mission of the Berks Nature Preschool is to provide a high quality early childhood education that meets the children's developmental needs, while instilling a lasting appreciation for and meaningful relationship with the natural world. Berks Nature Preschool will empower children by offering them opportunities to explore, create, imagine, learn and grow through hands-on nature based activities and experiences. We will promote social, emotional, self-help, and cognitive skills as well as encourage a lifelong love, respect and understanding of nature.

Curriculum:

The Berks Nature Preschool will use the Reggio Emilia-inspired emergent curriculum as a holistic approach to learning that addresses the physical, social, emotional, and cognitive needs of the child. This approach provides growth and development of the whole child through active learning experiences constructed by the children, adults, and surrounding environment. It encourages the development for an appreciation and wonder of the natural world that helps the children make discoveries and create connections through experiencing their environment on their own terms and at their own pace.



The Nature Place will have an outdoor nature play area on site which will provide children with the opportunity to enjoy free play, gross motor skill development and discovery in a safe and defined natural setting of Angelica Park. In addition, we have a teaching garden on our park campus so children can engage in sustainable agriculture, composting and the art of growing healthy foods. The curriculum includes language, math, music, art, science, geography, world cultures, computer use and large and small motor skill and sensorial activities.

Special programs and field trips are held throughout the year. (These special activities cannot be guaranteed for students choosing less than a 5 day schedule.)

In accordance with Pennsylvania regulations, our classrooms are licensed by the PA Department of Health and Human Services.

2018–2019 Rates for Preschool Programs (Staff/Child Ratio is 1:10)

2018–19 School Year	Days (Circle Requested Days)	Hours	per child monthly cost	annual - 9 month
Full Day				
5x/week full day	M T W Th F	9:00 am - 4:00 pm*	\$1,120.00	\$10,080.00
3x/week full day	M T W Th F	9:00 am - 4:00 pm*	\$861.00	\$7,749.00
2 x/week full day	M T W Th F	9:00 am - 4:00 pm*	\$574.00	\$5,166.00
full AM part PM				
5 day a.m. with 3x/week p.m.**	M T W Th F	9:00 am - 4:00 pm*	\$972.00	\$8,748.00
5 day a.m. with 2x/week p.m.**	M T W Th F	9:00 am - 4:00 pm*	\$828.00	\$7,452.00
AM only				
5x/week a.m.		9:00 am-12:00 pm	\$540.00	\$4,860.00
3x/week a.m.	M T W Th F	9:00 am-12:00 pm	\$450.00	\$4,050.00
2x/week a.m.	M T W Th F	9:00 am-12:00 pm	\$300.00	\$2,700.00
PM only				
5x/week p.m.		1:00 pm - 4:00 pm	\$480.00	\$4,320.00
3x/week p.m.**	M T W Th F	1:00 pm - 4:00 pm	\$324.00	\$2,916.00
2x/week p.m.**	M T W Th F	1:00 pm - 4:00 pm	\$216.00	\$1,944.00

The lunch hour is included in the tuition for the 9:00 to 4:00 program.

1-time registration fee

\$100.00

*includes lunch hour

**limited availability

If you have any additional questions about the program or registering your child, please contact Anne Muvdi, Preschool Director at Berks Nature Preschool 610-372-4992 x115

Registration Fee and Payment Policies

A \$100.00 registration fee is required to guarantee placement and must be returned with the registration form. This is NON-REFUNDABLE. All tuition payments are due on the first of the month, July 2018 and then September 2018 through May 2019. The first payment is due July 1st, 2018 and is necessary to insure placement for your child. If you choose to withdraw after making that first payment, you must do so in writing by August 1st, 2018. After receipt of the written request, the first tuition payment will be reimbursed to you. Invoices are sent home prior to the 1st of each month. Receipts must be requested from the office.

Additional Daycare and Lunch Hours

Additional daycare hours are available from 7:00 to 9:00 AM, noon to 1:00 PM, and 4:00 to 6:00 PM. Students must provide a lunch from home when using the lunch hour. Prescheduled care is an additional cost of \$10.00 per hour. Drop-in care is available at a cost of \$12.50 per hour.

Pre-scheduled daycare is daycare that has been scheduled through the office and paid for one month in advance, as part of the tuition payment. Drop-in daycare must also be scheduled through the office and paid for at the time of service. Arrangements will be made for drop-in care after staff and child ratios are considered.

Non-Standard Schedules

You are encouraged to enroll your student for 5 days per week. We find that children do best with a 5 day schedule. We do understand that for some families, a different schedule is preferred.

If you choose to enroll your student for less than 5 days per week, you are encouraged to choose a standard M/W/F or T/Th Full Day schedule.

Half-Day Programs

We offer two half day programs: the AM program, and the PM program. We strive to be sure the content of our afternoon program is identical to our morning program.

Sickness, Vacation and Withdrawal Policies

FULL TUITION IS DUE EVEN IF YOUR CHILD IS SICK OR ON VACATION. This payment is necessary to hold your child's slot in the program. If you choose to withdraw your child from our program anytime during the school year, you will not be obligated to pay the remainder of your child's annual tuition. YOU WILL NOT, HOWEVER, BE REFUNDED ANY PORTION OF TUITION ALREADY PAID TO THE SCHOOL.

Rolling Admission

If there is available space, children can be enrolled at any time throughout the school year. Monthly tuition rates may be different from the rates printed in the chart on this form. Tuition is based on a 180 day school year calendar. Tuition will be pro-rated depending on the time of year your child begins in the program and the number of days remaining in the school year.

Registration Procedures

Please complete the attached form. Sign and submit it to the school with a non-refundable \$100.00 deposit. Thank you.

School Year Dates

The school year begins the Wednesday after Labor Day (September 6, 2018) and ends the in May.

Berks Nature Preschool Registration
2018–2019 SCHOOL YEAR Registration form



Child's Name: _____

Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

Mother's Information

Father's Information:

Name: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

Home/Cell Phone: _____

Home/Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Business Phone: _____

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OVER, PLEASE!

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2018–2019 Rate for Prescheduled Daycare is \$10.00 per hour

Daycare Times/Days

(Circle Desired Days) List Desired Times

AM CARE, 7:00–9:00 AM

M T W Th F

LUNCH CARE, 12–1:00 PM

(included in full day student fee)

M T W Th F

PM CARE, 4:00–6:00 PM

M T W Th F

Tuition is not reduced due to absence, illness, vacation, or holidays. Tuition is calculated by the number of days in the school year, not in the school month; therefore the ten monthly payments are equal and predetermined.

Registration applications are recorded in the order that they are received. Programs and availability are assigned in that order.

I have read and understand the registration information.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM WITH A \$ 100.00 NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT. YOU WILL RECEIVE REQUIRED SCHOOL YEAR PAPERWORK FOR YOUR CHILD IN JUNE 2018. THANK YOU!