



Welcome to Preschool

Ware Early Childhood Program
School Year: 2021-2022



Presenting the Staff:

The Teachers



Kelly Walsh
Meaghan Fenton

Early Childhood Coordinator/Teacher
Early Childhood Teacher

The Paraprofessionals

Kimberly Sloat
Stephanie Serrano
Ami Barroso

Amy Paul
Tiana Finnochio



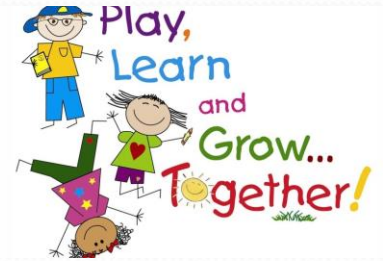
The Specialists

Jessica Bolduc
Jill Houle-Adamczyk
Jill Monaco
Tina Henry
Kristen Pessolano
Andrea Adams

Special Education Director
Speech/Language Pathologist
SLPA
SLPA
Physical Therapist
Occupational Therapist



Our Program



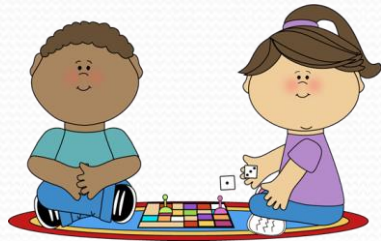
- The Ware Early Childhood Program provides an integrated classroom setting which provides rich, language-based curriculum with a multi-sensory, developmental approach to teaching.
- Each preschool classroom consists of one classroom teacher and one paraprofessional for 15 students.



What is an integrated classroom?

- An integrated preschool classroom consists of students with and without special needs.
- We have a strong commitment to helping all students develop self-confidence, positive peer relationships, self-control, and friendships. Students learn to respect, value and understand diversity.
- Students with special needs receive services from special education teachers and other trained professionals such as Physical and Occupational therapists and Speech/Language Pathologists.





Who is eligible?

Students who will turn three
years of age on or before
August 31, 2021.



Tuition free program



- This program is a tuition free program for all families.
- Enrollment is based on a lottery system. Registration is open from April 1 - May 1, 2021. The lottery will be chosen in mid-May and you will be notified of your student's placement. If your student was not chosen for a program, they will be placed on a waiting list.
- Special education placement and service delivery is determined at the initial IEP meeting by the Team.
- Parents are required to provide transportation to and from the program.
- ****Consistent attendance is required to remain in the program. If your child misses 6 days in a month, a meeting with the teacher will be required.**





Program Days and Hours:

The Program is a four-day program for peer models. Special education students' placement is determined at the initial IEP meeting by the Team.



Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
There is no programming on Wednesdays

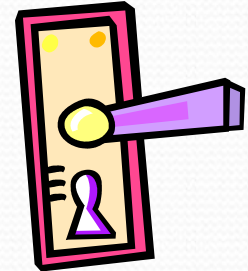
Morning Program *9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
*8:45 a.m. for breakfast

Afternoon Program 12:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
(No lunch served)





Arrival & Departure:



Just a few reminders:

- Please do not arrive before your program is scheduled to begin. We open the classroom doors promptly at 9:00 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.

*Breakfast is provided for the morning program. If you would like your child to eat breakfast at school, please arrive at 8:45 a.m. If you arrive after this time, please bring your child to the cafeteria door.

- If you are running late for pick-up, please give us a call so we may reassure your child that you are on your way. Children tend to worry more than you think!
- Ms. Meaghan's and Ms. Kelly's classes will arrive and dismiss from their classroom doors.

Day to Day:

- Please dress your child in clothes that can get messy. We do use smocks when painting and engaging in messy activities, but sometimes accidents happen!!



- Please make sure your child has a change of clothes in their backpack . A gallon size Ziploc works well to store them.
- Please dress for the weather. We try to go outside everyday.
- “Toys”: Many of us find it difficult to share, so if your child “needs” to bring a toy to school, please remind them that toys need to stay in a backpack or cubby.



Daily Schedule

Morning Program

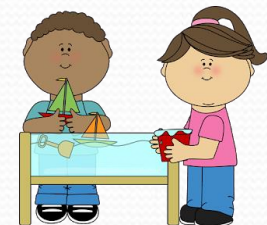
- 8:45 Arrival
- 8:45- 9:00 Breakfast
- 9:00- 9:30 Circle Time/Story
- 9:30-10:30 Choice Time/Centers
- 10:30-10:40 Clean Up
- 10:40-10:50 Music/Movement
- 10:50-11:05 Snack
- 11:10-11:30 Outside Time
- 11:30 Dismissal



Daily Schedule

Afternoon Program

- 12:30 Arrival
- 12:30-1:00 Circle Time/Story
- 1:00-2:00 Choice Time/Centers
- 2:00-2:10 Clean Up
- 2:10-2:20 Music/Movement
- 2:20-2:35 Snack
- 2:40-3:00 Outside Time
- 3:00 Dismissal





Early Release & Snow Days





- The Early Childhood Program follows the Ware Public School Calendar.
- Please check your calendars for "Professional Development" days. The program is closed on these days.
- Early Release and Half Days: When a "half day" or "early release day" is listed on the school calendar, there is no afternoon program on that day.
- "Snow Days": If the Ware Public Schools are closed, we are closed. If there is a two-hour delay, there is no morning program. The afternoon program will take place as scheduled.





Health Policies

- If your student is not acting like themselves, please keep them home.
- If your student has a fever.....they cannot come to school. 
- If your student has thrown up during the night or before school....they cannot come to school. 
- If your student has diarrhea.....they should not come to school.
- Students need to be fever, diarrhea, and vomit free for 24 hours before returning to school.





Snack Time



- Students are responsible for bringing a small snack to school each day.
- We will serve pitchers of water at the snack tables for students. Students practice social skills (asking a friend to please pass the pitcher) and pouring skills during snack time.
- If you would like your student to have something other than water, please send a drink to school with your student.
- Please be mindful of allergies. Your student's teacher will let you know if there are any severe allergies and if any foods need to be avoided in the classroom.





Remind App



- The Remind App is used to help increase communication between home and school.
- The Remind App allows teachers to send messages to the whole class or to individual families.
- You can also use Remind to send messages to your teacher.

Dates to Remember

- April 1, 2021: Preschool Registration Opens 
- April 8, 2021: 6:00-6:30 p.m. Early Childhood Informational Session (Virtual via Microsoft Teams)
- May 1, 2021: Preschool Registration Closes 

Questions?

- If you have any questions regarding the Early Childhood Program, please contact Kelly Walsh at (413) 967-4087 or at kwalsh@ware.k12.ma.us

Questions will also be answered at the virtual information night on April 8, 2021 from 6:00-6:30 p.m. via Microsoft Teams.

https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_NGYxZjI1MjAtMjExMC00N2NILTkxMzYtYzRiZWJiMTBkZDA4%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22641bdbe0-13fd-4435-93da-a4124dbb2987%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%2236719684-759f-4c05-8907-767c3839d8d0%22%7d