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TEACHER'S REPORT



BROOKS PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME TO PRESCHOOL

We are happy to welcome new and returning families to our preschool. We look forward to working together to create a positive start to school for our students and families. You will receive a monthly newsletter including a calendar of events for the year. Please note there may be changes made with the students' interests throughout the year.

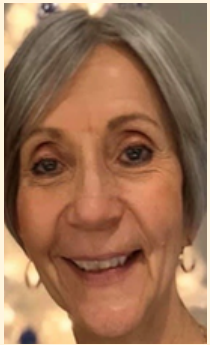
In our first few weeks we will focus on learning daily routines, safety guidelines and settling into the classroom. September will also be about getting to know each other and our families. We ask that you bring in a photo of your family no larger than a 4x6. Each class will create an album for the children to introduce their family during show and share and look through at any time.

Please familiarize yourself with the contents of the Parent Handbook provided at registration. It is full of valuable information regarding snack requirements, sickness policy, discipline, and parent volunteer duties. These items will also be covered during orientation days including the Alberta Health guidelines to help keep us all safe.

Mrs. Karen Bolt will be teaching Monday, Tuesday PM Wednesday and Friday classes. Miss Julie Eddison will be teaching the Tuesday, Wednesday PM and Thursday classes. Our Education Assistants this year are Mrs. Kolbi Pfeifer, Mrs. Katrina Viksush and Mrs. Crystal Schuett. Mrs. Bruce will be in the office with Administration duties, assessing student Ages and Stages Questionnaires and helping where needed.

As teachers our goal is to best prepare your child for the world in which they will function in their later years. We provide a warm, happy, and enriching environment, where the children are free to develop and grow, physically, mentally, and emotionally at their own individual pace. The skills and habits that your child will acquire in the classroom will last a lifetime, and will help to develop a good base, socially and intellectually.

MEET THE EDUCATORS



Mrs. Anita Bruce
Teacher/Administrator

Anita Bruce has been employed by the Brooks Preschool as Teacher/Administrator for the past 28 years. She received her certificate in Early Learning and Child Care training through Bow Valley College, along with a certificate in Life Skills Training.

Anita is a mother of 4 children and has 7 grandchildren. Her community involvement includes the Brooks/County of Newell Early Childhood Development Committee, Children's, and Care Ministries in her local church BEFC.

It is her ongoing desire to provide an enriching, safe and fun learning environment where each child is valued. She is passionate about early childhood education and believes that we are touching the future when we invest in our children as mighty learners.



Mrs. Karen Bolt
Teacher

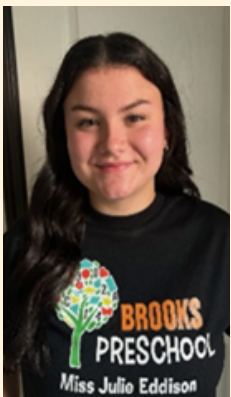
Karen has been employed with the Brooks Preschool going into her 6th year. She will be teaching the Monday, Tuesday PM, Wednesday and Friday classes this year.

She has an education with a Level 3 in Early Childhood Education as well as experience in day cares, a day home and with the SPEC Association.

She is married with 2 children and has a dog named Pippin. In her spare time, she enjoys reading, kayaking, and snowshoeing.

Karen looks forward in building relationships with each child and their families, as well as seeing them grow as mighty learners in our school environment.

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Miss Julie Eddison
Teacher

We welcome Miss Julie to her 2nd year teaching at the Brooks Preschool Society! She will be teaching Tuesday, Wednesday PM, and Thursday classes this year. Julie was born and raised in Brooks and hopes to inspire all our young, mighty learners!

She has her level 2 in Early Childhood Education, and she is currently working towards her level 3 at Portage College.

In her spare time, she enjoys walking her dog and being with family while also babysitting whenever she gets the chance.

Jullie believes being an Early Childhood Educator is a very rewarding role and having the ability to watch each child grow is truly a gift! She can't wait to see what the future holds for her at Brooks Preschool.



Mrs. Kolbi Pfeifer
Education Assistant

Kolbi Pfeifer has been employed with Brooks Preschool, going into her 5th year as a Level 1 Early Childhood Educator I decided to get into Early Childhood Education because it brings me joy to watch children play, learn, and grow.

I was raised on a farm just outside of Brooks. I am married to Brent and together we have two sons and a daughter.

When I'm not working at the preschool, I'm usually with friends and family, or going on fun adventures with my kids. I enjoy family time, hunting, and going to the gym. A lot of my extra time is either spent at the hockey rink watching my children play hockey or at my parent's farm where my mom and I raise chickens, turkeys, and bottle calves. I also enjoy helping my dad with whatever he needs help with, whether it be farming or working with cattle.

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Crystal Schuett
Education Assistant

We welcome Crystal back to her 2nd year at the Preschool. She is a proud wife, and a mother of three beautiful children. She grew up in Brooks and feels very honored to be working for the Brooks Preschool as a Level 1 Early Childhood Educator. She enjoyed volunteering as a parent helper for her children which then led to having the opportunity to work this past year. She is thrilled to be taking on more classes this year and excited to work with the children. Crystal is passionate about the overall development of each child and can't wait to start learning through play!

In her spare time, she loves to read, swim, go camping, and spend quality time with friends and family.



Mrs. Katrina Viksush
Education Assistant

We welcome Katrina to her 3rd year with Brooks Preschool as a Level 1 Early Childhood Educator.

She and her husband have a teenage daughter and son. Together their family live on a hobby farm and raise a few types of animals. They like to stay active in their spare time and enjoy camping, hiking, fishing, gardening and just generally spending time together having family games or movie nights.

Katrina looks forward to the time she will be spending with your child(ren) and is excited to be by their side in their education adventure.

BACK TO School

Here is an outline of daily activities for a typical day in our Preschool:

3.5 hr. Classes A.M. and 2.5 hr. for P.M. Classes

8:15 am/1:15 pm Doors Open (Sign In & Name Tags)

Wash hands/Free Play/Art/Discovery

10:20 am/2:00 pm Cleanup/ Gathering Time/Skill building
(show & share, songs & games)

10:45 am/3:00 pm Wash Hands/Story/Snack & Clean up

11:20 am/3:15 pm Gross Motor/Music & Movement
(Outside, Weather Permitting)

12:00 pm -3:45 pm Home Time (Sign Out)

ARRIVING AT PRESCHOOL: Each preschooler will have a cubby coat hook area assigned to them in the hall. Children can place their personal belongings there while they are in class, and this is where artwork and notices will be placed for collection by parents. REMEMBER to sign your child IN and Out on the attendance sheet near the office.

WAYS TO PREPARE

- Talk positively about preschool. If your child sees that you like preschool, he or she will be more apt to develop positive feelings about school too.
- Place a photo in your child's snack as a surprise and a reminder of how much you care.
- By saying something like "Have fun, I'll be back soon, and you can tell me all about what you did today," you can make the transition much easier.
- Say good-bye lovingly yet quickly and cheerful, even if your child is tearful. Always reassure your child that you will be back at the end of preschool time.
- Talk with your child's teacher and discuss any concerns. We will be happy to work with you to make the most of your child's preschool experience.



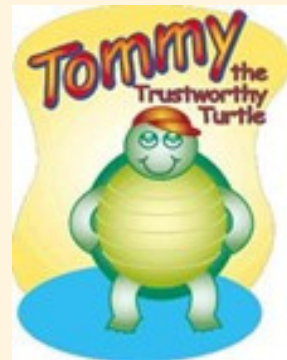
CHARACTER EDUCATION

The "Six Pillars of Character" are Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, and Citizenship, and then under each of those, there are many "sub-pillars" like cheerfulness, friendliness, forgiveness, sharing, kindness, helpfulness, honesty, courtesy, and so on.

TRUSTWORTHINESS

Your preschooler will meet Tommy the Trustworthy Turtle and be encouraged through stories, songs and activities to:

- Tell the truth**
- Follow the rules**
- Not take things that don't belong to him**
- Do what he says he'll do--keep his promises**



When you think about teaching your children to be trustworthy, you must remember it does not happen overnight. Instead, trustworthiness and good character are something you should model for your children every day because you are the most important teacher your child will ever have.



SPECIAL DAYS

September 22-26 Bring a Stuffy

Our mighty learners can bring a small stuffy to class during these days for some engaging activities. Bringing a stuffed animal, or "stuffy," to school can be a comforting and engaging activity for students. It can help them feel more secure in their new environment, especially for younger children or those experiencing anxiety.



PRIVATE FACEBOOK PAGE

Ask to join the private Facebook pages your child is registered in, speak to Mrs. Bruce Teacher/Administrator



HELLO
September

LITTLE REMINDERS

Parents please let teachers know of any changes in phone numbers, addresses or medical concerns. We need to keep information current.

For the safety of all student's parent helper/volunteer at Brooks Preschool is required to submit a Criminal Record Check before working with the students.

Respecting Privacy: we ask that you respect students by not posting pictures that include other children on social media such as Facebook, Instagram, etc. unless you have the parent's permission to do so.

Fire Safety/Licensing Regulations – Shoes/slippers must be always worn while at Preschool. It is also a regulation that no hot drinks (coffee, tea, hot chocolate, etc.) are allowed in the Preschool, during school hours.

Doors at the preschool we will open 8:15 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. Pick up time is 12:00 noon and 3:45 p.m. Doors will remain locked until then. If you need to pick up your child earlier, please ring the doorbell or speak to a teacher letting them know.

Parent Volunteer Days - Please make sure arrangements are made for siblings if you volunteer. Again, due to licensing regulations, other children in the class will change our adult to child ratio.

Show and Share- We ask that there only be one special item per child as we often run out of time. Suggestions art, family photos and nature items.

Play Zone – Be advised, children paint, use markers, and glue at school. We recommend that you DON'T dress your child in their best clothes as stains are a possibility.

Art Tables Children choose from a variety of items to create whatever they like to create or paint. We encourage parents to praise their children for their efforts as they see their progress of development.

Scholastic Books: Sales help raise funds/points for teacher to purchase new books and materials for the classroom. More information to follow to order online. Our Teacher Code is RC232590.

REMEMBER to clean out your child's cubby area of all personal belongings and artwork at the end of each day

For E-Transfers:

Please email brookspreschool123@gmail.com

Please include your child's first and last name

Monthly payments are due by the 15th of each month.

If you have any concerns or questions throughout the year please feel free to contact Mrs. Bruce at the preschool or email her at bpsteachers@brookspreschool.com

