

Bonnie McBeth Learning Center

Mission Statement

The Bonnie McBeth Learning Center will foster happy, empowered learners in a diverse and nurturing environment through the efforts of a positive and caring professional team. This will be accomplished with the assistance of involved and satisfied families supported by a community commitment to the education of young children.

District 202 Vision

We prepare learners for the future.

District 202 Goals

1. Our learning community will be a place where each individual can achieve his or her maximum individual potential.
2. Optimal learning cultures, climates and facilities will be developed and maintained.
3. Communication strategies will create a climate of inclusion, trust and shared responsibility.
4. Resources will be developed and optimized to fulfill the vision, mission and goals of the district.

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Preschool Registration Guide 2010-2011



Plainfield Community Consolidated
School District 202

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Bonnie McBeth Learning Center is the Preschool and Early Childhood program for Plainfield Community Consolidated School District 202. Bonnie McBeth provides preschool aged children with classroom activities that focus on total development, including communication, cognitive, physical and emotional skills. Through an integrated curriculum, students study broad topics of interest as they develop the necessary skills of pre-reading, pre-writing and other learning goals. As learning is driven by natural curiosity, children construct knowledge from hands-on, thought-provoking experiences that challenge them to think.

The Preschool Program

A child-directed, center-based environment enables children to explore learning in a meaningful way. Children have access to large playgrounds to help them develop gross motor skills while interacting socially. In addition, there is a lending library that supports staff development, parent resources and student materials.

Preschool Hours

Bonnie McBeth's calendar coincides with the District 202 Kindergarten schedule.

- 4-day classes are in session Tuesday through Friday.
- 3-day classes are in session Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.
- 2-day classes are in session Tuesday and Thursday.

The hours for the building on Howard Street are as follows:

The morning session runs from 8-10:30 a.m.

The afternoon session runs from 12:30-3 p.m.

Student drop-off begins 15 minutes before the start of school.

Age Requirement

Enrollment at Bonnie McBeth Learning Center is open to all children between the ages of three and five years whose families reside in District 202. Each child must be three years of age before September 1. Special education students are enrolled as they are determined to be eligible. Potty training is not a requirement.



A Typical Day

Arrival: Children enter their classroom, hang up their coats and backpacks, and get ready for the day.

Circle/Meeting: Everyone comes together to hear about the day's activities. Each child decides what centers he or she would like to become involved with for that day, and what they plan to do in the center. The children also do calendar, weather and sharing during this time.

Center Time: Children choose from activities in the centers, which include dramatic play, table toys, blocks, art sensory table, library and computers. Learning is child-centered through play facilitated by the Early Childhood Team.

Clean Up: Children learn when it's time to stop an activity, put away toys and materials, and learn to cooperate with others.

Snack Time: Snack time encourages communication between the children, self-help skills and good manners. Children take turns on responsibility for passing out milk, napkins and snacks. Parents take turns sending in snacks (requested by the teacher) for the week.

Music/Movement: Large motor skills are enhanced through the excitement of music as well as physical games enjoyed both in the classroom and out on the playground. Children also learn self control by following rules and safety guidelines.

Story Times: Teachers read to children in both large and small groups. Reading enhances listening skills and memory, stimulates thought-provoking questions and helps children discuss the differences between the world we live in and the fantasy worlds we read about.

Dismissal: Children are encouraged to collect their belongings independently.

Bonnie McBeth Learning Center and Parent-Teacher Organization Sponsored Events

Fall Festival
Thanksgiving Feast
Friendship Party

Evening Family Events
In-School Events
PTO Meetings

Drop-off and Pickup System

Families are responsible for the transportation of their children. Families with two or more children enrolled are automatically assigned as a car pool. Other parents are encouraged to set up car pool arrangements with the office.

Each of the four villages has thematic symbols used for identification purposes and drop-off/pickup procedures. Only adults who have been previously approved by parents and are listed on a parent consent form are allowed to pick up children. Photo identification is required.

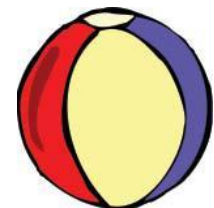
If a child is late for school, parents must park in the preschool parking lot and bring their child into school. For security reasons, children are escorted to the classroom by a Bonnie McBeth staff member.

Individual Pickup

Parents are assigned a card with their child's name and classroom symbol, which is to be prominently displayed in the front window of their vehicle. Parents proceed from Howard Street through the Bonnie McBeth parking lot to the south side of the building and pull up to the curb. Staff members accompany children to their vehicle. The parent secures his or her child's safety belt and exits the parking lot.

Car Pool Pickup

Car pool parents have a number prominently displayed in their front windshield. The rest of the procedure is the same as picking up individual children.



Residency Requirements

All families must reside within district boundaries for their children to attend Bonnie McBeth Learning Center. The Plainfield Community Consolidated School District 202 boundaries service residents in Bolingbrook, Crest Hill, Joliet, Naperville, Plainfield, Romeoville and unincorporated Kendall and Will Counties. If parents are unsure about residency, they may call the District Registrars at (815) 577-4080.

Registration Process

Priority registration is given to current students and siblings. Open registration to the community is advertised in local newspapers and through elementary school newsletters. Interested families may visit Bonnie McBeth Learning Center or any District 202 elementary school to pick up registration information.

Bonnie McBeth only accepts mail-in lottery applications postmarked from January 18-January 25, 2010. Applications received earlier than the January 18th date will not be accepted and will be returned to the applicant. A lottery will be held January 29, 2010. Parents will be notified the beginning of February with a confirmation letter or wait list process information.

Registration Schedule for 2010-2011

January 11, 2010	Letter sent to parents of current preschoolers and siblings
January 18, 2010	<u>Earliest</u> postmark for entering lottery to Bonnie McBeth Learning Center (no \$ sent at this time)
January 25, 2010	<u>Latest</u> postmark for entering lottery to Bonnie McBeth Learning Center
January 25, 2010	Returning student/sibling registration packets are due with nonrefundable \$100 deposit
January 29, 2010	Lottery held at Bonnie McBeth Learning Center
February 3, 2010	Letters of acceptance sent to parents
February 10, 2010	Open House for Lottery Acceptance ONLY
March 3, 2010	LAST DAY for Lottery Registration
March 9, 2010	Open registration

