

# **BEACHWOOD NURSERY SCHOOL & EARLY LEARNING CENTER-1014 Pinewald Rd.Beachwood,NJ 08722**

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:**

### **1. What is the difference between “Nursery School” and a Day Care Center?**

Nursery School is the traditional name for Pre-Schools for children ages 3 to 5 years of age who participate in a program with staff trained in Early Childhood Education & who implement a State approved curriculum such as High Scope.

#### **Our school utilizes The High Scope Curriculum for all age groups:**

The High Scope Curriculum meets early learning standards and NAEYC developmentally appropriate practice guidelines. “The Key Developmental Indicators form the curriculum content and define the knowledge children are acquiring as they actively choose experiences with materials, people, ideas, and events.” Teachers support and extend children’s learning with their interactions, integrating academic areas and providing daily opportunities to practice skills.

#### **Infants, Toddlers & Twos**

To meet the expectations of parents that want more than “day care” for their younger children, High Scope developed curriculum to include the Birth-to-3 age group. The curriculum enhances the daily care routines for Infants & Toddlers & Twos by providing a consistent, warm setting that is flexible enough to respond to children’s individual needs and interests. Child-centered activities stimulate all the senses, encourage language, develop both fine and gross motor skills as well as visual and spatial perception.

#### **COR Advantage**

Our observation-based assessments are conducted in the classroom producing results that are valid, reliable & meaningful. The teachers observe what children do in self-initiated activities as well as planned teacher activities. After an initial **screening**, teachers monitor each child’s progress throughout the year and provide activities to expand on skills already acquired based on many observations (anecdotes). A Scoring Guide enables our teachers to score a child’s anecdotes accurately, using an objective eight-level scoring scale that allows teachers to pinpoint the developmental changes measured by each COR item.

#### **FAMILY Engagement**

Parents have the opportunity to use the online Family Network that shares regular information about a child’s activities at school. We see families as partners in sharing information for the benefit of the child. This is in addition to other technologies we use for families. A current e-mail address and carrier must be provided.

### **2. What programs are available?**

We offer 2, 3, or 5 day programs for Infants to children 5 years old. We offer a 2 ½ hour session, mornings and afternoons; a school-day program ( 9:00 – 3:00) and extended hours for working parents between the hours of 6:30 AM & 5:30PM. Half day children can come for lunch or stay for before or after school care for an additional hourly fee. Our Infant/Toddler program schedules are for extended hours only.

### **3. Who is eligible to attend school?**

We enroll children ages 8 weeks to 5 years & provide limited care for **alumni** in Kindergarten, 1 & 2<sup>nd</sup> grades.

### **4. What calendar do you follow?**

We follow the **Toms River Schools’ Calendar** of 42 weeks observing the same holidays and vacation weeks. 15 additional days when Toms River Schools are closed will **depend on a minimum enrollment**. We offer a 9-week summer program with separate registration for year round child care.

### **5. How do you handle school closings and delayed openings?**

We follow Toms River Schools’ decisions on school closings, delays and weather related early dismissals. Information is posted on the BNS Facebook Page or you can subscribe to the teacher’s Remind Code for Text messaging. Information is also announced on WOBBM or posted on their web site: [www.wobm.com](http://www.wobm.com) under **Ocean Co. Storm Watch**. If Toms River Schools has a delayed opening, our half day and school day sessions will begin at 9:00 AM and we will open at 8:00 AM for childcare.

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## 6. Does my child have to be toilet trained?

We do not expect children under 3 years to be completely toilet trained, but showing an interest by 30 months. We do not accept children in the Preschool, Pre-Kindergarten, or School-age program that are **not** toilet-trained.

## 7. Does my child have to take a nap?

Pre-School Children who are in our care more than 4 hours must be provided a rest time according to NJ licensing requirements. Children rest after lunch for 30 minutes on their assigned mats. If children fall asleep, we allow them to sleep up to one hour, so as not to interfere with their evening bedtime. As children awaken, they have a drink, toilet and play with quiet activities or go outside until the other children are awake. (Pre-Kindergarteners (4's & 5's) are not required to rest.) Infants and young toddlers rest and sleep according to their own **individual** needs.

## 8. Who provides lunch and snacks for my child?

Parents are expected to provide **nutritious** food items for their child, but in age-appropriate portions, so as not to waste food. **Lunch must include a grain, a vegetable, a fruit, a protein and milk** according to state requirements. Please cut sandwiches in half and place each half in a separate zip-lock bag. Snack portions should be labeled AM & PM. We are required to throw out any uneaten food unless a parent has requested in writing otherwise. We suggest parents purchase a **good thermos** for hot foods as we are not allowed to use micro-waves in the classroom. We suggest an ice-pack be included in the lunch box to maintain the temperature for cold foods. Children should have a thermos for MILK at lunch time or a small water bottle. (Please do not send in juice boxes due to the sugar content) We provide water to drink throughout the day indoors and outdoors. We do provide snacks after 4:00 PM for children we still have in our care. FOR CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF THREE, food items must be cut up in 1/4-1/2 inch pieces to prevent choking. For example: grapes must be **cut in half** or carrots for toddlers must be cut lengthwise and **pre-cooked**. Do **not** give peanut butter sandwiches to children under 2 ½ years as this is considered a **choking** hazard. We will provide USDA Dietary Guidelines & other information for children to assist parents with snack and meal planning.

**If a child is refusing to eat, we will call you to let you know.**

## 9. Do I have to pay for days my child is ill or on vacation?

**Yes!** The school maintains the continuous cost of teacher salaries and program expenses regardless of a child's absences or vacation. Your tuition is based on actual school days in the calendar: 180 days for a 5 day program, 105 days for a M/W/F program, 75 days for a T/Th program or an average # of days for enrollment on other days. Parents **do not pay for holidays or vacation days** that are usually figured into a weekly childcare rate. To maintain a class placement when a child will be absent for an extended period of time, parents are required to pay 50 % of the monthly tuition.

## 10. What does the Registration Fee cover?

The on-line cost associated with the High Scope Curriculum for the school year is \$23.00 per child.

The per-child cost for secondary insurance coverage for accidental injury is \$7.00 per child.

The annual cost for our NAEYC Accreditation: \$10.00 per child w/ annual increases.

Special In-House Activities: \$10

Music Program & Administration costs: \$ 80.00 per child

Data Entry/Admin Fee: \$20.00

### **WAIT LIST POLICY**

*In order to be placed on the wait list for a future opening at Beachwood Nursery School & ELC, a family will be asked to complete an enrollment form and then submit a non-refundable \$150.00 Wait List Fee. The wait List fee insures the family's commitment to the school. When the school calls to notify a family of an available opening, the family may accept or reject the opening. If the opening is rejected, the family will be placed at the bottom of the wait list with the date of the rejection. If a family is offered an opening a second time and again rejects the opening, the family will be removed from the wait list and forfeits the registration fee.*

*If you are currently expecting a child, please put the expected birth date and the **anticipated start date** on the enrollment form, but not later than December 1<sup>st</sup>. We will only hold an infant opening for a maximum of 12 weeks of Family Leave from September. If your child does not start the school year by December 1<sup>st</sup>, you will be required to pay 50% tuition per month after 12 weeks to continue holding your child's class placement. You may choose to **withdraw** forfeiting the registration fee. To register at a later date, you will be required to pay another registration fee.*

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