



Preschool Information

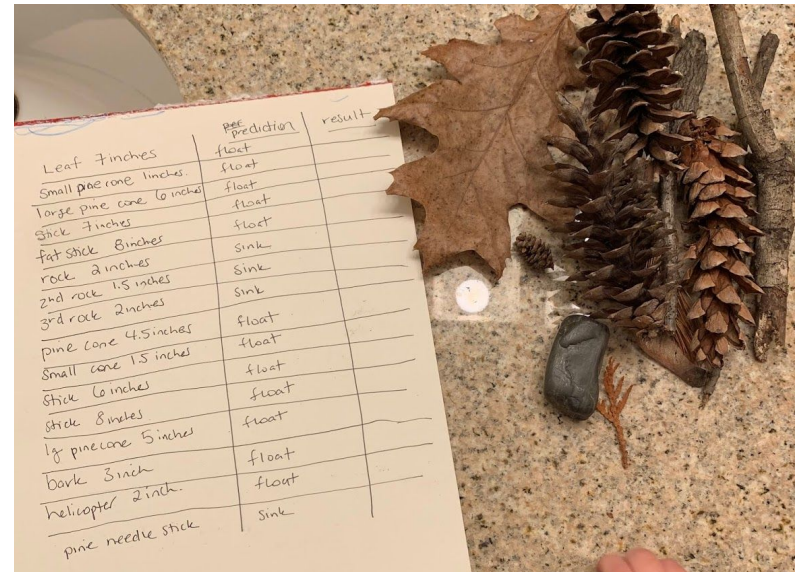


Malletts Bay School
Early Education Program
[Website](#)

Introduction: Mission Statement

Colchester Early Education Program creates an environment where children learn along with their teachers in a kind and respectful way. We value each person as an individual with distinct abilities and talents. We offer a hands-on, experiential learning environment where children are encouraged to ask questions and test theories in order to expand their knowledge. We value the home-school connection and consider families and community members an integral part of our learning community.

[Website](#)



Licensing

The Colchester Early Education Program is a general education program which accepts students of all abilities. We meet students where they are developmentally and move them forward with our support and services.

- State licensed child care center governed by the Agency of Education (AOE) and the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)
- Funded by Act 166 and the school budget
- Classroom Teachers are licensed according to AOE requirements
- Classroom Assistants meet standards of the HHS



Two Year Curriculum Cycle

Creative Curriculum

- State Approved Curriculum
- Philosophy - young children learn best by hands-on, active exploration of their environment
- Goal - encourage children to become independent, self-confident, inquisitive and enthusiastic learners with critical thinking skills
- Themes

Back to School

Clothes

Trees

Buildings

Balls

Recycling

Going to Kindergarten



Homegrown Curriculum:

- Created by MBS Preschool Teachers
- Themes:

Insects

Winter

Author's Studies

Fairy Tales

Community Helpers

Farm

Artist and Color Studies

Standards and Assessments

Standards:

- [Vermont Early Learning Standards](#) -
 - Developing Self
 - Communication and Expression
 - Learning about the World
- Established by the AOE
- Used by teachers when lesson planning
- Organized from birth-8 years old



Assessment

- [Teaching Strategies Gold](#) -
 - Social emotional
 - Physical
 - Language
 - Cognitive
 - Literacy
 - Mathematics
 - Science and Technology
 - Social Studies
 - Arts
 - English Language Acquisition
- State approved Assessment tool by the AOE
- Aligned with [VELS](#) and the [Common Core](#)
- Administered in fall and spring per Act 166



Schedule:

- We follow the Colchester school calendar for school closings
- Days: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
 - Preschool is NOT in session on Wednesdays
- Times: 8:30 - 11:15 AM OR 12:00 - 2:45PM



Day in the Life of a Preschooler

1. Arrival/Outside time
2. Breakfast/lunch
3. Circle: academic and theme related
4. Activities: Art, free choice, dramatic play
5. Clean up
6. Second circle: Social emotional focus
7. Outside time/Dismissal

Support Services

We have an early childhood special education department available to support students in our program with differing abilities.



- Speech Language Pathologist
- Autism/Behavior Intervention
- Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy (OT/PT)
- School Psychologist
- Behavior Specialist
- Social Worker
- Special Educators
- School Nurse

Discipline and Behavior Management

- Skills are explicitly taught and practiced when children are in a regulated state
 - Co-Regulation Skills
 - Feelings Identification
 - Problem Solving
 - Finding developmentally appropriate solutions/strategies

Feeling Chart

Frustrated



Hungry



Excited



Happy



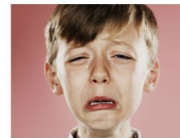
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Mad



Sad



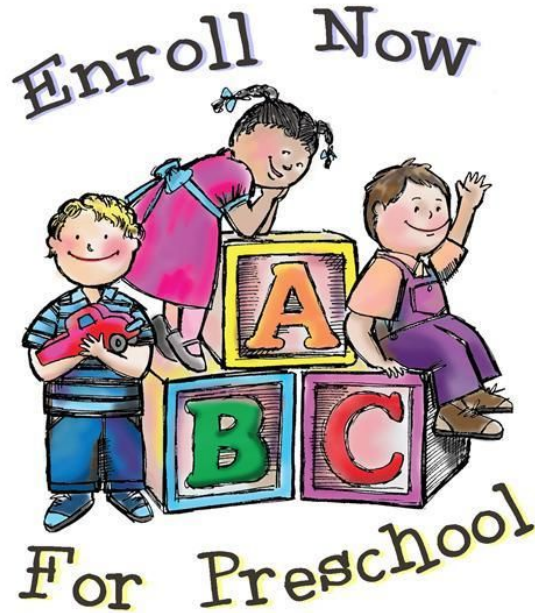
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Enrollment Process



[Preschool lottery procedures](#) - Click the link to view frequently asked questions:

- Preschool lottery
- Number of students
- Timeline
- Application
- Admission

[Preschool Enrollment Letter for Families](#) - Click the link to view the letter from our school Principal, Jordan Burke, and the Early Education Facilitator, Nancy Smith.

Communication

- Email
- Phone Calls
- Family conferences
 - November and March
 - Upon request



Other Important Information

- Outside time - We go out everyday unless it is raining or the actual or the “real feel” temperature is 10° or lower according to the Accuweather app. The temperature is checked at 8:00, 10:00, and 11:30 in the Colchester location.
- Family involvement is encouraged but not mandated. Options for involvement can be discussed with your child’s teacher.
- Clothing - Please dress your child in play clothes that can get messy. Indoor shoes are required year round.
- Health - Please let the school nurse know of any allergies or health conditions.
- All classrooms are peanut and tree nut free environments.
- School breakfast/lunch is available to order everyday.



Thank you