



# NEIGHBORS FOR KIDS

'LITTLE KIDS ZONE'

PRESCHOOL

WELCOME PACKET

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Thank you for choosing Neighbors for kids, Little Kids Zone Preschool.

At Neighbors for Kids Little Kids Zone Preschool we offer a warm, safe, family-like environment to meet the developmental needs of children ages 3 to 5 through creative play, exploration, and cooperation. Our programs and curriculums are child centered and inquiry-based focusing on the child's emotional, social, physical, and intellectual growth. We encourage your child's natural curiosity, love of learning, and cultivation of skills to help your child be successful when they start school and to lead a healthy and productive life. We offer children learning experiences that are socially relevant, intellectually engaging, and personally meaningful through creative play, art, listening, story-telling, inquiry, observation, reflection, social interaction, and problem solving. Our site is light and bright with classrooms, play areas, a gym, and kitchen facilities in Depoe Bay. We foster the children's connection to their environment through play and exploration of our nearby old-growth forests, local streams, and the Pacific Ocean.

*Nirvana Clifton*



## **Location & Contact information**

**Neighbors For Kids is located on Hwy 101, in Depoe Bay,  
South of Shell Garage.**

**634 SE HWY 101, Depoe Bay, OR, 97341.**

**For all Enquires please contact us at:**

**Tel No. 541-765-8990**

**Email: [frontdesk.nfk@gmail.com](mailto:frontdesk.nfk@gmail.com)**

# Tuition



## **General cost**

\$40 full day - 8am-6pm

\$25 Half day- 5 HRs or less

10% discount for prepayments.

## **ERDC**

Neighbors For Kids accepts ERDC which is an 'Employment related daycare' Subsidy through DHS which, for those who qualify, covers a portion of your childcare cost

## **Scholarships**

We also have scholarships available for those who qualify. You may still qualify for a scholarship even if you don't qualify for ERDC.

# ILLNESS & EMERGENCIES

**If a child becomes ill during the day and cannot participate in activities, the child's parent/guardian will be notified. If a child is hurt, a staff member will apply first aid immediately and the parent will be notified.**

**If an incident requires immediate medical attention, the front desk will attempt to contact the parent/guardian as stated in the registration forms. In the event that any parent/guardian cannot be reached, the emergency contact person/people will be called. The director will call your child's listed doctor and the local emergency unit for treatment. A staff member will accompany the child to the doctor or hospital and stay until the parent/guardian arrives.**

**Children should be kept at home if they show any of the following symptoms and should not return to Preschool until they have been symptom-free without the aid of medication for a full 24 hours:**

- Temperature over 100 degrees**
- Any undiagnosed rash**
- Diarrhea**
- Vomiting**
- Yellow nasal discharge**
- Discharge from eyes or ears**

**Please see our Parent Handbook for more information on this policy.**

# PICKUP AND DROP OFF

All Children must be picked up and dropped off between 8am-6pm during the school year (except non-school days) and by 5:30pm during non-school days, spring break & summer break.

All children must be picked up by a parent/guardian or emergency contacts.

If you need to have someone else added to the authorized pick-up list for your child please do, no later than 12pm on the day of pick-up. We must have the full name and contact number in writing and they must have a valid ID on them when picking up.

## Inclement Weather Policy

If Lincoln County schools are closed due to weather then we will also be closed. If the schools are on a delay we will assess whether it is safe for scheduled staff and families to drive to NFK. We will notify parents as soon as possible via our Facebook page and remind groups

# Daily Schedule

8:00 AM	Welcome	Breakfast, carpet time, the question of the day discussions
9:00 AM	Gym	Gross Motor skill activities
9:45 AM	Group Time	Circle Time, daily calendar, songs, mighty minutes
10:15 AM	Learning Centers	Stations, one on one Teacher work, and observations
11:45 AM	Brain Break	Physical movement activity
12:00 PM	Lunch	Lunch and read aloud
12:30 PM	Group Time	Carpet time and Yoga/mindfulness
1:00 PM	Quiet Time	Rest time

# Daily Schedule

1:30 PM	Quiet Activities
2:30 PM	Gym Time
3:30 PM	Supper Time
4:00 PM	Group time
4:30 PM	Learning Centers
6:00 PM	Closed

Alternative quiet activities for those who don't fall asleep

Gross Motor skill activities

Supper and read aloud

Daily review, large group activity

Stations, one on one Teacher work, and observations

**The schedule changes slightly on Wednesdays due to the school-age children being on early release and during full-day Camps.**



# Our Curriculum



The Creative Curriculum® is a play-based learning curriculum that focuses on interest areas and fosters creativity in both children and teachers. Being creative means thinking of new ideas, obtaining information by asking questions, and learning through trial and error.

The Creative Curriculum® for Preschool is based on 38 objectives for development and learning that focus on all the areas that are most important for school success: social-emotional, cognitive, math, literacy, physical, language, social studies, science, and technology, and the arts. These objectives are built into every activity that happens in the classroom, which means that all day long, the teacher is helping your child build skills and knowledge in these important areas.

In The Creative Curriculum® for Preschool, learning happens through studies. Studies, which span several weeks, are in-depth, project-based investigations of topics that are part of your child's everyday life. They feature topics such as trees, buildings, clothes, and balls. In a study, children raise questions about the topic and find answers by exploring, experimenting, and investigating in a hands-on way—through activities that take place in the classroom and outdoors.

Importantly, teachers will follow the lead of the children and pursue the questions and investigations within each study that are most interesting to the children in their classroom, thus promoting a love of learning.

# FAQ's

## **Does my child need to be potty trained?**

Yes, all children must be potty trained. We understand that each child may need time to adjust to teachers, new surroundings, and routines and that accidents do happen, but your child must be able to communicate that they need to use the potty, get on the potty, undress, and redress themselves all with minimal assistance. Please share with your child's teacher any concerns you have about your child being able to use the bathroom, so we may create a plan to help your child transition quickly and easily.

## **What should my child Wear?**

Please send your child in weather-appropriate clothing. Children must wear closed-toe shoes (preferably sneakers), as they will be physically active. They will need a coat for colder weather, as we try to get outside daily. Please label your child's coat, belongings, and backpack with their names.

## **What should my child bring?**

Your child will have 1 cubby for items that will be going home with them, such as a coat, and one box that is for items to stay at school. You should provide your child's teacher with 2 changes of clothes, and a hat and gloves in the colder months for these boxes. Your Child can also bring a blanket or an item of comfort that can be used for rest time.

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## **Can my Child Bring a packed lunch?**

All Children are provided with a freshly prepared meal in the morning, midday, and afternoon. We also have snacks available in between meals if a child is hungry. We cater to allergy and medical dietary needs.