

**WOODFORD COUNTY SPECIAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION
BRIGHT BEGINNINGS PRESCHOOL CLASSROOM PROGRAM
205 S. Engelwood Drive Metamora, IL 61548
WCSEA Intensive ECE program - Eureka Early Childhood Center**

Date: May, 2022

To: **Parents of preschool students in our NEW program**

From: Maureen Whalen, Program Administrator

Re: Registration information

Summer is almost here which means we will say goodbye for a few months. I hope you all have a safe summer and enjoy time together as a family. It means a lot that you have chosen Bright Beginnings for your child. It is a joy to serve them! I truly mean this when I say that life changing moments happen in preschool classrooms every day. Below you find instructions for registration for the 22-23 school year.

Your child does not need another screening. They are on the list to return to the classroom program. A new physical is not needed until they enter Kindergarten.

Registration opens June 1! Go to wcsea.us and click on the link (front page) for preschool registration. The page you are linked to will have four online forms that you will complete and submit. The forms can be completed on a phone, tablet, or computer. You will also find the parent handbook here. At the bottom of the page, click on WCSEA Intensive ECE/Eureka Early Childhood Center. All of the information including the school supply list, important dates, and a letter from the teacher will be posted. The school calendar for Eureka District will be posted. Our class will follow that schedule with some exceptions. One day each month will be set aside to connect with parents either in person or via google to talk about progress and ideas for home. Students will not attend on these days. We are also starting a little later than the Eureka District to allow our team to complete additional training and have in-person time to meet you and your child.

You will bring school supplies to your Back to School visit day. Please keep in mind that all paperwork must be received and a parent must attend the back to school appointment before your child can start school.

We have put together a great team for the new program. Victoria Awbrey (teacher), D'Andra Derr (teacher assistant #1), Heather Brown (speech pathologist), and Nancy Miller (OT). I will oversee the program. We have one additional teacher assistant to hire. Staff will be completing several hours of training this summer in the areas of structured teaching, augmentative communication, sensory regulation, and The Play Project. I'll be busy ordering materials and designing the classroom layout this summer. Class sizes will be around 5 students per session. The classroom is located in the Eureka District #140 Administration building. Eureka houses their ECE class there so we will have some additional peers to interact with. There are parking places right in front of the door to enter with your child. No more long hallways to walk the kids back and forth! There will be a counter/sink, bathroom, and sensory room in the classroom. The playground is right outside the classroom door and is fenced. We are seeking grant money for playground enhancement. I have attached a flier to explain more about the purpose of this program.

AM session is 8:30-11AM Serving students from Metamora, Riverview, Germantown Hills, Eureka

PM session is Noon -2:30PM Serving students from Fieldcrest, Lowpoint Washburn, Roanoke Benson

Bussing - your district transportation department will be in touch with you about transportation. These calls usually take place in late July/early August. If you will be transporting your child, please let me know.

If you have questions that come up over the summer and can't reach your child's teacher, please feel free to text, call, or email me. My email is mwhalen@wcsea.us. My cell phone is (309) 635-2542 and texting is the fastest way to reach me. If you know you will not be enrolling your child, please contact me right away.

Enjoy the summer learning bags!

