

**WOODFORD COUNTY SPECIAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION  
BRIGHT BEGINNINGS PRESCHOOL CLASSROOM PROGRAM  
LOWPOINT WASHBURN GRADE SCHOOL  
2021-21**

**FALL ENROLLMENT LETTER**

Welcome! I am Ms. Berardi, your child's teacher, and I am pleased to work with you this year. I graduated from ISU in 2018 with my bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education. I grew up in Goodfield, Illinois. In my free time I enjoy spending time with friends and family, traveling, and reading good books. I am getting married in the Fall of 2021! I am so pleased to serve as your child's early childhood teacher.

**Required Orientation for NEW families - New families sign up for a personal time slot with me in the classroom at the grade school on either August 16th or 17th.** Go to [www.signupgenius.com/go/805084BA8AE28AAFE3-newstudent](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/805084BA8AE28AAFE3-newstudent) to sign up. If you have trouble with the link, email me at [mberardi@wcsea.us](mailto:mberardi@wcsea.us) and I will send you the link directly.

**Orientation for RETURNING families -** A video tour will be posted to the WCSEA website registration page and facebook. You are NOT required to set up an in person appointment.

**First day of class:** Wednesday, August 18th

**Class times:** 8:00-10:30 AM and 12:30-3:00 PM

**Heat schedule:** It is unknown at this time if the district will use a heat schedule in August/early September.

**Paperwork-** Please fill out the four required forms on the wcsea website ([wcsea.us](http://wcsea.us)). Click on the Bright Beginnings Preschool Registration link. New students only - You will bring a courthouse copy of your child's birth certificate, recent physical with immunization record, and proof of income to the required orientation appointment. New students can bring supplies to their orientation appointment. Returning students can bring supplies on the first day of school.

**Bus-** For the morning class, students who live in the country can ride the big bus to school. Town students are brought to school by parents. All students can ride the small bus home at 10:30. For afternoon students - The small bus will pick up all students and bring them to school at 12:25. Country students can ride the big bus home while town students are picked up by parents at 2:55. If your home district is not Washburn I will help you coordinate transportation, if it is offered.

**Book bags-** Children need to bring their book bag to school every day. I will place papers and notes home in the bag so please check it daily.

**About the Classroom-** This year, we will begin a new phonological awareness curriculum with the students. This program will focus on learning more about how words have different parts, some words sound the same, and letters have different sounds. As we work with this more, we will be building the skill for students to be able to read!

Sincerely,  
Ms. Maria Berardi  
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**Please remember that all paperwork must be received and new parents must attend orientation in order for your child to start school.**