

Metamora Grade School



Bright Beginnings PFA/ECE Classroom

School Year 2026-2027

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Introduction of the Teachers

My name is Natalie Wood and I have taught at the early childhood level for 15 years, with seven of those being kindergarten here at MGS. I absolutely love being a part of the hands on learning and growth that take place at the preschool age. I also love incorporating music and movement into my classroom as much as possible. I am thrilled to be a part of the WCSEA staff!



My name is D'Andra Derr or as the children like to call me Ms. Dee. I have been a paraprofessional with the WCSEA organization since 2019. I have been in 3 different preschool classrooms including MGS and the intensive program in Eureka. I am also the mom to an adult on the autism spectrum. I love being with preschool age children because they are always a load of fun and their smiles are contagious. I'm looking forward to another great year in Bright Beginnings.



Communication



ClassDojo

Teacher will contact parents through Class Dojo

Weekly Newsletters will be sent home on Fridays.



Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held in November



You can contact Teacher through Email:
nwood@wcsea.us



Visit the WCSEA website for more information

wcsea.us



Woodford County Special Education Association

309-443-2118

Arrival and Dismissal Procedures

AM- Arrival at the red doors 8:10AM-8:15AM

Pick up at the red doors 10:45AM-10:50AM

PM- Arrival at the red doors 12:10PM-12:15PM

Pick up at the red doors 2:45PM-2:50PM

Late Arrivals:

You will have to enter the school through the main office and walk your child down to the classroom.



Classroom Schedule

The schedule includes:

Arrival/Bathroom

Fine Motor Time

Large Group Time

Small Group Time

Outside/Gym Gross Motor Time

Snack

Story Time

Center Time

Second Step Review

Dismissal



Class Curriculum



Bright Beginnings uses the HighScope Curriculum. HighScope's emphasizes "active participatory learning." This includes direct, hands-on learning experiences with people, objects, events, and ideas. HighScope takes the learning process to a higher level by applying methods that promote independence, curiosity, decision-making, cooperation, persistence, creativity, and problem solving in young children



Our program also follows the Illinois Early Learning Standards.

This curriculum features learning in the following areas:

1. Approaches to Learning
2. Social & Emotional Learning
3. Physical Development & Health
4. Language, Literacy, & Communication
5. Math
6. Creative arts
7. Science & Technology
8. Social Studies

Class Curriculum Continued

Second Step

Is our social and emotional learning curriculum.

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Heggerty

Is our phonological awareness curriculum that works on letter knowledge, letter sounds, rhyming, and blending, and segmenting words.



Heggerty

Classroom Assessment

Our program uses several types of authentic assessments to gather, record, and report information on your child's learning and development. Several times a school year, families will receive a preschool skills summary packet that is based off the High Scope Curriculum. This "report card" contains a checklist for each area of development as well as a written summary for each area of development.

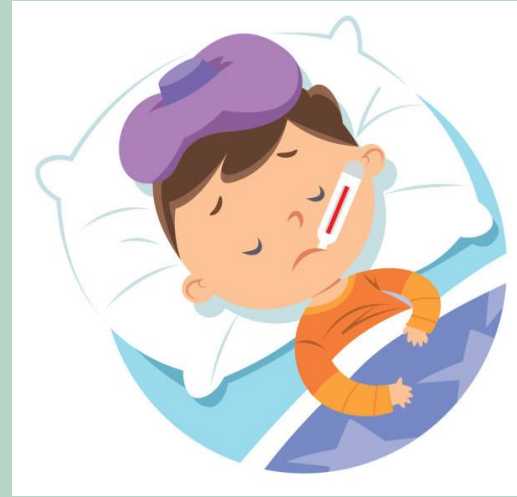
Sample of child's work, pictures, and written records are also used as an assessment that is sent home at the end of the school year. This is your child's portfolio.

* Students who receive special education services, will also receive progress reports that are sent home at the same time as report cards for MGS K-8 students.

When to keep your child at home

DO NOT send children to school displaying the following conditions:

- **Fever (must wait 24 hours)**
- **Diarrhea or loose stools (must wait 24 hours)**
- **Vomiting (no vomiting for 24 hours)**
- **Mouth sores**
- **Sore throat**
- **Rash**
- **Eye Discharge**
- **Persistent coughing**
- **Persistent runny nose**
- **Illness which prevents the child from participating comfortably in program activities- this is often bad colds and coughs**



Who to notify when child is sick?

- **Message teacher through ClassDojo**
- **Email teacher**
- **Call Metamora Grade School 309-367-2361**