

A Note from the Principal

Brown Early Childhood's highly qualified faculty and staff is committed to providing each student a strong foundation and love for future learning. Our mission is to provide learning opportunities for children in an engaging and active manner. Our teachers and paraprofessionals continually attend workshops, training, and collaborate often with one another in an effort to continuously improve our instructional delivery.

Social, emotional, and physical development are equally important as intellectual development. Our faculty and staff strive to help children further develop and demonstrate respect and kindness for self and others, honesty, and overall strong character traits.

We have a superior music program under the direction of a certified music teacher. Children attend music class 2-3 times per week. Students also participate in our computer lab and enjoy our kid friendly library. P.E. is provided 3 times per week per class. Our dual language program provides language learning opportunities for children learning English or Spanish as a second language.

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BECC Daily Schedule

4Y PreK and K

- ◇ 7:30 Earliest time for Kinder students to arrive
- ◇ 7:50 Preschool Classes Begin
- ◇ 8:00 Kindergarten Classes Begin with free Breakfast for all PK/K students
- ◇ 8:05 Tardy Bell
- ◇ 11:00 AM-11:45 PreK and Kindergarten Lunch
- ◇ 3:15 PM Preschool Dismissal
- ◇ 3:15 PM Kindergarten Dismissal

3Y PreK

Any three (3) year old must have an identified developmental delay to be eligible to participate in our Early PreK program.

- ◇ 7:50-11:05 AM Preschool Classes Begin
Students will be provided a free breakfast.
- ◇ 11:50-3:15 PM Preschool Classes Begin
Students will be provided a free lunch.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Please plan to attend

Parent/Teacher Conferences scheduled through-out the school year.

Your involvement is essential to your child's success in school.

Parent/Teacher Conference dates are listed on the School Calendar.

Portales Municipal Schools

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PORTALES MUNICIPAL SCHOOLS



Brown Early Childhood Center

Preschool & Kindergarten

(575) 356-7075

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School Mission:

**We go to school every day
so we can learn
through work and play.**



Brown Early Childhood Center Offers the following services:

1. Developmentally Delayed Pre-school for 3 & 4 year-olds. Children must be screened and qualify for the program.
2. NM PK for children who turn 4 prior to September 1. Space is limited.
3. All day Kindergarten program for children who will be at least 5 years old before September 1, 12:01 a.m. for the current school year.

4. Special Student Services

(Students must meet eligibility requirements.)

Speech/Language Therapy

Occupational Therapy

Physical Therapy

Counseling/ Social Work

School Social Work

Kindergarten Curriculum

- Eureka Math
- Fountas and Pinnell
- Orton Gillingham Strategies
- Zoo Phonics & Heggerty PA
- Comprehensive Literacy
- Differentiated Reading Instruction
- Inclusive Writing Strategies
- Integrated Science, Social Studies, and Art
- Music
- Library
- Computers
- Physical Education
- Handwriting without Tears

Preschool Curriculum

- Three Cheers for PK Play Based Curriculum
- Zoo Phonics & Heggerty PA
- Fountas and Pinnell
- Instruction through individual, small groups and large groups
- Pyramid and FOCUS ELGs
- Integrated Computers, Music, Art
- Waterford

How it is done...

Brown Early Childhood Center Faculty and staff believe all children can learn!

Children and learning are our top priorities! Students are assessed and test results are used to drive instruction. Kindergarten students have a ninety-minute reading block, thirty-minute reading intervention time, sixty minute math and designated discovery and center times.

Equally important is reading books, interactive and modeled writing, science, social studies, and opportunities for kinesthetic learning (seeing, hearing, doing, and whole body movement in learning). Children learn a great deal during P.E., recess, music, library, and computer lab times as well.

A free breakfast and lunch is provided for all students.

Student Demographics

Kindergarten-average number of students
Approximately 185 = 11 classrooms

Preschool & PreK -
average number of students
Approximately 140= 10 classrooms

Staff Demographics

33 Licensed Professionals
26 Certified Para Professionals
9 Support Staff