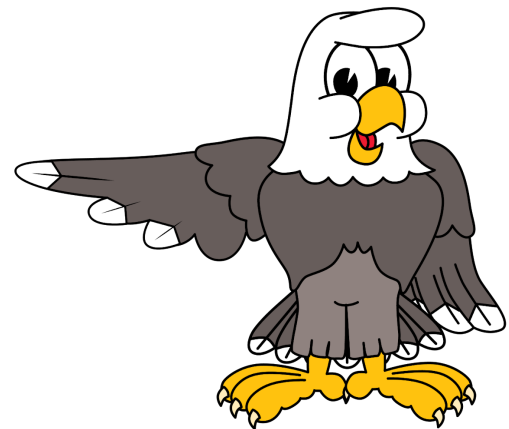


Little Wingers Preschool

Family Handbook



Early Childhood Services through Red Wing Public Schools

Colvill Family Center

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Dear Families,

We welcome your family to Little Wingers Preschool!

We are proud of our early childhood education programs, which help to provide a foundation for future learning, behavior and health, and we know that a strong foundation helps children develop the skills they need to become well-functioning adults. We are happy to be a partner with parents and guardians.

We look forward to working together with you to best meet the needs of your child and help all of our children realize their full potential.

Brittini Kuehl

Early Childhood Directory

***The mission of Colvill Family Center is
to welcome, support and inspire all families
in lifelong learning.***

OPERATION

The Little Wingers Preschool program is a community preschool operated by Red Wing Public Schools under the umbrella of Community Education and part of Colvill Family Center. A choice of programs gives parents and guardians an opportunity to select a program that is appropriate for their child's age and needs.

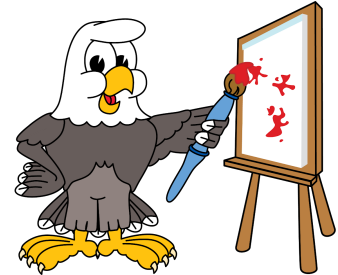
Little Wingers Preschool is a Four Star Parent Aware rated program for children who are 3, 4, and 5 years of age. Programs are aligned to kindergarten expectations and are offered two, three, four and five half days per week, as well as five full days per week.

To be eligible, a child must be 3 or 4 years of age by Sept. 1. There is a fee, but scholarship funds are available to those who show financial need. Transportation is not available to preschool unless students are receiving special education services. Families may carpool or contract with Hiawathaland Transit.

PHILOSOPHY

Little Wingers Preschool is designed to support and nurture young children as they learn and grow, regardless of ability, race, creed or color. Little Wingers Preschool strives to help young children:

- Explore, discover and learn through play.
- Develop age appropriate social/emotional skills.
- Expand verbal communication skills.
- Begin to develop literacy skills.
- Develop an understanding of mathematical relationships.



Our sessions will provide constructive experiences for each child through circle time, story time, small group time, play, physical activity, music, and art.

CURRICULUM

Little Wingers uses Creative Curriculum and TS Gold. These are state approved curriculum and assessments that are aligned with early childhood state standards and kindergarten practices. Conscious Discipline is used throughout the programs to teach self-regulation skills while building a school “family”.

Tuition payments are due the 20th of each month for the upcoming month (i.e. September payment is made by Aug. 20, etc.). Unpaid tuition can result in your child being dropped from class.

We accept payments made with Visa or MasterCard. Payments by check or money order may be sent to school with your child in their backpack or mailed, but please make cash payments in person.

We have a waiting list, so please notify us promptly if your child will not be attending, so his/her spot can go to another child. You are still responsible for tuition until we are formally informed that your child is dropping the class.

POLICIES

Little Wingers Preschool abides by all Red Wing School District and Red Wing School Board policies. The District Student and Parent Handbook is available at www.rwps.org.

CLASS INFORMATION

1. Field Trips

Some classes take field trips during the year. You will receive a permission slip that you must complete and return in order for your child to participate.

We often ask adult family members to help with supervision of field trips. Unfortunately, we cannot accommodate other siblings on these trips.



2. Breakfast/Lunch

The school will provide breakfast for the morning classes, lunch for the afternoon classes, and breakfast and lunch for the all-day classes. Please notify the teacher of any known food/milk allergies (or other known allergies) your child has. There is no charge for meals. If you choose to send lunch with your child, please ensure it is nut-free.

3. Bringing a child to and from school

Parents/guardians will drop off and pick up their child at the designated area each day. If someone else will be picking up your child, they need a permission form and be at least 18 years old. We will release your child to only those persons you have listed. Families are expected to pick up and drop off their children on time. If you will be unavoidably late to pick up your child, please call.



4. Transportation

Regular Education

Bus transportation for Little Wingers Preschool programs may be available through Hiawathaland Transit (The Ride). Hiawathaland Transit is NOT operated by Colvill Family Center or the Red Wing School District. Families are responsible for making the busing arrangements. Hiawathaland Transit can be reached at 1-866-623-7505. If your family qualifies for a scholarship, you may be eligible for support with transportation costs.

Special Education

Students who receive Special Education services and are being served on an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) are eligible to receive transportation through the Red Wing Public Schools. Please talk to your child's teacher or the Colvill Family Center Director for more information.

5. Clothing/outdoor wear

Your child should wear comfortable play clothes that they can easily manage in the bathrooms. On cold days, children should have boots, hats, mittens, snow pants and a warm coat. Children in the Little Wingers 4's classes will play outdoors if the temperature combined with the wind chill is at least 10 degrees F. Depending on temperature, outdoor playtime may be shortened.

Children should wear shoes that are appropriate for play in the gym and/or on the playground.

Please note that children and adults must refrain from wearing clothing that displays offensive or obscene wording or images.



6. Toys From Home

We recommend that toys and objects be left at home. If your child has sharing time or Show and Tell, the teacher will let you know. In keeping with the Red Wing Public School Violence/Weapons Policy, all toy guns and weapons must be left at home.

7. Birthdays and holidays

We celebrate each child's birthday at Little Wingers Preschool. Students are not allowed to bring food for birthdays. Thank you for your understanding.

Because we are a public preschool, we do not celebrate religious holidays, but we may have some seasonal activities that correspond with holidays (e.g. making pumpkin pictures in autumn). Non-religious activities are planned for Thanksgiving, Christmas and Valentine's Day. If you prefer that your child not participate in these activities, please inform us.

8. Conferences

Conferences will be scheduled twice during the year. Conferences provide a opportunity to share information with each other regarding your child's strengths and development.



9. Visitors

District policy requires visitors entering the center to sign in and out at the front desk.

Parents and guardians are welcome to visit their child's classroom. Visits must be pre-approved by the director. We do not wish to discuss a child in his/her presence, so please call us or use conferences for this type of discussion.

10. Volunteers

We welcome parent involvement in our programs. If you would like to volunteer in the classroom, on field trips, or in any way, please let us know! We will also have additional parent involvement opportunities throughout the year. We would love for you to be involved! (Depending on supervision level, duration, and nature of the work, volunteers may be required to complete a "Volunteer Application Form" and/or background check prior to volunteering.)

11. Snow Days

In case of inclement weather, parents/guardians should visit monitor www.rwps.org and the Colvill Facebook for announcements.

If there is a two-hour late start, Colvill cancels morning classes and the all-day preschool students come at 12:15 p.m.

If there is an early release, there are no afternoon classes and the children who attend all-day classes will go home at 11:15 a.m.

Parents/guardians of children who don't qualify for busing are expected to pick up their children at the announced closing time. In the event of a late start, morning classes will be canceled, and all-day preschool will have class only in the afternoon. In the event of an early release, our afternoon classes will be canceled.

12. Other Weather Emergencies

In case of tornado or winter storm watches or warnings, staff will move children to safety. Parents/guardians are advised that they should use their own judgment in picking up their child during a storm watch.

14. Major Nuclear Accidents or Other Improbable Issues

In the event of a major event – i.e. train wreck, chemical spill, etc. – ALL students and staff members will be evacuated from their school and transported by bus to the Hastings Middle School (1000 11th St. W., Hastings, MN).

The decision to evacuate is made by the Goodhue County Emergency Operations Center.

Additional information will be announced on KCUE. No other options for dismissal will be allowed when an evacuation is necessitated by a nuclear emergency.

15. Early Childhood Screening

All children in the community must attend Early Childhood Screening prior to enrolling in kindergarten.

Early Childhood Screening is a state-mandated program offered through school districts at no cost to families. Screening is a careful check of a child's development including hearing, vision, speech, motor, cognitive, and social/emotional development.

Please contact Colvill Family Center to schedule your child's Early Childhood Screening.

BEHAVIOR GUIDANCE

At Colvill, we use Conscious Discipline to support and directly teach healthy, positive social/emotional skills and self-regulation.

Guidance strategies will be used to guide, correct, strengthen, improve, and help your child develop self-control. Teachers and assistants will:

- Teach strategies to resolve interpersonal issues
- Model and teach expected behavior & social interaction skills
- Set limits
- Provide direction
- Redirect children to constructive activities
- Set clear expectations
- Build self-regulation skills

In rare instances, it may be necessary for a child to be removed from an activity to a quiet area with a staff member. This will allow the child to calm down to help him/her gain control of their actions.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

1. Immunizations

According to the Minnesota Department of Health, we are required to have an up-to-date immunization record **before** your child starts school.



2. Illness

Colvill Family Center will follow the Red Wing School District's illness and Covid policies.

If you have doubts about the health of your child, please keep your child home. Also, please contact Colvill Family Center with symptom information regarding your child's possible illness.

If a child becomes ill while at Little Wingers Preschool, we will provide supervised isolation from the other children and contact you to pick him or her up as soon as possible. If we are unable to contact you, we will call the emergency name you provided on the child's enrollment form.

Temperatures should be normal at least 24 hours before the child returns to school. Students should wait to return to school for at least 24 hours after vomiting/diarrhea.

Parent/guardians will be notified in writing, when appropriate, if a child in the classroom has a contagious disease. You are urged to call the school nurse if there is any question before sending a child to school.

Since most diseases are spread before they are recognized, it is impossible to completely prevent exposure. However, parents/guardians are urged to keep children home if they develop any symptoms suggestive of a communicable disease.

Please call to let us know if your child will not be in class due to illness or any other reason, and if your child rides the bus, contact Hiawathaland Transit (1-866-623-7505) or First Student (651-388-8244).

3. Medical Emergencies

In the event of an emergency, we will attempt to contact you. If necessary, we will contact 911 and transport the child to Mayo Health Systems-Red Wing via ambulance. We will then continue to try to notify you. Staff members are trained in First Aid and CPR. In addition, the public school nurse is also available.

4. Medication

No over-the-counter or prescription medications shall be administered to a child by school personnel without written parent authorization. Prescription medications must be in their original container, and a doctor's order must accompany the medication. Please contact the Colvill office to obtain the proper forms.

5. Allergies / Asthma

If your child has asthma or any allergies to food, animals, bee stings, or other allergies, please let the teacher know.

6. Weapons

The Red Wing School District's Weapons Policy states: No student or visitor shall possess a weapon before, during or after school hours in any school district location. This policy includes any toy gun or weapon.

Information on this policy and other district policies are available on the district website at www.rwps.org.

7. Hygiene/Health

Running noses are inevitable, especially during the winter. We teach children how to wash their hands, blow their noses and follow good hygiene practices.

Please send 2 boxes of tissues with your child at the beginning of the year.

Phone Numbers

Colvill Family Center 651-385-8000

Hiawathaland Transit 866-623-7505

First Student Bus Company 651-388-8244



