



'Lil Learners Preschool

Early Childhood Program
Owatonna Public Schools

Applications due March 24th, 2022

'Lil Learners is:

- a targeted-service preschool
- for children who are 3-years-old by September 1, 2022
- for children not enrolled in other school district or community child-only preschool programs

Selection is based on individual and family needs. The information you provide on the attached application will determine if 'Lil Learners is the right fit for your family. Priority placement is given to children who are not participating in other early learning programs and are experiencing risk factors that will impact their future ability to succeed in school.

The Owatonna Early Childhood Initiative along with SMART transit will operate a preschool bus route this fall. This option would transport your child one-way, either to school or home from school. The cost would be \$1.00 per ride. Scholarships for rides are available to families that qualify through a United Way grant. No one is guaranteed a spot on the route. It will be based on the applications received. The route will be set up to serve the maximum number of students.

Classes will begin the week of September 7th. All classes are held at Roosevelt Community School, located at 122 E. McKinley Street. A sliding fee schedule is available to all families based on family size and income. The fee schedule is included in the application attached to this letter.

Parents are children's first and most important teachers. Children with involved parents are more successful in the classroom...and in life! To enroll in 'Lil Learners, parents must agree to participate in 25 hours of parent involvement opportunities. Many options can be used to acquire the 25 hours. Some include:

- Early Childhood Screening
- Parent-Child Conferences – 2 per year
- ECFE Classes
- Serving on Early Childhood Advisory Council – meets once a month
- Family Night at the Library
- Classroom "Take Home" Activities
- Adult GED or ESL Classes – attend while your child is in preschool
- Participate in special Community events for children & families
- Classroom Volunteer

Completed applications are due March 24th, 2022. Families will be notified of their enrollment the week of May 4th. Please note that applications will be accepted after March 24th, until all slots are filled. Applications received after all slots are filled will be placed on the waiting list.

Please call Roosevelt Community School at **507-444-7900** with questions or for additional information.

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