



AMAZON PRESCHOOL INFO SHEET

2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

OUR GOAL

At Amazon Preschool, we aim to spark a lifelong love of learning through nature and art while providing developmentally appropriate practices that support the whole child. Our goal is to create an engaging and fun educational environment through child-led play and teacher-led group projects that promote independence while also nurturing the social and emotional intelligence and creativity in preschool children.

WHO DO WE SERVE?

Our program serves families with children ages 3-5 years old. We prioritize creating an inclusive and welcoming environment for all children.

ELIGIBILITY

- Students must be 3 years old by the first day of school. We do not allow age exceptions.
- Students must be potty trained by the first day of school. See below for our definition of potty trained.

STAFFING

OUR TEAM

Our staff and volunteers are carefully screened and selected based on their skills, education, experience, and rapport with children. Staff members carry current First Aid/CPR cards and have received training in recognizing and reporting child abuse. All staff members and classroom volunteers have passed a criminal background check.

CHILD-TO-TEACHER RATIO (15:2)

The state of Oregon requires a ratio of 1 teacher to 10 children. We have committed to a ratio of 1:8. Our low teacher-to-child ratios allow teachers to focus on the individual learning styles and needs of each child in their care. This extraordinary level of commitment can be seen in the warm and supportive relationships the children develop with our staff members.

OUR PRESCHOOL

SCHOOL YEAR

Our school year runs from mid-Sep through the first week of June.

OUR CLASSROOMS

- Starting in the 2023 – 2024 school year, Amazon Preschool will have two classrooms. Each classroom will run on the same four-day-week schedule (Mon – Thurs, 9a – 12p).
- Please note that we do not offer extended day care.



CURRICULUM & ENVIRONMENT

Research shows that young children learn best through active interaction within a physical and social environment. Our curriculum offers opportunities and experiences that help build children’s self-esteem and independence and is focused on developing an experientially rich, developmentally appropriate environment. We nurture the whole child by integrating language, social, emotional, cognitive, and physical development needs into all learning experiences. We maintain a positive atmosphere where children are free to explore and interact with other children, adults, and their environment. We use natural and logical consequences when dealing with behavior issues. We view behavior issues as teaching opportunities that will encourage growth and responsibility in the child. Physical punishment is not used.

DAILY ACTIVITIES

While the classroom schedule varies day to day, each day has the following components:

WORK TIME	Children move about the classroom playing and selecting works of their choice while engaging in social and learning experiences.
CIRCLE TIME	Children sing songs and play games that encourage community building and growth in all areas of development.
SNACK TIME	Children wash hands, enjoy a nutritious snack, and help clean up.
BATHROOM BREAK	Bathrooms are available at all times. This is a time set aside for everyone to take turns going to the restroom.
STORY TIME	Children listen to books and participate in discussions that support social-emotional learning, the interests of the children, and/or connection to a classroom theme.
GROUP PROJECT	Children participate in an art project, science experiment, nature walk, or creative movement activity introduced by the teacher.
OUTSIDE TIME	Children strengthen gross motor coordination and build cooperation with others while engaged in outside play at Amazon playground or in the fenced-in playground behind building B.

PICK UP

Children will be dismissed by their teacher one by one. Pick up might also be at the playground if class is outside.

HEALTH POLICIES

IMMUNIZATIONS

The State of Oregon requires that a record of immunization is provided for each child. The State Department of Health sets an exclusion date (usually in the spring) that we are required to follow if you do not provide up-to-date immunization information or a non-medical exemption. We will contact you about this by the end of November. For more information, visit:

<http://www.oregon.gov/oha/ph/PreventionWellness/VaccinesImmunization/GettingImmunized/Pages>

MASKING

We follow state health department guidance regarding the changing recommendations around COVID-19 and masking. Current guidance does not require masking in preschool settings. Our teachers are skilled at fostering inclusive environments and are prepared to support children with whatever choice their family makes about mask-wearing in the classroom. Please talk to your child's teacher about your preferences around masking so that you can work together to best support that choice.

POTTY TRAINING

We recognize that potty training is a developmental milestone children reach at different times and that sometimes this process can be stressful. While there is a wide range of time in which a child can reach this milestone and be considered in the normal range of development, due to the structure of our facilities and our staffing **your child must be potty trained to attend Amazon Preschool**. We define potty trained as:

- Able to communicate that they need to use the bathroom
- Willingness to enter a bathroom without an adult (adult can wait outside the bathroom door)
- Able to pull down their underwear and pants and pull them back up
- Able to wipe after using the toilet
- Able to change clothes with verbal support after occasional accidents

Prior to beginning preschool, we encourage parents to help their child practice these steps both at home and in a variety of other bathrooms to build confidence and comfort.

PRESCHOOL FEES

PRICING

- \$35 Registration Fee (non-refundable); \$218 per month (9 months total)



- A 20% out-of-district surcharge is applied for non-city residents. You may have a Eugene mailing address but not live within the city limits of Eugene. Use our [address finder](#) to determine if you live inside city limits.
- A 5% sibling discount will be applied to each sibling so long as they are both enrolled at Amazon Preschool.

EUGENE RECREATION SCHOLARSHIP

Eugene Recreation offers income-based scholarships to City of Eugene residents for each calendar year. For more information, visit <https://www.getrec.org/2710/Rec-Scholarships> (English) or <https://www.getrec.org/5017/Programa-de-Becas> (Español).