# TOWN OF OGDEN PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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# 2021-2022 School Year 3- and 4-year-old Preschool Program Program Information

\*PLEASE READ ALL PAGES THOROUGHLY \*

NOTE: Our program is subject to change at any time based on CDC, NYSDOH, and Monroe County guidelines.

Ogden Community Center Preschool 269 Ogden Center Road, Spencerport NY Office: (585) 617-6174 Classroom: (585) 617-6173 Little Red Schoolhouse Preschool 416 Washington Street, Adams Basin NY Office: (585) 617-6174 Classroom: (585) 352-2119

# WELCOME!

#### Thank you for your interest in our Preschool Program.

Our program is designed to help children develop their social, physical, and cognitive skills. Each class provides an opportunity for imaginative play, social interactions, and activities that promote preschoolaged development.

For questions regarding tuition, enrollment, etc., please contact the Administrative Office. For specific program questions, please contact the Preschool directly.

Little Red Schoolhouse Preschool (LRS) 416 Washington Street Adams Basin (585) 352-2119

**3-year-olds:** Monday/Wednesday 9:30am-12:00pm

**4-year-olds (PK):** Tuesday/Thursday 9:00-11:30am 12:30-3:00pm Friday (optional 3<sup>rd</sup> day) 9:00-11:30am Ogden Community Center Preschool (OCC) 269 Ogden Center Road Spencerport (585) 617-6173

**3-year-olds:** Tuesday/Thursday 9:00-11:30am

4-year-olds (PK): Monday/Wednesday 9:00-11:30am 12:30-3:00pm Friday (optional 3<sup>rd</sup> day\*) 9:00-11:30am 12:30-3:00pm \* for consistency, please register for the same M/W/F timeslot

Classes not reaching the minimum number of enrollees may be cancelled. Maximums vary by program/location.

We have two locations!

## ABOUT THE 3-YEAR-OLD PROGRAM...

Our 3-year-olds will enjoy socialization and making new friends through language, play, and activity. The children are introduced to recognizing their names, shapes, colors, numbers, counting, and the alphabet. Activities include singing, games, and stories each day. Routines are established through guided play, circle-time activities, and dedicated learning centers. Children may participate in field trips throughout the year.

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## ABOUT THE 4-YEAR-OLD (PK) PROGRAM...

Readiness for kindergarten is the main goal of this program as we focus on preschool skills, independence, and communication. It is our hope that the children in our class will enjoy being a part of a class where we will make friends, experience new activities, and learn about our world through different themes. The children will strengthen their cognitive and fine motor skills, including: alphabet letters, numbers, counting, cutting, gluing, writing, and recognizing names, addresses, and phone numbers. We also provide opportunities for large motor skill activities, music, projects, stories, and free play as we practice listening and cooperation. Children and their adult chaperone may enjoy field trips throughout the year. This program is alternatively referred to as our PK Program.

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### NOTE REGARDING THE 2-YEAR-OLD PROGRAM...

Traditionally, our Department has offered a 2-Year-Old Program for our youngest friends. This program is currently being evaluated. If you are interested in this age group, please add your child's name to our Interest List. Thank you.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

#### • Age Requirements:

- Must be age appropriate by December 1, 2021
- Children may not move up a grade (i.e., from 3-year-old to 4-year-old), but may be able to move down/repeat a level after evaluation with our teachers.
- Potty Training: Children must be completely potty trained (indicating verbally that they need to use the bathroom, and independent while in bathroom) and diaper/pull-up free. We will work with you and your child. If after the first few weeks, we determine your child not to be completely potty trained, they will be removed from the program. Your child is welcome to re-enroll upon being completely trained, however we cannot guarantee that a spot will be open in the event this occurs.
- Approved facial coverings are required to be worn by all program participants. Participants must supply their own face masks. *The 2021-22 policy regarding facial coverings will be determined based on guidelines released as the school year approaches.*
- The school year runs from September 2021-early June 2022. Our program follows a holiday/break schedule similar to the Spencerport Central School District. A calendar will be distributed at the beginning of the school year.
- Class schedules may change due to enrollment. You will be notified immediately of any changes. Minimum numbers are required for classes to run.
- Drop Off and Pick Up: An adult is expected to bring their child to the building for drop-off and pick-up. Your promptness is appreciated. Repetitive, late pick-ups will be assessed at \$1 per minute per child. All adults on the account, as well as emergency contacts will be considered as acceptable pick-up persons.
- Indoor Play Time: This time allows the children the opportunity to choose activities while interacting with other children. The classrooms are filled with toys, play equipment, puzzles, and more items designed to stimulate a child's imagination and natural curiosity.
- Outdoor Play: Both preschool locations have playground areas for outdoor play. Students enjoy outdoor time frequently through the year.
- Snacks: An individual-portioned snack is supplied on most days; however, various times throughout the year parents may be asked to bring in a pre-packaged treat for parties or special activities.
- Birthdays: A birthday is a very special day for a child of this age. A small part of the class time is used to celebrate this special day. If you wish to send a treat for all to share, please consult with your child's teacher a few days ahead.
- Holidays: We celebrate holidays with parties or special activities (on or around that day). Notice will be given prior to these special days.

- Field Trips: Field trips may be scheduled throughout the school year. A parent/guardian is required to attend the field trip and stay with the child through the duration of the trip. An additional fee may be collected where necessary. The field trip will replace the in-school class time for the day.
- Newsletters: These will be distributed periodically via email/backpacks and will provide information about what activities and themes your child will be enjoying.
- Supplies: Families will receive a supply list prior to the first day of school. Please label all supplies with the child's first and last name.
- Discipline: We use a variety of different methods to help correct unacceptable behaviors, including positive reinforcement, redirection, and reminders. Occasionally, a child may be asked to sit for a few minutes for aggressive or repeated difficulties. Parents/guardians will be informed of situations that arise.
- Student Behavior Policy: Although aggressive and defiant behaviors can be commonly seen in preschool, we strive to encourage our students to "use words", "be kind", and show respect for others. We will work with parents to readjust negative and/or defiant behaviors (such as scratching, biting, hitting, using aggressive behavior, not following directions), our responsibility for the safety and welfare of others may dictate that after (2) two incidents we reserve the right to remove a child from our program. Refunds may not be given in the case of a removal.
- Allergies: Upon registration, please make us aware of any allergies or sensitivities your child may have, such as animals, foods (juice, dye, nuts, etc.), environmental, etc.
- Illness: Our Illness Policy, including quarantines, will align with current CDC, NYSDOH, Monroe County, and Spencerport School District guidelines. If your child is sick, please keep them at home.
- Medications: We ask that any medications your child requires be administered at home, before or after class. If you administer medications at home that may have an adverse effect on your child during the classtime (i.e. laxatives), please keep them at home. Our teachers will only administer emergency medication- epi pen or inhaler. If this type of medication is required during class time, it will only be administered to your child if:
  - It is in a properly labeled ORIGINAL container.
  - It is accompanied by a doctor's prescription note.
  - The parent has given written directions to do so.
- Immunizations: All students entering our program are required to submit proof of vaccinations or immunity to diphtheria, polio, tetanus, pertussis, measles, mumps, rubella, hepatitis B, varicella (chicken pox), HiB, and PCV. Changes to this list will be announced.
- Closings: Please tune to our local news stations to find out Spencerport Central School closures. The OPR website and Facebook/Instagram pages will also be updated. In the event Spencerport <u>ELEMENTARY</u> Schools:
  - are closed, all AM/PM Preschool classes will be cancelled.
  - $\circ~$  are delayed, all AM/PM Preschool classes will be cancelled.
  - close early, all PM Preschool programs will be cancelled (\*Exception- PM Preschool classes that are already in progress will finish out their class).

- Absences: We appreciate a call/email when your child is sick or will be absent. Excessive absences may result in removal from our program.
- Our program will align with/comply with/reference CDC, NYSDOH, Monroe County, and Spencerport School District
  procedures and guidelines. Your child's health and safety are of utmost importance. Our program is subject to
  changes and closures at any time based on these references, procedures, and guidelines.
- A 'meet and greet' will be scheduled prior to the start of the school year. You will be able to bring in any supplies, see the classroom, and meet the teachers.
- Please check your <u>www.ogdenparksandrec.com</u> account information periodically to confirm all information is up-todate. We strongly encourage your email notification settings be set to accept emails for general notices and cancellations. From time to time, your email setting may deactivate due to internal email bounce backs or fullinboxes. Please check this periodically to continue receiving emails. We are not responsible for emails not received due to inactive accounts or incorrect email settings.
- Upon communication with the individual account holder, OPR reserves the right to:
  - 1. Cancel the registration of any child that does not meet age requirements.

2. Cancel the registration of any child that does not have completed, up-to-date documents uploaded to their account upon registration.

- 3. Cancel the registration of any child that is behind on payments, including late fees.
- 4. Change the requirements needed for enrollment at any time prior or during the school year.
- 5. Transfer payments from one month to another, as necessary.

# **REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

- WHEN TO REGISTER: Registration will begin at 10:30am on Monday, April 12.
- HOW TO REGISTER: Registration <u>must</u> be completed online at <u>www.ogdenparksandrec.com</u>. Create a household account if you do not already have one and add all family members (\*Note: a family member is one whom resides in the same household). You will need to add your child as a member. Add the programs you are registering for to your cart. Upon checkout, you may choose to pay online or print a registration form and bring it in/mail it into our Administrative Office with payment. <u>Your spot is only secured with registration and payment</u>. Space is limited; you may only register at one location.

The following documents are required upon registering. We highly recommend uploading these documents prior to registration. These may be uploaded into your account by going to the account member and scrolling to the bottom of the screen to upload 'required documents'. Emails/faxes of this documentation will not be accepted.

- Current Medical Records (if you visit the doctor after registration, please upload new records)
- o Current Immunization Records (if you visit the doctor after registration, please upload new records)

In addition, you will be required to complete the following custom form. This may be completed ahead of time by going to the member and scrolling to the bottom of the screen to 'custom forms'. Select the form and complete to add to the member's account.

- Preschool Registration: Emergency Medical Information Form
- FEES:
  - Registration Fee: Made at the time of registration. This payment will automatically default to June/Month 10 by our Registration software. The registration fee is refundable (minus a 25% processing fee) until 12:00pm July 28, 2021.
    - 2 days/week- \$100 R/\$105 NR
    - 3 days/week- \$140 R/\$145 NR (2 days a week/payment + optional 3<sup>rd</sup> day addition)
  - Monthly Tuition Fee: 9 total payments
    - Payment is due **before** the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month (September through May). Payments are accepted in advance.
    - 2 days/week- \$100 R/\$105 NR per MONTH per child
    - 3 days/week (regular session + optional Friday class)- \$140 R/\$145 NR per MONTH per child
    - Payments accepted online by signing into your account at <u>www.ogdenparksandrec.com</u> or in-office.
    - Payments accepted include cash, check, money order or credit (credit/debit payments incur a 1.85% + \$.25 processing fee. This fee is not refundable.) Cash/Check/Money order payments accepted in-person by bringing payments to the Ogden Parks and Recreation office prior to the deadline.
  - Late Fee: Payments received on/after the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month will incur a late fee of \$25 per person. Removal from the program may occur if the monthly payment and late fee are not received within 30 days of due date.

#### • WITHDRAWALS/REFUNDS:

- All withdrawals must be made in writing (letter, email, or fax). All refunds must be approved by the Ogden Town Board. Refunds may take 2-4 weeks to process/receive.
- $\circ$   $\,$  If you choose to withdraw prior to the start of the school year:
  - Registration fee (including non-resident fee) is refundable until 12:00pm, July 28, 2021. There is a 25% processing fee for all withdrawals prior to 12:00pm, July 28, 2021.
  - Registration fee (including non-resident fee) is non-refundable after 12:00pm, July 28, 2021.
- If you choose to withdraw during the school year, you must do so prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month. We cannot refund months that are already in progress. The registration fee will not be refunded.

# **PAYMENT POLICY**

Pay online: Log onto your account at <u>www.ogdenparksandrec.com</u>. Online payments incur a 1.85% + \$.25 processing fee (the processing fee is not-refundable).

Mail/Bring payments to: Ogden Parks and Recreation 269 Ogden Center Road Spencerport NY 14559

Payments accepted: Cash, Check or Money order (made out to the Town of Ogden), or Debit/Credit (Visa, Mastercard, Discover; all credit payments incur a 1.85% + \$.25 processing fee.)

- 1. Payment is due **BEFORE THE 1**<sup>st</sup> of each month, September through May (9 payments). Payments are due regardless of: weekends, holidays, school closings, Town of Ogden closings, postage date, family vacations, or illness. Payments may be made in advance.
- 2. A late fee of \$25 will be assessed for payments received on/after the first of each month. Accounts that carry a late balance for more than 30 days may result in cancellation from the program.
- 3. Payments can be made online, mailed, given to the OPRD Administrative Office, or dropped in the OPRD mail slot in the office door during regular business hours at the Ogden Community Center. The south door is open most evenings and weekends, and the mail slot is accessible for your convenience.
- 4. To ensure proper credit to your account, please write the child's name in the memo section of the check or on the outside of envelope if making an in-office payment. If using your bank's automatic bill pay, please make sure your child's name is included and the check is delivered to the office/address above.
- 5. Ogden Parks and Recreation does not give notice to make a payment.
- 6. There will be an additional charge of \$25 for any check if returned by the bank for any reason. The new payment must be made in cash.
- 7. We will accept bank checks. Automatic payments can be set up through your bank. Please note the student on your check.
- 8. Sorry, we cannot accept post-dated checks.
- 9. We cannot accept partial payments. Full payments must be made. Example: If a payment is coming from two different sources, payment(s) must come into the office at the same time. All partial payments will be mailed back to you.
- 10. Receipts will be provided when payment is processed. <u>Please keep all receipts.</u> Receipts may be accessed from your online account at <u>www.ogdenparksandrec.com</u>.
- 11. End of the year statements may be accessed from your online account at <u>www.ogdenparksandrec.com</u>. Our tax # is 16-6002328.
- 12. Any records reprinted by our office may incur a fee of \$.25/copy and be subject to a 1-2 week wait time.