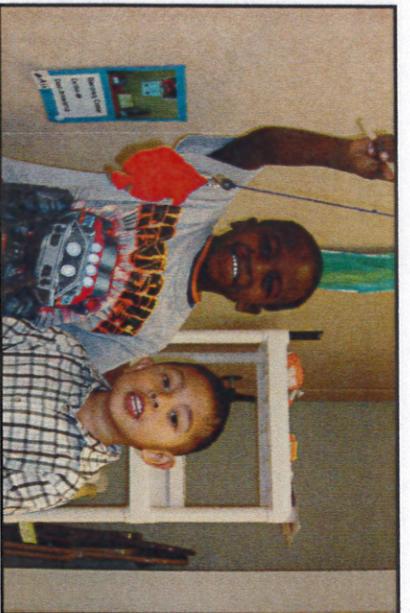




The Grand Island Public Schools Preschool Program is dedicated to providing three- to five-year-old children with a foundation for school success! Our preschool program provides a nurturing and caring environment that develops each child's potential for learning through a balanced age-appropriate, individually appropriate, and culturally and linguistically appropriate practices.



The inclusion of preschoolers with differing abilities and from diverse cultures enhances learning opportunities for all children about caring, acceptance, and interdependence with others.

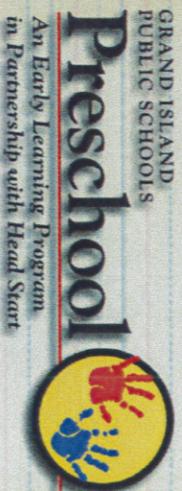
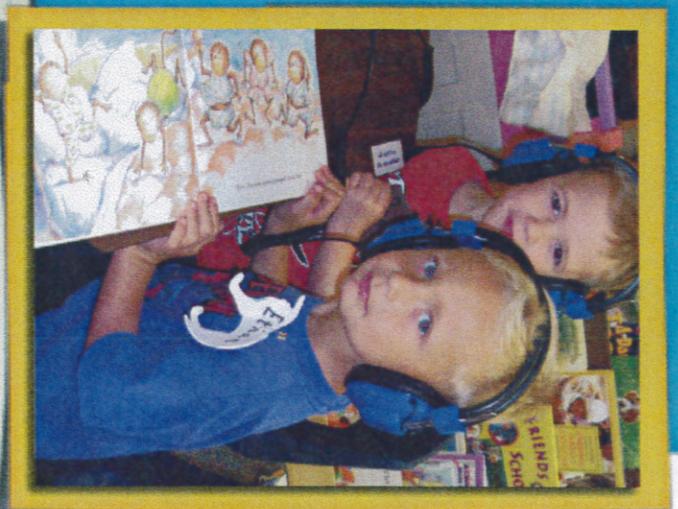
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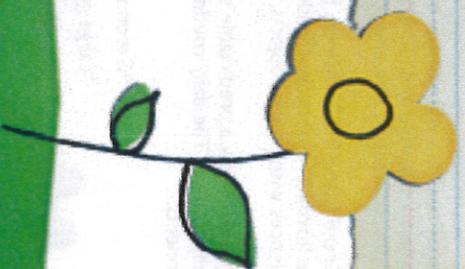
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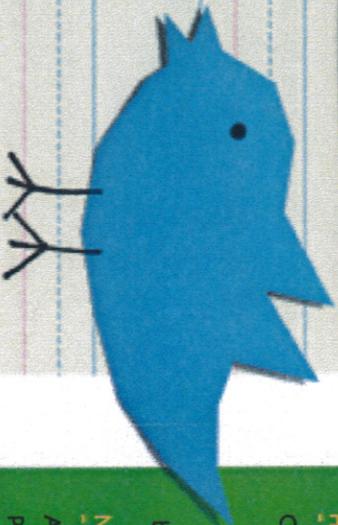


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Classes are in session for 3.5 hours Monday through Thursday.

**Morning sessions begin
at approximately 7:50 a.m.**

**Afternoon sessions begin
at approximately noon.**

Preschool teachers will provide opportunities for learning in mathematics, language and literacy, science, health and physical development, creative arts, and social/emotional development. The Grand Island Public Schools Preschool Program utilizes an "active learning" approach. Children have direct, hands-on experiences with people, objects, events, and ideas. Classrooms follow a predictable sequence of events known as the daily routine. The daily routine includes the following components:

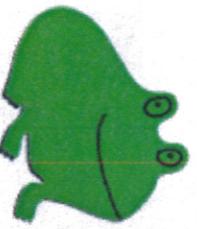
*Greeting time

*Large group/small group

*Planning time, work time, clean-up,
recall time

*Meal time

*Outside time



Children and families qualify for the Grand Island Public Schools Preschool Program based on factors such as income, the need to learn English as a second language, and family needs. Children who are eligible for kindergarten (turn 5 on or before October 15th) are not eligible for the Preschool Program.

The goal of the Grand Island Public Schools Preschool Program is to provide a comprehensive child development program which focuses on education, health, nutrition, family involvement, and family support.

EDUCATION

The preschoolers' learning will be nurtured and challenged through awareness, exploration, and inquiry. The preschool will provide a combination of child-initiated and teacher-directed learning experiences individually and in large and small group settings to enhance the child's cognitive, social, emotional, and physical development.

HEALTH

Children are required to have a physical upon entry into school and need to be current on their immunizations. Children will have vision and hearing screenings, and their height and weight will be monitored.

NUTRITION

A meal will be served during each session of preschool. Children in the morning classes will receive breakfast, and the children in the afternoon classes will receive lunch.

Parents are required to provide payment for breakfast or lunch for their child to participate in the Grand Island Public Schools Preschool Program, unless the child qualifies for free meals through the school district's Nutrition Services Department.



FAMILY INVOLVEMENT/SUPPORT

Family involvement is encouraged through parent meetings, conferences, home visits, and other opportunities that promote positive home-school relationships. Because home visits are such an important component of the GIPS preschool programs, they are required in order for a family to have their child attend.