

Shaler Area Preschool



The Family and Consumer Science Department of Shaler Area High School offers a Laboratory preschool program for tenth, eleventh and twelfth grade. Students enrolling in the Preschool Labs must have first taken and passed the Child Development Curriculum. This course familiarizes them with theories and skills in the area of childcare. The students learn to work with children under the direction of a qualified instructor educated in the field of Early Childhood Education.

The Preschool laboratory is planned to benefit both the preschool child and the high school student. The preschool child will benefit as a participant in a carefully planned educational program. The high school student will benefit by observing and working with small children.

The program is open to all children in the Shaler Area School District between the ages of three and five years. The child must be three years old by September 1st and must be potty trained. Registration is held each spring for the next school year. Registration cost is \$100 per semester or \$180 for the entire year, if paid in full.

The preschool is in session Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 8:15-10:30. The other days of the week are when the high school students prepare and analyze laboratory experiences. The preschool will be held in room 104, the Family and Consumer Science wing. It will be in session for approximately 13-14 weeks each semester. Vacations, holidays, and snow days of the school district will be observed by the preschool.

Preschool students will be included in activities such as: The Pledge of Allegiance, calendar, weather, stories, puppets, music and movement, art activities, small muscle manipulation, dramatic play, household activities, sand and water experiences, and large muscle skills. Each week, the high school students will choose and develop a particular concept, which will be the theme and influence the preschool activities.

Approximately three weeks prior to the beginning of preschool. Letters are sent to inform of the orientation date and also the date of the first day of school. Please contact Mrs. Tara Wells at 412-492-1200 ext. 1104 with any questions!