

## 3-Year- Old Preschool Welcome Letter

Dear Parents,

Hello. My name is Colleen Ronek, and I am the 3-year-old Preschool teacher at the Mechanicsville Little Knights Learning Center. This letter is to introduce myself to you, inform you about my experience in early childhood education, and let you know my plans for the curriculum. First and foremost, I would like to thank you for giving me the opportunity to watch and help your child grow academically and socially during this school year.

I am originally from Dubuque, Iowa and moved to Clarence six years ago. I moved onto a hobby farm where I care for a variety of animals. I have multiple dogs, cats, miniature goats, miniature horses, miniature mules, and a miniature parrot. I love all animals, and all my animals are very spoiled. I am a proud mother of a 30-year-old son with autism and ADHD. I help coach my son's Special Olympics team year-round. I became a sport fanatic because my son loves attending sporting events. Some other hobbies I enjoy are concerts, wood working, sporting events, and a variety of crafts.

My love for teaching children came from my mom. I am the second oldest of six children in my family. I always helped my mom take care of my younger siblings and the multiple children my mom babysat daily. After years of babysitting for multiple families, I attended a community college to earn my Early Childhood certificate. Over the last two years, I took online college credits to receive my Early Childhood Teacher Licensure diploma in July 2023. I worked at multiple daycares in Dubuque and one in Tipton that ended with the daycare closing. I worked for 11 years at a daycare in Dubuque and travelled back and forth Monday through Friday for a year and a half before deciding to find a job closer to home.

I am hoping to have you as the parent help make your child's school year successful. The curriculum that the daycare/preschool uses is called Applebaum Curriculum. Besides using that curriculum, your child will be working on the alphabet and other topics which I will cover in monthly newsletters. Every week your child will be bringing home a library book to read at home, a literacy game to play with you, and a show-and-tell bag. I make it easier on parents by having

everything come back on the same day weekly. It is a great learning experience, but children can feel a little sad if they forget to bring it in to share and receive a new book or game.

**Library books:** The books will be from my personal collection of books so I would appreciate adult supervision with my books. Please take the time to read the book to your child. I feel books are very important for children, but I will end the library books if they are misused. Please return them in the labeled Ziplock bag. Books will be sent home and returned on Wednesdays.

**Literacy Games:** Most of the games will come home in Ziplock bags so please return them in the bags. The games will also be sent home and returned on Wednesdays. Please help your child explore and learn with the games.

**Show-and-Tell:** I will send a Ziplock bag home every week with the theme or letter we are working on. Please return the bag with ONE item in the bag to share with the class. I ask that the item fits in the bag or at least ask in advance if the item is too large. We will also do this activity every Wednesday.

Preschool will be Tuesday through Friday this school year. If your child attends daycare on Monday, your child will still be learning with extra playtime those days. Play is a very important for your child's learning, imagination, and socialization. Most of my activities will seem like play to your child.

I am very excited to enjoy the school year with your child and watch them grow. Any time you have a question or concern, please feel free to message me through Brightwheel or talk to me in person.

Colleen Ronek  
3-year-old Preschool Teacher

### 3 Year-Old Preschool Supply List

- 1- 24 pack Crayola crayons
- 1- 10 pack Crayola WASHABLE markers
- 1- 4 pack dry erase markers (colorful)
- 1- 12 pack colored pencils
- 1- bottle of ELMERS glue
- 1- 6 pack ELMERS glue sticks
- 1- 2 pocket folder
- 1- 1 inch 3 ring binder
- 1- 2 inch 3 ring binder
- 1- tray of water color paints
- 1- box of Kleenex
- 1- box of gallon size ziploc bags
- 1- box quart size ziploc bags
- 1- package of baby wipes
- 1- package of large paper plates
- 3- 25 pack of standard page protectors (75 total)
- 1- change of clothes (top, bottom, underwear, & socks)
- 1- backpack (that can hold a folder and book safely)