



How to select a Preschool / Playgroup?

Curriculum

Yes No

Well written curriculum that prepares your child for school

Daily language experiences that support literacy and language development

Early Childhood Education credentialed and caring teachers

There are activities to do at home that connect parents with what is happening at school

There is high quality children's literature available

Children are read to at least twice a day

Writing materials are available to children

Best Practices approach to early childhood education, evidenced by the use of a variety of the latest research-driven learning techniques

Math and science skills developed with hands-on experiences

Observation-based assessments that demonstrate your child's progress

Portfolios that collect your child's work and capture learning

Wide range of instructional methods used, such as small group learning, whole group learning, and individual learning.

Facility

Yes No

Warm and inviting atmosphere

Greeted with a friendly smile.....

Classrooms' security cameras



Current licenses and permits posted

Smoke detectors and fire extinguishers

Adequate indoor activities space

Bathroom in every classroom with child-sized fitments
and baby diaper changing area

No signs of needed repair or maintenance

Center Environment

Yes No

Positive communication with children

Developmentally appropriate activities

Staff is calm, patient and loving

Staff easily identified with name badges and/or uniforms

Teachers are First Aid and CPR certified

Overall environment is pleasant

A planned activities schedule

Separate environments for infants and younger children



Parent Communication

Yes No

Parents are informed of accidents and unusual incidents ...

Emergency weather plans are provided

At enrollment, written statement provided for appropriate behavior guidance techniques

On-going school event notices available

Newsletters are available

Safety

Yes No

Teacher supervision at all times

Age-appropriate learning materials

Easily accessible hand washing facilities

All dangerous products, such as medicine and chemicals, are kept out of reach of children

Classroom Environment

Yes No

Quiet areas (library, small manipulatives, etc.)

Dramatic play areas

Problem solving areas

Creative areas

Construction areas

Reading and math activities

Computers equipped with software for young children