



The Bon View School



FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

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Director's Notes

What a wonderful start we have had to our 50th year! We are so thankful to be able to re-open our school and celebrate this big milestone. Thank you to each one of you in our Bon View community for your support in opening this year. We appreciate your patience and cooperation as we all adjust to our new routines and schedules. We are all in this together and applaud your diligence in following our new policies and procedures. Working together, we are keeping our children and staff healthy and safe while providing a quality preschool experience for the children!

I am so very proud of the children and how well they have transitioned to their new classrooms. As I walk through the school and playground, it warms my heart to hear the sound of children playing joyfully. I know I am not alone in saying how much I have missed the sights and sounds of Bon View in action.

We look forward to getting to know each of you and your children further. Please do not hesitate to call or email me with any questions. I am always here to help!

Lisa Zambito
Director



It is very important that we have your correct contact information. If you have any changes in your address, phone number or e-mail address, please let the school office know as soon as possible. Thank you!

Pony Pictures

We are very excited for our Pony Pictures in October. The children love seeing and riding on the ponies! Please feel free to send in "cowboy/cowgirl" accessories for your child to wear on their picture day. How fun it is to have a "Western Look" for your pony picture! Be sure to label all items with your child's name.

If you have siblings enrolled at Bon View, we will work with their teachers to have their pictures taken together during the school day. This year we will not be able to photograph children that are not enrolled at Bon View.

Important Dates

October 12, 13 and 14 – Pony Pictures

October 9 – **SCHOOL CLOSED** – All teachers to attend training

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If you are cleaning out any closets, we are in need of extra pants and underwear size 2T through 5T as back up clothing here at school. We would appreciate any donations you have.

Teacher Training

Please note The Bon View School will be closed on **Friday, October 9th**. Our entire staff will be completing virtual training. As a requirement of our National Accreditation, our teachers must accrue 20 plus ongoing education hours each school year. This ensures that our staff members are up-to-date with current educational philosophy, early childhood curriculum, and on-going research in our field. We then bring that knowledge right back to our classrooms where it is put into action to ensure that your child is receiving the best early childhood education possible!

No Phone Zone

Carpool: We kindly ask that you help in our effort to make our carpool line a **"no phone zone."** When the carpool line starts moving, we ask that you refrain from using your cell phone. This will help keep our children and staff safe when loading and unloading and also allow parents to engage with their children during this time.

We thank you for your patience with our carpool as we began this new year. Our staff is learning everyone's faces and the children are getting into a nice routine. We are getting faster loading in the afternoon thanks to your help and cooperation!

Facebook and Instagram

Please like our Bon View School page on Facebook. We post cancellations, closings, reminders and other general information on this page throughout the year. We also have an Instagram page where we post frequently. Our school calendar can also be found on our website at www.bonviewschool.com to refer to as needed.



Play-Based Learning

Here at Bon View, we believe that a play-based curriculum is the most appropriate and effective preparation for young children. Spontaneous, voluntary, self-directed play provides children with greater cognitive, physical and social understanding of the world around them. Although it may appear to us that children are "just playing", for children, play is the hardest work they do as they grow and develop. Teachers at Bon View create an environment that supports and enhances children's play and actively engage with children in the class while honoring each child's individual skills and abilities.

Learning through play leads to these advantages:

1. Helps build a strong educational foundation by developing a broad knowledge base and real-life skills. *"Play is the cement holding the foundation together and it is the foundation that will in turn support the house of higher learning."* Lisa Murphy
2. Helps develop an abundance of imagination and creativity. These children can "think outside of the box" and be problem-solvers by constructing limitless solutions and not just striving for one right answer. *"It can't be in the mind until it's been in the hand and the body."* Bev Boss
3. Helps create a natural love of learning that continues throughout their lives.
4. Helps support happiness throughout life by providing well-practiced social skills and successful interpersonal relationships. Play turns children into social human beings.
5. Builds self-esteem and promotes risk taking in trying new things and ideas in all areas.