

About our school

Bonny Doon Preschool is a privately run, nonprofit, nonsectarian preschool.

Location

Our school is located in the beautiful redwoods of the Santa Cruz Mountains. We are on the site of Bonny Doon Elementary School at 1492-1 Pine Flat Road, Santa Cruz.

Ages served

Our program is open to children age 2 to first-grade entry. Children enrolling in August must be 2 years old. We enroll year round as space allows. We have a minimum of one teacher for every seven children attendance.

Hours

* **TK program meets** on Monday-Friday curriculum focusing on children who turn 5 between December 2, 2024-June 2, 2025.

* **Pre-K program meets** on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays curriculum focusing on children who will turn 5 between June 3, 2025-December 1, 2026

* **Preschool program** meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays. This curriculum will focus on children ages 2 to 3 years old.

Bonny Doon Community Preschool does not discriminate against applicants and students on the basis of race, color, and national or ethnic origin.

Registration

In order to secure a place in the preschool we ask for a \$250.00 registration fee. This fee will be applied towards your first month's invoice, which will include the first month's tuition and last month's tuition as deposit.

Annual resource fee

There is an annual resource fee of \$135.00 per child. This annual fee is fixed, regardless of program you choose.

Monthly Tuition 2024-2025

AM Program 8:30am-12:30pm

5 days \$1136

3 days \$792

2 days \$550

Aftercare 12:30pm-2:45pm

4 days \$455

3 days \$395

2 days \$274

Drop In care

Drop-in care is available, in both the AM and Aftercare programs, for enrolled children when we have space available. The drop-in fee for 2024-2025 will be \$17.00/hour.

Bonny Doon Community Preschool 2024-2025



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Welcome to Bonny Doon Community Preschool



Sample Daily Schedule

Our Philosophy

We provide a safe, child-centered, developmentally age-appropriate learning environment where children can learn and develop through play at their own individual pace. Bonny Doon Community Preschool is a cooperative effort by families and staff to raise happy, healthy, compassionate and socially confident children.

At Bonny Doon Preschool we emphasize learning through play in an environment that is carefully planned to encourage discovery, independence and social interaction. In order to develop self-esteem and social competence, children are encouraged to help themselves, help others, take initiative, and become increasingly independent.

Our Staff

Our staff is carefully selected in order to provide the best possible care and education for your child. We employ people who are warm and nurturing, who understand child development and can apply their knowledge in the classroom. Our staff is committed to meeting the developmental needs of your child in a caring and safe environment and is committed to following the NAEYC Code of Ethics.

8:30am: Greeting at the door.

8:30-9:45am: Work time.

This is the core part of the preschool day. During this time children pursue child directed focused activities chosen from the shelves in the classroom. Teachers also offer projects daily such as art, cooking, or science that the children are encouraged to participate in.

9:45am-10:20am Morning Circle/ Small group activities.

We gather as a group to talk about the days of the week, the weather, who is at school and other events of the day. We may play a group game or read a story. At least once per week the children are excused from circle to join their small group. This time allows the teacher to focus the children on specific skills.

10:20-10:40am: Snack.

Children stay in their small groups to eat snack. We provide a nutritious, low sugar snacks that promote healthy development. Children serve themselves and clean up afterwards.

10:40-11:40am: Outside play.

Children spend this time outdoors. We have a beautiful outdoor yard with a variety of play areas, a large sandbox, a National Wildlife Federation Certified habitat garden and a custom built climbing structure.

Children can participate in an outdoor project or let their imaginations run wild during outside play-time.

11:45-12:05pm: Lunchtime circle

This circle usually focuses on music, yoga, movement and literacy.

12:00-12:30pm: Lunch.

12:30pm: Our morning program ends.

Aftercare program begins.

12:30-1:30pm- Activity/Work Time

We offer an activity as well as opportunity to pursue child directed focused activities chosen from the shelves in the classroom or outdoors

1:30-2:00pm- Rest Time

Children rest on provided mats and blankets. The children read quietly and listen to soft music.

2:05-2:30pm- Afternoon Snack

We provide another nutritious, low sugar snacks that promote healthy development. Children serve themselves and clean up afterwards.

2:30-2:45pm-Pick Up

The children engage in a quiet activity or game or the teacher reads a story. Afternoon children are picked up.