

Transportation

Transportation is provided for all children. Buses are designated specifically for the Village and transport only young children. In addition to the drivers, each bus has an assigned monitor that provides the support needed to ensure children's safety. Buses are equipped with special seat belts. In addition, some of our buses also provide equipment necessary to transport wheel chairs. Smaller children are provided car seats. Our buses are an extension of the classroom and provide children opportunities to reinforce learning and social skills through music, literature and finger plays.

Parent Involvement

We believe that parents are a child's first and most important teachers. There are many ways parents can participate in the program; the best way is by volunteering. This may include providing materials, going on field trips, helping at parties, sharing a special talent or interest with the class, and/or reading to the class.

Family Fun Nights

Families are an important part of the TEAM at the JELV. Family Fun Nights are activities designed specifically for young children and their families. Scheduled once a month, they allow families to meet one another and to get to know our staff in a more relaxed atmosphere.



School Hours

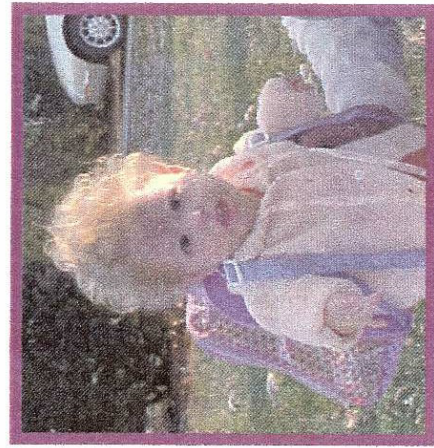
Classes are held Tuesday through Friday. The morning session meets 8:15 am to 11:15 am. The afternoon session meets 12:00 to 3:15 pm.

Meals

Children are provided a well-balanced meal everyday. Meals are free for all income eligible children. Meals are served family style, allowing children to serve themselves. We believe that mealtime provides a wonderful opportunity for learning independence, social skills and self-sufficiency.

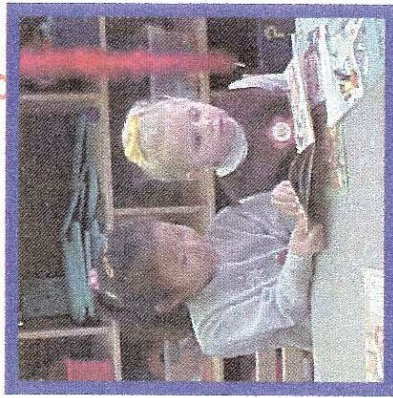
Mission

The Jessamine Early Learning Village team of educators, along with our students, their families and the community, is committed to a high-quality, child-centered environment that promotes success for all children. We strive to provide a strong foundation with high expectations, which supports our community of life-long learners. We believe fostering positive, caring attitudes with our children and their families is essential to their education and future.



Jessamine Early Learning Village

Preschool Program



Welcome to the Jessamine Early Learning Village (JELV), a school created specifically for Jessamine County's youngest citizens! Child sized furniture, a child centered curriculum and prominent displays of children's work all help us to create an atmosphere that is welcoming, loving and secure. We know that giving children a strong start is the first step to a positive school experience.



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Eligibility

Children eligible for preschool according to

State guidelines include:

- **Any child 4 years of age on or before October 1 of the current school year, that is eligible for free lunch
- **Any child 3 or 4 years of age with special needs which may include difficulties with speech, language, motor skills, or other developmental delays. There are no income guidelines for children with special needs.
- **Children 4 years of age on or before October 1 of the current school year who are not eligible under State guidelines but choose to pay tuition (limited space available)

Program Focus

The preschool program focus is on the children by:

- * Addressing the age, development and individuality of the child
- * Encompassing the "whole" child's development- intellectual, language, emotional, social and physical
- * Emphasizing hands-on learning through the use of manipulatives and learning by experience.
- * Immersing the children in print-rich environment
- * Encouraging creativity through the arts.



Curriculum

The curriculum in preschool classrooms is a combination of instructional theory and best practice. Time is included in the daily schedule for children to plan their work in centers, actively participate, and then review what they have done. In addition, we provide a variety of hands-on activities and materials for children's use every day. Themes (i.e., All About Me, Fire Safety) are designed to include activities that extend children's knowledge of the subject, while exciting and motivating them.

Children who have special needs have their goals imbedded into the regular daily activities so that, with adaptations, everyone participates at their developmental level. Additional staff such as physical therapists, occupational therapists, orientation and mobility specialists, speech language pathologists, teachers of the visually impaired, teachers of the hearing impaired and other special education teachers are assigned to assist the children with special needs. Assistive Technology (i.e., switches, special computers) is also available as needed. Children are encouraged to make their own choices and develop self-esteem.

Opportunities to develop self help and social skills are a part of every day's activities, including the implementation of a guidance program called Second Steps designed to teach, model and reinforce skills in the areas of empathy, impulse control and anger management. Diversity is embraced and opportunities to involve families and community members of different cultures allows us to extend this learning. Creativity and self-expression, along with motor skills and concept development are all supported and extended through art, music, library and physical education classes. All classrooms are language based with additional opportunities to develop communication skills through sign language and Spanish instruction.

Parent Resource Center

This Center is located at Warner Elementary and provides free services to all Jessamine Early Learning Village families. It provides parents and professionals with current information and resources regarding different disabilities and related support services. Contact Vickie Shearer at 885-1851.

Family Resource Center

The Family Resource Center offers a comfortable atmosphere to share and gather information about issues of concern to the growth and development of families. The Center links parent, children, staff, community and social service agencies. Workshops and topical sessions are available throughout the year. A Health Educator is available to do classroom presentations, home visits and/or presentations to families. Contact Christy Neutzman or Sandy Hall at 858-0789.



Home Visits

During the school year, the preschool staff will plan a minimum of two visits to each child's home. Visits are prearranged so that they are convenient for parents. These visits allow families and staff to become better acquainted and to share information.