Little Raiders University Mission Statement

Our Mission at Little Raiders University is to support our students in reaching their highest developmental, social, and academic potential. We will create and maintain a developmentally appropriate environment for learning while empowering families to participate in and enhance their children’s education. Our students are encouraged to expand their thinking while developing a positive self-image in a rich learning environment for exploring and discovery.

The curriculum is based upon Connecticut Preschool Standards, as well as Connecticut Early Learning and Development Standards (CTELDS), and for some students with Individualized Educational Plan (IEP) goals and objectives.

Preschool Hours

Derby Public Schools offers preschool to Derby residences that has children ages 3-5, Monday – Friday 9a.m. – 3p.m... Little Raiders University follows the Derby Public Schools calendar.

Attendance

If your child is not going to attend school for any reason please contact the school by 10:00a.m. and let a staff member know. (203) 446-4224

Parent Involvement

Derby Public Schools believes that all children need caring adults in their lives who take an active interest in their learning. When parents are involved children do better. Parents are encouraged to stop in and participate as much as possible.

Drop off and Pick up Policy
Parent/Guardian must sign in and out their child daily. Staff cannot release a child to anyone who is not on the pickup list. When anyone other than the parent / guardian picks a child up they must show a picture id. The bus company will not release a child to anyone other than a parent/ guardian. If you are not going to be at the bus stop a written note must be given to the classroom teacher prior to your absence stating who will be at the bus stop. Please do not call the school, the school cannot accept verbal request. All requests must be in writing.

**Parking**

Parking is located behind Derby High School. There is an arrow on a pole which points up the small hill right before the south parking lot.

**Clothing**

Students should wear comfortable clothing that the parent/guardian will not mind getting dirty. We paint and do messy art projects daily that can be messy. All of our art material is washable, although stains do happen. Please also keep a complete extra set of clothing labeled in your child’s cubby (shirt, pants, socks and underwear). Sneakers are the safest shoes for active play. Please be mindful of the weather, we go outside daily so we ask each child to be dressed appropriate for the weather conditions.

**Field Trips and Special Guests**

We will have monthly field trips and special guests. Please check your child’s red folder daily for field trip permission forms. Your child will not be able to attend a field trip without the field trip permission form filled out completely.

**Breakfast, Lunch and Afternoon Snack**
Breakfast, lunch and an afternoon snack will be provided by Little Raiders University. Please check the menu on the web site carefully and check for food allergies. If a parent would prefer to send breakfast, lunch or the afternoon snack in, please make sure all food items are labeled and given to the classroom teacher.

**Behavior Policy**

A very important part of the preschool experience is helping children learn how to get along in the world, enjoy being with other children and follow the direction of an adult other than their parent. A caring and positive approach is taken at Little Raiders University regarding behavior management and discipline. The teachers will focus on the positive behaviors of the children and reinforce those behaviors as often as possible. Our goal is to help the children develop self-control and responsibility for their actions in a loving, educational environment.

Our Discipline Procedure:

1) Encouraging children to use their words when having a disagreement with another child, facilitating children in their attempts to settle their own disputes.
2) Redirecting behavior when this seems potentially effective.
3) Separating a child from the group.
4) Discussing with children individually about their behavior.
5) Making parents aware of disciplinary concerns (Incident Report)

**Discipline Policy for Disruptive Behavior:**

- Disruptive behavior will be addressed in an Incident Report. This will be completed to document any inappropriate behaviors that directly impact other children, staff members, or the group as a whole. This report will be shared with the parent and will explain how the behavior has affected others and how it was resolved. The incident report will be sent home, signed by the parent/guardian and returned to school the next day to the classroom teacher.
- If a child has difficulty managing his/her behavior on a recurring basis, parents will be asked to meet with the child’s teacher and Preschool Director.
- If the child’s behavior continues to be inappropriate, consistently disruptive, and/or dangerous, it may be necessary for the child to be sent home for a time to be determined, or removed from the preschool program altogether.
Sick Policy

Please refer to Derby Public Schools parent handbook. We follow the same guidelines as the Derby Public Schools District policy.