

Preschool Program Monthly Summary July/August 2023

Enrollment

	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June
Classrooms	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
Total Children Enrolled	128										
*Head Start	80										
NC PreK	91										
*Other (Title I, Tuition, Exceptional Children)	7										

*Children may be counted in more than one category

Head Start Percentage in Attendance

	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June
All Classrooms											
Tryon Conner											
Tryon Roush											
Tryon Smith											
Tryon, Eadus											
Polk Central Crowder											
Polk Central Conner											
Polk Central Burnett											
Sunny View Upton											
Saluda Freck											

All PreK Students Percentage in Attendance

	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June
All Classrooms											
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Family Services

- The new Family Services Specialist trained with retiring staff on preschool procedures, ERSEA, Head Start, NCPREK, and more.
- Attended Early Childhood Impact Summit in Asheville on June 24, 2023. Hosted by North Carolina PBS. Attended the virtual version as well on July 15, 2023.
- Continued enrollment meetings with families and our classrooms are bursting at the seams. We are at nearly full enrollment and doing our best to serve all the 4 year old children in the county.
- Looking forward to the new school year and working with the Head Start and NCPREK Policy Councils as well as the Polk Community Resource Collaborative and The Early Childhood Homeless Task Force.

Support Coach

- At the beginning of the summer I attended the Impact Early Childhood Education Summit in Asheville. PBS hosted the event and I enjoyed the day with co-workers. What a great day!

- During the summer I helped family service with enrollment, creating child files, and communicating with parents.
- Teacher workdays are very busy with helping teachers with classroom set-up, cleaning classrooms, and supply needs.
- I am also responsible for ordering supplies, purchase orders, and maintaining the records of purchase transactions.

Health and Safety

- Pre-k Nurse did Health and Safety training with teachers and teacher assistants.
- Pre-k Nurse helped with CPR/First Aid class for employees.
- Pre-k Nurse is going through all child files and following up on any medical conditions/health concerns that the school will need to know about and making sure everything is in place for the first day of school.
- We are very excited about the new school year and can't wait to see all the smiling faces on the first day!

Education

- First day—hooray! Our classroom teachers and assistants are so excited to meet their children and families—and begin a great new school year! All have been very hard at work on prepping classrooms, meeting children and families, and getting ready to start!
- We are so excited to have two new Preschool Teachers (Meghan Eadus; Destine Conner) and Preschool Teacher Assistants (Melanie Aguirre and Chastity Faltraco) join our classrooms! They each bring unique talents, gifts, and expertise to our early childhood program, and all are excited to begin a wonderful new school year.
- We are implementing our new early childhood curriculum (*Creative Curriculum for Preschool, 7th Edition*) within and across our classrooms. As part of this process, eight of our nine teachers participated in an onsite, full-day training (*Introduction to Creative Curriculum*) on August 1st. Additionally, all preschool staff (teachers, assistants, and administrative staff) will participate in two, half-day training sessions on August 15 & 16 (*Implementing Studies to Promote Inquiry-Based Learning*). Finally, all classrooms will be implementing *Creative Curriculum's First Six Weeks: Building Your Classroom Community* lesson plans to dive deeper into the curriculum.
- Preschool Education Specialist completed a two-day *Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS) Preschool-Grade 3* training and is currently working on her reliability certification.
- Classrooms are receiving hands-on support (such as assisting with room arrangement, cleaning...etc.) to prepare their learning environments and classrooms for children.

Program Management

- We are very excited to begin the new year! This will be the best year ever in preschool!
- Much facility work has been completed this summer. The entire Polk Central PreK wing was painted and looks so good. Outdoor paving behind the wing has much improved access to the building. The new wing at Tryon Elementary to house Forbes Preschool is really a sight to see. The progress is evident and we are so looking forward to this new facility opening during this school year.
- Our central office preschool staff have worked intensely the past two months to be ready for staff and children to return to us. Changes have been made to curriculum, the way we support staff, and processes have been reviewed. We are off to a great start and so much to look forward to this year.