

Incredible Years Preschool schedules open house; enrollment open

Incredible Years Preschool will welcome families to a preview of the upcoming school year at an open house that is set for 6 to 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 13, at 1312 Patton.

"We really encourage parents to take advantage

of this opportunity to visit Incredible Years," Director Shari Schneider said, noting enrollment is still open but space is limited. "Anyone interested in learning about our curriculum and activities is welcome."

The first day of school is Aug. 16. Sunflower Diversified Services, a non-profit agency, owns and operates Incredible Years. Tuition is based on a sliding-fee scale, making preschool accessible to more families.

"Oftentimes, families must choose to send their children to preschool for fewer days to make it affordable," Schneider commented. "However, at Incredible Years, children in each age group attend the same number of days, allowing the same opportunities to learn."

Hearing and vision screenings also are offered, along with a healthy breakfast and snack.

"In addition, with our teacher-to-child ratio, we provide more

small-group activities and one-on-one support," the director noted. "We are planning even more experiments and hands-on activities this year."

"Our staff also collaborates with community partners such as Sunflower's birth-to-3 early intervention team and Helping Hands Preschool to provide screenings and evaluations."

Zoo Phonics is part of the preschool's program, which promotes understanding and memory in all areas of learning. It is used in reading, spelling and writing, and the information is presented in a playful and useful manner.

Incredible Years focuses on the Kansas Early Learning Standards and a curriculum that includes: free play; social/emotional



During playtime at Incredible Years Preschool, Grace leans out of the window to talk with Jeanette, foreground, and Leslee.


development; language, literature and communication; arts and sciences; and physical development. Schneider noted the preschool has highly trained teachers who are working many hours

this summer preparing for the fall semester.

"Each teacher has incredible knowledge about early childhood development and works closely with families to ensure every child meets developmental milestones," Schneider said. "If a concern arises, our teachers help families find the services their children may need through our community partners."

For more information, contact Schneider by calling 620-792-4087.

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