



# Play and Prep Preschool Newsletter

February 2026

## News from the Directors

January brought us snow and cold! Much of January it has been too cold to be outside, but we have still been able to experiment with the elements. The classes have been bringing the winter inside as they paint snow and icicles and explore what happens when they melt.

We have a few remaining spots in classes for next year. If you have friends that are looking for a preschool please share the registration form. Registration for 2026-2027 is available here: [2026-2027 Registration](#). Registrations can be put into our drop box on the playground fence.

Play and Prep is hiring! If you or someone you know is looking for a part time posting, please reach out to us. Staff members receive a 50% tuition discount. Please contact us for more information and a job description.

Jody Halley & Emily Johnson

## Important Dates and Information

Feb 19 Glow Family Engagement  
5-7 pm: [Sign-up](#)  
Feb 16-17 NO SCHOOL  
Presidents' Day and Lunar New Year

Support Play and Prep Preschool year round with Mabel's Labels:  
Check out our fundraising page at **Mabel's Labels** at [www.mabelslabels.com](http://www.mabelslabels.com) and click on Support a Fundraiser then find Play and Prep Preschool in the school listing. Play and Prep will receive a percentage from your order.

## **School Calendar:**

[2025-2026 Calendar](#)



This spring, we are thrilled to announce our participation in Neighborhood Forest's 17th Annual Free Tree Program as part of our Earth Week celebrations. Please fill out the following online registration form by March 15th and receive a free tree (6-12 inches in size) during Earth Week (April 18-24).

<https://www.neighborhoodforest.org/registration-services/?school=92257>

You will also have the option to donate and / or purchase additional trees and tree-related educational products (via the registration form). Please note this is optional and any purchases/donations will help fund more free trees for kids in the program. Trees will be delivered to us by Earth Day (April 22nd).



Check out the books at Scholastic and order online and have them shipped to school or home. Feel free to shop on our school page: <https://orders.scholastic.com/WVTBR>

**Class Order Due Date:** 3/3/26

**School Code:** WVTBR

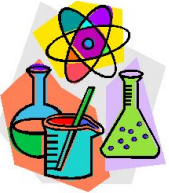
### Creative Movement



Welcome to the 2026 Winter Olympics in Italy! In Creative Movement we will "compete" in some Winter Olympic events in the Big Room. There will be some bobsledding on scooters, luge on the Pickler triangle, curling, and some snowboarding on our balance boards. Our Olympians can also practice their ice hockey skills that they learned last month in Creative Movement.

Emily Johnson

### STEM



Our January STEM session explored lots of bridges; we talked about strong shapes, how bridges are supported, and practiced building our own bridges (and boardwalks) with a variety of materials. Many of our engineers worked out the correct lengths of support cables for an illustration of suspension bridge structures! In February, we'll look at ramps and inclined planes through an Olympic lens. Think bobsleds, snowboards, and ski jumping! For legal reasons, all stunts will be performed by small plastic toys unless Mr. Ryan gains roof access.

Ryan Macy

### Yoga



Namaste! This month in yoga class we will be celebrating Valentine's Day with Friend Yoga. We will partner off and do some gentle yoga moves by mirroring one another. We will finish our class by listing off people we love and singing "Skidamarink".

Kiersti Critchfield

### Family Engagement Night



We are excited about Family Engagement Night on Thursday, February 19th between 5-6:45pm! Enjoy time with your child as we share a story, make a glow in the dark creation, and have fun with STEM and sensory activities. This event is for Play and Prep students and parents /caregiver (no siblings). The sign up is available here: [Glow Family Engagement](#). Please only sign up for one time slot. This is not a drop off event, but a time to enjoy playing with your child.