



Berri Patch Preschool Enrollment Package

Thank you for visiting Berri Patch Preschool today and touring our school. We look forward to your family becoming a part of our preschool community.

Berri Patch enrolls all children on a first-come, first-serve basis.

The care and early childhood education of your child is the primary concern at Berri Patch Preschool. Each child is a unique individual. Children will be guided in cognitive, emotional, social, aesthetic, creative, and physical activities that encourage and lead them to recognize their role in our community and to become valuable, contributing members of our society as adults. Perhaps most essential, is the development of a lifelong desire for learning.

Berri Patch Preschool goals call for:

- Recognition of each child as an individual and appreciation of each child for his/her own distinct personality.
- Providing a stable, clean, safe environment for each child while away from home.
- Creation of an educationally stimulating climate that encourages the development of each child's decision-making ability and creativity.
- Guidance of each child toward advancement to the self-discipline necessary to function with their peers and adult and as they travel the road to adulthood.
- Formation of basic intellectual skills, knowledge about our natural world, and an appreciation for our community and society.
- Preparation of each child for Kindergarten by assisting them in their development of the skills necessary to succeed both in school and life.

Berri Patch maintains continuity and consistency throughout our program by conducting cooperative staff planning, training and a variety of joint activities involving the various groups of children. All teachers are encouraged to express their individual educational strengths as they work with children and in their cooperative efforts with other teachers. It is our desire for each child who enters our doors to look at each day as an exciting new adventure and to warmly look back at their experience with us and see it as a cherished part of their childhood.

We want the Berri Patch Preschool to be a place where...

- 🍓 Children are valued for their meaningful work.
- 🍓 Staff are valued for their zeal, knowledge, and commitment.
- 🍓 Children's learning and growth are intertwined.
- 🍓 Staff create places and spaces for caring relationships.
- 🍓 Children have the ability to wonder, to explore, and to soar.
- 🍓 Staff delight in being with children and share in their joys.
- 🍓 Parents are valued as their child's first and most important teacher.
- 🍓 Together, we appreciate the child's ability to play.

- 🌻 Parents receive support in their child rearing roles.
- 🌻 Together, we realize we are always learning.
- 🌻 Parents enthusiastically promote their child's hands-on approach to play.
- 🌻 Together, we value each moment of each day.

Early childhood research shows that young children learn primarily through play. Play is an essential part of childhood. It offers the freedom children need to try out new ideas, practice developing skills, and imitate adult roles. It allows children to learn social skills and develop friendships.

Children are knowledge builders. They apply what they have already learned to different situations. Exploring, discovering, questioning, and guessing are important activities. "Readiness" skills are developed through play, and concepts are formed. Children gain a sense of mastery through their activities. They become the active decision-makers in their own scenarios. Our center promotes the development of the whole child through play.

Activities in the classroom reflect our commitment to provide a developmentally appropriate experience for all children. The Florida Association of Child Care Management, our accrediting association, is a strong advocate for developmentally appropriate practices and activities for young children.

We believe that children learn through active hands-on involvement with materials, equipment, and activities. During active play, a child's mind, body, and emotions develop, and true learning takes place. We encourage children to be independent in basic care routines because these routines can provide as much opportunity for meaningful learning to occur as experiences planned in the interest areas of the classroom. Our goal is to provide a stimulating, sensitive environment that supports the child's social, emotional, physical, and cognitive growth.

Children learn how to form positive, caring, cooperative relationships by interacting with children and adults. Through these interactions, children learn to get along with others. When a child experiences success in play and is encouraged to make choices, communicate thoughts and feelings in a positive way, and accept responsibility for actions, the child learns social skills that will last a lifetime. Early childhood play experiences affect learning and personal growth throughout life. Our objective is to assist families in the task of providing a strong foundation for their child's future development.

As a new parent we invite you to tour our facility with your child again, on or before their first day of school. We will escort you throughout the school, explaining our program in detail and introduce you to your child's teacher and the schedule of their day. Our doors are always open to you to visit anytime.

Upon enrollment you will receive our **Parent Handbook** that will introduce you to our program and policies in a formal manner. You will also receive monthly newsletters, calendars, and menus. Each day you will receive a "Daily Report", so you know how your child's day progressed.

There are a multitude of activities throughout the year, including: an "open house" in September, a "Fall Festival" in October, special Thanksgiving activities, a Holiday performance by the children in December, and many other activities for the children and

their families throughout the year. It is our hope that you will participate in these activities and others. Your participation in your child's education is important to his/her success. There will be many opportunities throughout the year for you to volunteer. Even if you just read a book to your child's class, or help their teacher with a project, your child will be so proud!

Berri Patch would like to address any concerns you may have regarding your child and their day immediately with you. Any time you feel you need to discuss an issue of importance with our Director, Ms. Debbie, please ask to speak directly to one of them immediately. If they are not on the premises, they will be contacted to speak to you on the phone or will return to the center to speak to you in person. Your concerns are extremely important to us. Please do not let a major concern wait! We are never too busy to discuss your child with you.

A Parent – Teacher Conference may also be scheduled through a member of management. If you ever have a concern regarding your child, please do not hesitate to schedule a conference with us.

This package contains the following documents:

- DCF Enrollment Form
- Enrollment Agreement Form
- Personal Information
- Child Observation – Parent Consent Form
- Sick Child Attendance Limitations
- Required Health and Medical Forms
- Emergency Medical Care Form
- Conscious Discipline / Behavior Management Policy
- Expulsion Policy
- Activities / Fieldtrip Permission Form
- Media Policy
- Photograph Permission and Release
- Nutrition and Food Projects
- Computer Clock In/Out Daily
- Smoking Policy
- Biting Policy
- Child Care Food Program
- Tuition Express
- Stay Connected
- A Map of the Layout of the Center
- Know Your Child Care Facility
- Child Abuse and Neglect in Florida Brochure
- Influenza Brochure
- Getting In / Out Flyer
- Rilya Wilson Act

Again, thank you for your interest in Berri Patch Preschool. We look forward to sharing with you in development, care, and early childhood education of your child.

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State of Florida
Department of Children and Families
CHILD CARE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT

Student Information: Date of Birth: Sex: Date of Enrollment:

Full Name: Last First Middle Nickname

Child's Physical Address:

Primary Hours of Care: From To

Days of the Week in Care: M T W Th F Sa Su

Meals Typically Served While in Care: Breakfast AM Snack Lunch PM Snack Supper

Family Information: Child Lives With:

Parent/Guardian Name: Parent/Guardian Name:

Address: Address:

Home Phone: Home Phone:

Employer: Employer:

Address: Address:

Work Phone: /Cell: Work Phone: /Cell:

Relationship to the child: Relationship to the child:

Custody: Mother Father Both Other

Mother/Guardian Email: Father/Guardian Email:

Medical Information:

I hereby grant permission for the staff of this facility to contact the following medical personnel to obtain emergency medical care if warranted.

Doctor: Address: Phone:

Doctor: Address: Phone:

Dentist: Address: Phone:

Hospital Preference:

Please list allergies, special medical or dietary needs, or other areas of concern:

Emergency Care Plan instructions including symptoms, medication, and notification in the event of an actual emergency (if applicable):



Emergency Contacts:

Child will be released only to the custodial parent(s) or legal guardian(s) and the persons listed below. The following people will also be contacted and are authorized to remove the child from the facility in case of illness, accident or emergency, if for some reason, the custodial parent(s) or legal guardian(s) cannot be reached:

Name	Address	Work#	Cell/Home#
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Helpful Information About Child:

- Sections 7.1 and 7.2, of the Child Care Facility Handbook, require a current physical examination (Form 3040) and immunization record (Form 680 or 681) within 30 days of enrollment.
- Section 7.3, of the Child Care Facility Handbook, requires that parents receive a copy of the Child Care Facility Brochure, "Know Your Child Care Facility" (CF/PI 175-24), **or**
- Section 8.3, of the Family Day Care Home/ Large Family Child Care Home Handbook, requires that parent(s) receive a copy of the family day care home brochure, "Selecting A Family Day Care Home Provider" (CF/PI 175-28).
- Section 7.3, C.3 of the Child Care Facility Handbook, requires that parents are provided food and nutrition policies used by the child care facility.
- Section 2.8, of the Child Care Facility Handbook, requires that parents are notified in writing of the disciplinary and expulsion policies used by the child care facility, **or**
- Section 2.3, of the Family Day Care Home/ Large Family Child Care Home Handbook, requires that parents are notified in writing of the disciplinary and expulsion policies used by the family day care provider.

Your signature below indicates that you have received the above items and that the information on this enrollment form is complete and accurate. I hereby grant permission for the staff of this facility to have access to my child's records. **I have received a copy of the Berri Patch Preschool Parent Handbook.**

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date