**Teaching Philosophy**

Small Fries Preschool is a part-day early childhood program for children ages 3–5 years old. We provide a secure and comfortable learning environment for your child to discover and cultivate his/her own unique abilities and interests by creating a developmentally appropriate atmosphere of stimulation, opportunity and discovery.

Classroom teachers utilize the Colorado Early Learning and Developmental Guidelines to develop both individual and group lesson plans. Our curriculum includes a balance of structured, teacher-led lessons and play-based, child-directed activities. Our style of intentional planning provides a comprehensive approach to each child’s unique social, emotional, cognitive, creative and physical development.

Children develop readiness skills in all areas of development through quality interactions with both adults and peers in the classroom. We teach self-regulation and self-esteem through respect for ourselves, each other, our belongings and our environment. Children learn conflict resolution and problem solving skills through positive guidance and redirection.

**Teaching Staff in the Classroom**

Knowledgeable and compassionate Early Childhood Teachers maintain professional certifications awarded through the State of Colorado’s Office of Early Childhood. Annual training hours are completed by all staff in the areas of health & safety, social/emotional learning and developmentally appropriate practices. Using both primary caregiving and continuity of care strategies, teachers develop consistent and long-term relationships with both children and families. Bi-annual parent/teacher conferences allow teachers to share their observations through collected data and assessments, providing families with a comprehensive understanding their child’s unique developmental learning process.

**General Information**

City of Loveland Parks & Recreation’s Activity Guide contains current program session dates and is available at the Chilson Recreation Center.

View the guide online at cityofloveland.org/activityguide

**Small Fries Preschool**

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There also is a private group page maintained for currently enrolled Small Fries families only to share classroom photos and receive classroom reminders.

Learn more! cityofloveland.org/smallfries

- Small Fries Preschool Program
- Preschool prep series
- School break mini-camps
- Themed event parties
- Tot/preschool classes

A state-licensed and quality-rated comprehensive preschool program for your 3 to 5 year old that includes a balance of play-based, child-directed discovery and teacher-led small group activities. Kindergarten-readiness is ensured through the encouragement of self-regulation, critical thinking and problem-solving skills.
Small Fries Preschool generally follows the Thompson Valley School District calendar for major holidays, breaks, and all weather-related or emergency closures. Complete school-year calendars are set annually and distributed to enrolled families in the Parent Handbook.

Enrollment & Registration
Small Fries Preschool hosts an annual Open House in late January. Registrations for fall preschool sessions begin in early February. Classroom tours are available at any time during the school year.

Program Fees and Tuition Payments
An annual $35 per child, non-refundable registration fee is due at the time of enrollment. Session fees are calculated based on the number of classes scheduled. Families may pay the session fee in full or divide it into monthly tuition payments. No refunds or household credits are given when classes are cancelled due to inclement weather. Pre-K class fees are higher due to increased staff time spent on obsenational assessments needed in preparation for Kindergarten. Pre-K students participate in a wider variety of enrichment opportunities such as gymnastics and visits to the Public Library in order to observe them in a broader spectrum of environments for these assessments.

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