



Ms. O'Connell's Preschool Class Bowman Primary School 2024-2025

Welcome to Preschool! My name is Kelly O'Connell and I will be your child's teacher this year! This will be my eighth year teaching in Lebanon City Schools and my 36th year teaching. I started my career in Northern Virginia where I taught preschool special education, kindergarten and first grade for 14 years. I moved to Ohio in 2003 and have taught in preschool classrooms at both Hamilton County and Warren County Educational Service Centers and Wilmington City Schools before joining Lebanon City schools in 2017. I have taught preschool for 6 years and Jump Start Kindergarten for 1 year here at Bowman. I enjoy reading, taking walks, watching movies and playing games.

You have received a letter from our school office with a parent/teacher conference time scheduled for mid-August. This allows us an opportunity to meet both you and your child in a quieter setting to get to know one another, as well as to complete necessary paperwork and explain our program.

Children develop so much during their preschool years. As you prepare for the school year, I ask that you take a moment to think of how you'd like your child to grow this year. Are you hoping that they will grow by fostering friendships? Learn independence? Be academically ready for the transition to kindergarten? Develop problem-solving skills? During our initial parent-teacher conference, I'll be asking you about how you envision preschool for your child so that I can better adapt the classroom to suit his/her needs.

I look forward to seeing you soon!

Ms. O'Connell

Your child will be assigned to either the morning or afternoon class. This year's class times are:

Morning Class: 9:15 am - 12:00 pm Monday - Thursday

Afternoon Class: 1:15- 4:00 PM Monday - Thursday

ALL children should bring:

- One **LARGE** book bag - big enough to fit an 8 ½ x 11 inch pocket folder (without having to fold it please) and **NO** wheels please
- 2 rolls of paper towels
- 1 large box unscented tissues
- 1 pack of Crayola washable watercolors
- 1 **full** change of clothes (shirt, bottoms, underwear, and socks) in a gallon sized ziploc bag, labeled with the child's name on the bag
- 1 Family photo to be displayed at school on a Meet My Family bulletin board

Girls should also bring:

- 16 or 24 pack Crayola crayons
- 1 pack of 100 (10 inch) white paper plates



Boys should also bring:

- 1 bottle foaming hand soap
- 1 jar Clorox disinfectant wipes



If your child is NOT yet toilet trained, please also provide:

- **Diapers or pull-ups** that can be **refastened** - If you choose to send pull-ups, we do request that you send the ones with the **resealable sides**. As we get low we will send home a note requesting more.
- **UNSCENTED diaper wipes**, 1 large container
- **Clorox Disinfectant wipes**, 1 large container