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# -- Busy Bees Early Learning House --

## **Mission Statement**

The mission of Busy Bees Early Learning House is to provide a rich, nurturing and joyful environment where students can build cognitive, physical, social-emotional, and creative skills through the power of PLAY!

### **Program Philosophy & Goals**

At Busy Bees Early Learning House, I believe in fostering a love for learning through play, exploration, and hands-on experiences. By providing a warm, welcoming, and secure environment where children feel valued and encouraged to express themselves, I will strive to help children become independent, confident, inquisitive, life-long learners. With a strong foundation in social, emotional, physical, and academic development, my program equips children with the skills and confidence they need to embark on their kindergarten journey with enthusiasm and success.

#### Curriculum

Play is at the heart of our curriculum. Through play, children develop critical thinking skills, creativity, problemsolving abilities, and social interactions. Play encourages curiosity and fosters a love of learning that lasts a lifetime. My program is designed to support growth in all developmental areas. We focus on social-emotional learning, helping children recognize emotions, build resilience, and develop empathy. Fine motor activities, such as cutting, drawing, and writing, strengthen hand-eye coordination and prepare children for academic success. I introduce foundational academic concepts through engaging, age-appropriate activities. Children explore phonics to build early literacy skills, experiment with science to understand the world around them, develop math concepts through hands-on experiences, and begin writing to express their thoughts and ideas.

#### **Experience & Background**

For over 20 years, I have been enriching the lives of students by providing a positive learning experience for children. I have my BS in Elementary Education and a minor in Early Childhood. I taught 1st grade for 2 years in the Bonner Springs School District and then continued my education to earn a MS in Curriculum & Instruction and Education Administration. In 2006 I started teaching 1st grade at Manchester Park in the Olathe School District. After a year I moved to 2nd grade and taught for 10 years. I opened Busy Bees Early Learning House in September of 2017 and have loved every minute of teaching preschool! By creating Busy Bees Early Learning House, I am excited to bring my extensive, real-world classroom experience to a more private, individualized setting with your child.