

This is a summary of what Peru's ***Bright Futures*** Preschool program has to offer:

- Highly qualified teachers who have their Bachelor's Degree in Child Development or Speech Pathology and their Master's Degree in Early Childhood Education. That means they attended a university for **SIX years** to learn how to work with young children and be able to provide rich experiences for preschool children.
- Free transportation to and from school (even sitters who reside in the district).
- The children will continue to attend school for half-day sessions (2.5 hours per day) Monday through Friday.
- Our program uses Early Learning Standards to build lesson plans designed with incremental learning. Teachers implement curriculum, which focuses on child involvement and hands-on experiences. A new focus is a phonemic awareness program where children learn to segment words and hear sounds in words which will make them more successful in reading and spelling.
- State of the art Technology, which includes interactive projectors and iPads. Interactive projectors are the latest technology and allow teachers to actively engage students with an interactive screen. It looks like a big white board. Students can come and navigate through software, write on the whiteboard, watch video streaming, and more. There are many age appropriate activities in which our preschoolers will have an opportunity to have a hands-on experience with the software! It's very impressive! Most of you know about iPads. These are smaller interactive tablets that have educational applications downloaded. Children can interact with the iPads and learn their letters, numbers, and even listen to books on the iPads!
- Each one of our Preschool classes takes the students on at least one community based field trip. This experience allows the students to learn more about their community and teaches them how important it is to follow school and society rules when out in public.
- The preschool teachers expose the students to positive experiences essential to helping children develop intellectually, socially, emotionally, and physically.
- Preschool children participate in special area classes such as music and art with our fully certified art and music teachers one time per week.
- Preschool children have the experience of going to our library at Northview and checking out library books! Adults read to children every day. Language and literacy skills are developed through meaningful experiences, such as telling stories; reading stories and poems; dictating stories; seeing print in use; participating in dramatic play; communicating informally; and experimenting with writing, drawing, copying and inventive spelling.
- Fine- and gross-motor skills are developed through play activities. Fine-motor skill activities include pegboards, stringing beads, construction sets, puzzles, drawing, painting and cutting. Gross-motor skill activities include balancing, running and jumping. Children have opportunity throughout the day to move freely, using large muscles within indoor and outdoor activity areas.
- Self-confidence and positive learning experiences are built by encouraging children to accomplish meaningful tasks and to help them participate in learning successful experiences.

With free transportation being offered, we will continue to run the buses like we have in the past. One session/route will consist of students living on the west side of Peru. The other session/route will consist of students living on the east side of Peru. The east and west routes

and whether they will be in the a.m. or p.m. will be determined when we find out the numbers of students needing transportation and what their session preference will be. This way of offering transportation for our youngest children works so well because the children are not on the bus longer than 30 minutes. So, I cannot guarantee bus routes or be able to tell parents for certain if bus transportation will be available until mid-June. I can tell you I'll make every effort to try to get transportation to all students who need it.

Each child entering Peru's Bright Futures Preschool must be screened prior to entry. We hold screenings at Northview School during the months of August, January, and April. Children must be 3 years of age or older to be screened.

Listed in the table below are the tuition fees for the 2015-16 school year that are based on your family income. If you feel you may qualify for a "reduced" tuition, then you are required to fill out a financial assistance form that will be given to you with registration paperwork.

	<u>Annual tuition</u>	<u>OR</u>	<u>Payable in 4 Quarterly Installments</u>
*Tier I:	\$150.00 per year	OR	\$37.50 payable 4 times per year
*Tier II:	\$600.00 per year	OR	\$150.00 payable 4 times per year
Tier III:	\$1050.00 per year	OR	\$262.50.00 payable 4 times per year

* In order to qualify for these reduced tuition rates, a financial assistance form must be filled out listing all of the family members' income. Parents will be notified in early May explaining which Tier your family qualifies. The \$50.00 registration fee is in addition to the tuition and it is paid by all preschool parents, regardless of income. There is also a \$50.00 milk fee for the year if you want your child to have milk with their snack.