

#### Did You Know...

Boca Grande Preschool has been providing year round early education to island children for 35 years!

Our BGP parents work all over the island! You may know some of them from...

- The Gasparilla Inn
- Boca Grande Health Clinic
- Millers Dockside
- The Island School
- South Beach Restaurant
- Boca Bay Master Association
- Gulf to Bay Sotheby's
- BGFD



Check out our BGP website!

Find information about the preschool, important dates, past newsletters and many photos and videos.

Donations can be made, and tickets for our annual Beach Ball will be available for purchase on the website!

### Developmentally Appropriate Practices

Children enrolled in the Boca Grande Preschool experience opportunities to explore, learn, and grow in a nurturing and supportive environment.



BGP uses Experience Early Learning Curriculum which is aligned with the Florida Early Learning and Development Standards. The program focuses on children building skills in eight domains of early learning: physical development, approaches to learning, social & emotional development, language & literacy, mathematical thinking, scientific inquiry, and creative expression through the arts. Teachers also integrate STEM activities and American Sign Language into the curriculum.

In our 4–5-year-old classroom, children build upon their phonological awareness and early literacy skills through use of Wilson Language Fundations.

The Fundations Pre-K aligns with the NAEYC Early Learning Program Accreditation Standards and the Florida Developmental Standards.



An additional benefit is that the Island School Kindergarten also uses Wilson Language so children

who transition to kindergarten at the Island School are already familiar with the program.



In 2022 we initiated use of the Ages and Stages Questionnaire. The ASQ is a developmental screening tool that provides a snapshot of children's development. Teachers complete the screening with

children in late September, and follow up with activities to support development in areas of need.









We encourage anyone who would like to volunteer in a classroom to call us. Volunteers are required to take a "Safe Environment" training and be fingerprinted/screened through Catholic Charities. DCF Licensing allows each volunteer up to 9 hours per month. If you feel you might like to join a classroom to read, play an instrument, assist with activities, etc., please call us at

## Thank You....

We would like to thank friends of Nancy Ireland for donating books to the preschool in honor of Nancy's 90th birthday!



We always welcome book donations for classrooms and our "Lending Library"!

### 2023 Graduates







In May, our 3 graduates visited the Island School and their Kindergarten classroom. They are all ready and excited for the transition.

# BGP enjoys participating in many events throughout the year! 2022-2023 Community Events & Happenings



Santa at the Gasparilla Inn



Beach Ball 2023



Women's Club Bike & Golf Cart Parade





Easter Egg Hunt







Annual Field Trip to Boca Grande Fire Department

### New Family Orientation

On August 9th our new families visited the preschool! Families met their teachers, toured the school and played in classrooms.















## Here are a few of our goals for 2023-2024

- ⇒ A visit from MOTE Marine
- ⇒ A STEM show from Science Scope
- ⇒ Creating a vegetable garden
- ⇒ Creating a butterfly garden

- ⇒ Professional ECE Memberships for Staff
- ⇒ 2 Staff attendance at NAEYC & FLAEYC conferences
- ⇒ Attendance at Early Learning Leaders Conference

## First Day of School August 16th, 2023















Here's to a great year of Love, Laughter & Learning!



Thank you for your support

