

## Gretna Early Education Center

The Gretna Early Education Center is a private preschool for 4-year-old children in the Gretna Public School District. The Center is staffed by certified Early Childhood Teachers. One classroom is located at Palisades Elementary and two classrooms will be located at Gretna Elementary. The program focuses on the unique development of young children, in accordance with the indicators of quality issued by the Nebraska Department of Education.

The Gretna Early Education Center provides:

- Teachers certified in Early Childhood Education and Early Childhood Special Education
- Developmentally appropriate learning experiences
  - √ allowing children to develop at their own rate of learning
  - √ encouraging social interaction between 4-year-olds
  - √ providing opportunities for decision making and problem solving
  - √ Active Learning--children learn by manipulation of materials
  - √ encouraging natural interests and abilities
  - √ enhancing a positive interest and excitement for learning
- Low adult to child ratio
- Access to specialists in Speech Pathology, Special Education, and Physical and/or Occupational Therapy for children with identified special needs.
- Continuous training for staff
- Programs for parent education and involvement
- Eligibility for all 4-year-old children in the District (4 by October 15, 2010)
- Free tuition (there will be a one time snack fee of \$50 for the year)

According to Nebraska Department of Education Regulations for Early Childhood Programs (Rule 11), Public Schools are no longer allowed to serve Kindergarten age eligible children (5 by Oct. 15, 2010) in their preschool programs if they are grant funded programs.

Registration for the 2010-2011 school term, will be from Feb. 1, 2010 through Feb. 26, 2010. The applications should be sent to Deb Siemers at the Administrative offices, Gretna Public Schools, 11717 S. 216th St., Gretna, NE 68028.

Due to the high demand for preschool enrollment in previous years, registration for new students will be through a lottery process held Monday, March 1, 2010. All Applications should be mailed or delivered to the central office any time prior to this date. **No applications will be accepted after Feb. 26, 2010.** A letter will be sent to inform you whether your child was chosen or not during the week of March 1, 2010. Any children not placed in preschool for the 2010-2011 school year will be put on a waiting list in the order your application was drawn by lottery.

We will attempt to give you your first choice of time slots, but choices of time slots cannot be guaranteed.

\*Please note: A \$35.00 registration fee is due along with the application\*

Please make checks payable to: **Gretna Public Schools Foundation.**

This fee is non-refundable if your child is offered a place in the Gretna Early Education Center.

Students placed on the waiting list will have the registration fee refunded.

**Registration Application for 2010-2011**

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Mother/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_ (C) \_\_\_\_\_

Father/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_ (C) \_\_\_\_\_

**All classes are a 4-Day Program**

There will be two sites for the 2010-2011 school year:

2 classrooms located at Gretna Elementary and

1 classroom at Palisades Elementary

Gretna Elementary    \_\_\_ Monday – Thursday 8:00 – 11:15  
                                 \_\_\_ Monday – Thursday 11:45 – 3:00

Palisades Elementary    \_\_\_ Monday – Thursday 8:10 – 11:25  
                                 \_\_\_ Monday – Thursday 11:55 – 3:10

Please call Deb Siemers at 332-3265 if you have any questions.

\*\*\*Please attach a \$35.00 registration fee\*\*\*

Mail To:

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ATTN: DEB SIEMERS  
11717 S. 216<sup>th</sup> Street  
Gretna, NE 68028