

Purple Cats (four-year old preschool)

This room offers Preschool every day from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Children are given many opportunities to get ready for Kindergarten. They continue to build on skills they learned in the Blue Horse classroom and fine tune their small motor, language, cognitive, and social/emotional skills. The Creative Curriculum is also used in this classroom for lesson planning, assessment (three times a year), and goal writing. The Lead Teacher in this classroom has a BS in Early Childhood Education, a State of Iowa teaching license, and nine years experience teaching preschool. All staff in the room have at least ten to twelve hours of annual preschool training. Children are encouraged to be independent in all areas, ranging from dressing themselves, serving food, and maintaining their cubbies, to solving problems with their peers. Rest time is scheduled every afternoon for at least one hour. Outside time is offered every day if the weather allows or in the motor room. The afternoon schedule also includes a mixture of structured time with teachers and free-play opportunities. This classroom has one teacher for every ten children with a group size of twenty. Additional staff may be brought in during morning preschool to help with projects, activities, and field trips. (QPPS 10.4)