



## Ms. O'Connell's Preschool Class Bowman Primary School 2023-2024

Welcome to Preschool! My name is Kelly O'Connell and I will be your child's teacher this year! This is my seventh year teaching in Lebanon City Schools and my 35th year teaching. I started my career in Northern Virginia where I taught preschool special education, kindergarten and first grade for 14 years. I moved to Ohio in 2003 and have been teaching in preschool classrooms in both Hamilton and Warren County Educational Service Centers and Wilmington City Schools until I joined Lebanon City schools in 2017. I have taught preschool for 5 years and Jump Start Kindergarten for 1 year here at Bowman. I enjoy reading, taking walks with my fur baby – Toby, watching movies and playing games.

You have received a letter from our school office with a parent/teacher conference time scheduled for mid-August. This allows us an opportunity to meet both you and your child in a quieter setting to get to know one another, as well as to complete necessary paperwork and explain our program.

Children develop so much during their preschool years. As you prepare for the school year, I ask that you take a moment to think of how you'd like your child to grow this year. Are you hoping that they will grow by fostering friendships? Learn independence? Be academically ready for the transition to kindergarten? Develop problem-solving skills? During our initial parent-teacher conference, I'll be asking you about how you envision preschool for your child so that I can better adapt the classroom to suit his/her needs.

I look forward to seeing you soon!

Ms. O'Connell

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Your child will be assigned to either the morning or afternoon class. This year's class times are:

Morning: 9:00 am - 11:45 am (Monday - Thursday)

Afternoon: 1:00 pm - 3:45 pm (Monday - Thursday)

**ALL children should bring:**

- One **LARGE** book bag - big enough to fit an 8 ½ x 11 inch pocket folder, no wheels please
- 2 rolls of paper towels
- 1 large box unscented tissues
- 1 package unscented baby wipes (for easier clean up of messy hands)
- 1 **full** change of clothes (shirt, bottoms, underwear, and socks) in a gallon sized ziploc bag, labeled with the child's name on the bag
- Family picture to be displayed at school on a Meet My Family bulletin board

**If your child is NOT yet toilet trained, please also provide:**

- **Diapers or pull-ups** that can be **refastened** - If you choose to send pull-ups, we do request that you send the ones with the resealable sides. As we get low we will send home a note requesting more.
- **UNSCENTED diaper wipes**, 1 large container
- **Clorox Disinfectant wipes**, 1 large container