

the Berkeley Carroll School

What Your Child can Expect on a PreK Playgroup

A PreK Playgroup is our chance to get to know your child in a classroom-like situation. Playgroups usually have six or seven children and are staffed by five or six faculty. They take place either in the Library or in one of our classrooms in the Early Childhood building at 712 Carroll Street and last for approximately a half hour.

We ask that only one adult bring the child on the visit (unless you have another applicant). Though parents or caregivers accompany children to the room, we hope that they will be able to step out early on and return to the lobby. *Please note that, since parents have a one-on-one conversation with the Admissions Director, they are not required to accompany a child on his or her playgroup.* We understand that separation can be difficult for some children and suggest that you prepare your child. If separation from one parent is particularly difficult, you might arrange for someone else to bring the child to the playgroup.

The playgroup will consist of a low-key, unstructured playtime (*please dress your child in comfortable, casual clothes and shoes*), where we have a variety of art, building and other activities available, followed by a brief story time. The activities will help us get to know your child better as a student and community member--and we expect that they'll be fun for her or him, too.

If your child is sick and cannot come to her or his scheduled playgroup, please call us to let us know at 718-534-6608 and log into your Ravenna account to reschedule.

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