

the BerkeleyCarroll School

What Your Child can Expect on a Kindergarten Playgroup

A Kindergarten Playgroup is our chance to get to know your child in a classroom-like situation. Playgroups usually have six 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 an hour to an hour and fifteen minutes.

Please note that children will be expected to separate from the parent or caregiver who accompanies them to the playgroup and that parents and caregivers will not be permitted in the room. *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. Parents and caregivers will be invited to wait in the lobby. We ask that only one adult bring the child on the visit (unless you have another applicant).

The playgroup will consist of a beginning circle time, some structured work time with a teacher, some free play time with other children, and a closing circle. The various activities (*please dress your child in comfortable, casual clothes and shoes*), will help us get to know your child better as a student and community member--and we expect that they'll be a lot of 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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