



Dear Prospective Families,

Thank you for your interest in Brooklyn Free Space Preschool, a cooperative school that has served Park Slope and the surrounding neighborhoods for over 40 years. In our Admissions section of the website, you will find a number of resources to help you make your decision.

- Admissions FAQ's
- Our Coop
- Pre-K at BFS
- Admissions Timeline

We also encourage you to join us for our in-person Open House, Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. and/or our Virtual Tours.

At BFS, we believe that meeting children where they are at developmentally plants the seed for a lifetime love of learning. This belief is realized in our commitment to:

- **Support our children's learning with an emergent curriculum.** Young children are self-directed learners. We start with their interests, and then our wonderful teachers partner with the children to engage in inquiry and to support investigations.
- **Believe children learn best through play.** Young children, whether 2 or 5, make sense of the world around them through play. It is their way of joyfully exploring concepts and meaning.
- **See social and emotional development as a foundation of early learning and respect it as fundamental.** We support each child in developing an understanding of self, family, friendship and community.
- **Celebrate diversity.** We believe that all forms of diversity – whether it be economic, racial, gender or in regard to family structure – benefit the entire community.
- **Make children's learning visible through documentation.** Through photos, work samples, and narratives, documentation show teachers, parents and children, themselves, how they have grown and make meaning in their learning process.
- **Know that children learn best within a context of meaningful relationships.** Our cooperative creates a sense of partnership between children, parents, teachers and directors, and models community involvement.



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- **Create a continuum of learning from ages 2 to 5 that builds.** From exploring literacy and math concepts to open-ended materials, each classroom year gives the children new challenges in a familiar framework.
- **Know that children are ready for next steps when they feel capable.** We support children to know and express themselves, their questions and knowledge. This comfortability of self is what we consider the true preparation for kindergarten and beyond.

As prospective families, we hope that you see the dedication in this very thoughtful approach. Please keep it in mind as you choose a preschool for your child that best meets them where they are in their development and supports them as they grow and change.

Best,

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Educational Directors