

busy bre's farm 57685 Main Road Southold NY 11971

# little farmer's playschool



Now Accepting Applications for the  
2010-1011 School Year

ATTENTION ALL 3- AND 4- YEAR OLD FARMERS  
interested in a fun-filled learning experience that  
embraces NYS learning standards for Pre-K and  
incorporates hands-on farm living.

## Welcome to Busy Bre's Little Farmer's Playschool!

Little farmers will engage in a variety of hands-  
on activities including:

- Reading and writing readiness;
- Singing, instrumental instruction, and dancing;
- Arts and crafts;
- Scientific exploration experienced through farming and animal care;
- Theater;
- Cooking; and
- Playtime (indoor and outdoor).

*Call for More*

*Information*

*631.765.8163 or*

*631.765.2186*

### Playschool Hours

Monday - Friday

Morning Session: 9:00 -11:30

Afternoon Session: 12:15 -2:45

Cost: \$25 per session

*Mix and match your own  
playschool schedule.*

Our Playschool is directed and  
overseen by NYS certified  
teacher with over 15-years of  
educational experience.

Limited seats available. Enroll  
today!

Visit [www.busybresfarm.com](http://www.busybresfarm.com)  
for more about our little farmer's playschool

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## *busy bre's educational philosophy*

We believe there has to be a balance between teaching skills and fostering creativity. We also believe the learning experience needs to be engaging and fun so the young learner is busy and enjoys this vital discovery process. This, to us, is authentic learning.

We seek to help children uncover their unique strengths and we, then, encourage those special gifts to blossom.

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**Jenny Gibbs**, the owner of busy bre's farm, has a master's degree in education from Dowling College. She has over 15-years experience in education and is raising three of her own children. Jenny has a tremendous love for learning and exploration. Her inquisitiveness, positive outlook and enthusiasm for life are naturally infused in her teaching style. Through her experience and training, Jenny is an expert at integrating education into real life experiences.

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## *a little bit about our program...*

At busy bre's farm, we integrate fun and learning.



*The children, who are part of our playschool, interact with the farm. Their learning is incorporated into daily life on the farm. They play and are taught using their local environment - the barnyard, the animals and the garden.*

**Literacy Skill Development** - We use the Balanced Literacy framework to foster our little farmers' reading, writing, listening and speaking skills. This educational model is a comprehensive approach that integrates educational and social skills so each child receives ample exposure and practice in the vital basics of literacy. Three- and four-year old children are most often at the Pre-Emergent and Emergent levels of learning. This means that their interest in learning to read and write is just beginning to surface. As such, we focus on activities that peak their curiosity and strengthen their skills. Some of the skill sets we work on include (but are not limited to) developing the ability to focus attention, using pictures to convey ideas, communicating these ideas using simple phrases, beginning to identify sound and letter relationships, using illustrations and print to predict what will come next in a story, and recognizing some familiar and some sight words.

**Integrated Learning** - At busy bre's, we work with weekly themes. Some examples include flowers, farm animals, bugs, fruits and vegetables, jobs, and counting. Since the most effective way to encourage learning is to make it unnoticeable, hidden within fun, every day, real life moments, we construct our thematic learning units into enjoyable, hands-on activities on the farm.

**Social Skill Development** - An important aspect of child development at this age is learning appropriate social skills for Kindergarten. At busy bre's our little farmers are taught to share, take turns, listen attentively, raise their hands, respect each other's space, and play cooperatively.

**Physical Skill Development** - We incorporate activities that help to develop the whole child so that their language, fine motor and gross motor skills are nurtured too.

**Play Time** - Since this age group learns important social and physical skills through exploration and play, play time (relaxation) for our little farmers' is a vital part of life on the farm.