

## **STATEMENT OF SERVICES**

### **STUDENTS**

McDowell Mountain Elementary has two licensed preschool programs, both of which have a four star rating with Quality First/First Things First. The Developmental and Community Preschools are both offered for 3 and 4 year olds and for children who turn 5 after August 31<sup>st</sup>. Instruction is provided in all areas of development: Social/Emotional, Communication, Physical, Adaptive and Cognitive. Our students learn a great deal from interacting with each other. We challenge the students with an individualized program to develop new skills while in our classes, as well as increase skills in other developmental domains necessary for their progress and kindergarten readiness.

The Developmental Preschool is a four half day program with sessions in the morning or in the afternoon. The program operates on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. This preschool is for children who are delayed in areas of development and for peer models. Peer model students provide positive peer interactions; demonstrate play skills, model appropriate language and behavior for children with special needs while in the classroom setting.

Identified students are those children who have been evaluated by the preschool staff and found to be developmentally delayed. The delays must be moderate in at least two areas, or severe in one area.

The developmental areas are as follows:

1. Social and Emotional Development
2. Adaptive Development
3. Physical Development
4. Communication Development
5. Cognitive Development

A child may also qualify if there is a moderate Speech/Language Impairment. Visual Impairment and Hearing Impairment are also qualifying categories.

The Community Preschool offers five half days in the morning or in the afternoon. The children attend four enrichment classes which are Music, Art, PE, and Technology. Zoo Phonics is taught in our preschool program, this is a Kinesthetic Method of teaching phonics, reading, and spelling using literature and hands-on materials. We also visit Fountain Hills View Village three times a year to sing to the Senior Citizens. McDowell Mountain Preschool is a special place to learn about our world, ourselves, and each other.

### **FEES**

Federal law mandates that children ages 3 to 5 who are exhibiting developmental delays receive early intervention preschool services. Therefore, no fee is charged for identified students who qualify in two or more areas. The monthly tuition for 4 half days is \$250.00 for children selected as peer models.

The Community Preschool is a tuition based program. First Things First scholarships are available for families who financially qualify. The monthly tuition for 5 half days is \$330.00 per month. The monthly tuition is based on an August through May enrollment.

### **REFUNDS**

There are no refunds of the monthly fees regarding days missed for illness, vacation, or termination.

### **HOURS OF OPERATION**

Our Pre-school programs have 2 sessions the hours are 8:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. or 12:40 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Fire and other inspection reports are available upon request and posted on the hallway bulletin board.

Facility is regulated by the Arizona Department of Health Services located at:

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