

# News from The Berry Patch



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Dear Families,

The Berry Patch proudly joins the ranks of the top early learning programs across the United States who have earned accreditation from the National Association for the Education of young Children (NAEYC). NAEYC is the nation's leading organization of early learning professionals and it is an honor to be recognized among the very best.

The Berry Patch has been providing excellence in early education for over 29 years. We pride ourselves on partnering with families in preparing the children to be confident and excited about learning. So, in the spirit of excellence, National Accreditation was the logical next step.

To earn NAEYC Accreditation, The Berry Patch Preschool went through an extensive self-study process, measuring the program and its services against the ten NAEYC Early Childhood Program Standards and more than 400 related accreditation criteria. The program received NAEYC Accreditation after an on-site visit by NAEYC Assessors to ensure that the program meets each of the ten program standards. NAEYC-accredited programs are also subject to unannounced visits during their accreditation, which last for five years. In the 25 years since NAEYC Accreditation was established, it has become a widely recognized sign of high-quality early childhood education. More than 7,000 programs are currently accredited by NAEYC – approximately 8 % of all preschools and other early childhood programs throughout the nation.

"The NAEYC Accreditation system raises the bar for child care centers and other early childhood programs," said Jerlean E. Daniel, PhD, executive director of NAEYC. "Having earned NAEYC Accreditation is a sign that The Berry Patch Preschool is a leader in a national effort to invest in high-quality early childhood education."

Thank you for supporting us through this process and encouraging us to show the whole world what you already know, that we are an exceptional preschool with the highest standards for excellence.

We are proud to serve you and your children!

Love,

The Berry Patch staff

