

2022 OVERALL SCHOOL EVALUATION RATING AND COMMENTS

Overall Rating: 4.71 out of 5, with 41 paper responses, 22 online responses, for a total of 63 responses

Q 1. Do you feel the drop off and pick up process is safe, organized and well executed?

Rating for this question = 4.75

1. If COVID is truly done, can kinder walk down?
2. Yes, since handwashing was moved to bigger bathroom.
3. Was confusing after protocols changed after Covid. Could be more clear for each class.
4. I felt waiting outside was slightly inconvenient.
5. Joyce and other members do a wonderful job.
6. Will we ever go back to the old classroom drop-off & pick up?
7. Very much looking forward to pick up & drop off inside!
8. Quick & Easy

Q 2. Do you feel the teachers are welcoming, available and responsive; showing affection and interest; speaking with children in a positive, friendly, and courteous manner? **Rating for this question = 4.97**

1. The teacher is AMAZING!
2. The teacher holds every kid close to her heart!
3. She is exceptional!
4. I absolutely love that the teacher is affectionate with my child!
5. If I could give the teacher a 10, I would.

Q 3. Do you feel there was improvement in your child's cognitive development? (questioning, reasoning, and knowledge) **Rating for this question = 4.73**

1. But the work still to be done is no reflection of the teacher's effort- just a working progress
2. Absolutely, his love for learning has grown
3. Talks all the time about patterns, points out letters, numbers, shapes

Q 4. Do you feel your child has made good improvements in gross motor (physical activities such as movement to music, running, jumping, gym and outdoor play) and fine motor skills (finger dexterity, cutting, beading, writing, playdough, stacking) **Rating for this question = 4.73**

1. Yes, more fine motor-writing & cutting

Q 5. Do you feel there was improvement in your child's ability to cooperate and constructively participate in group situations (i.e. problem solving, social interactions - making friends, following limits and expectations, etc.)?

Rating for this question = 4.70

1. He loves being at school.
2. I try to ask about friends but no response.
3. This year was basically first exposure to group situations, talked a lot about his friends.

6. Do you feel there was improvement in your child's ability to take care of himself or herself, becoming more independent and self-confident? (dressing themselves, serving themselves, opening snacks, using the restroom and washing their hands independently) **Rating for this question = 4.70**

1. Still can use work on pulling up pants.
2. Haven't noticed much change in this area.

Q 7. Do you feel your child improved spiritually? (prays, sings spiritual songs, talks about Jesus and Bible stories, understands concepts like kindness, love, forgiveness, grace, compassion) **Rating for this question = 4.73**

1. He loves learning about Jesus.
2. He gave his life to Christ!

Q 8. Do you feel your child is more expressive/creative? (plays pretend, dress up, sings, mixes stuff together, builds, investigates, experiments). **Rating for this question = 4.63**

1. She loves to play by herself now and dresses up, her imagination, water experiments.
2. He was already very creative.
3. We've seen huge development in this!
4. Drawing more, builds lots of train tracks, comes up with game ideas.

Q 9. Do you feel your child's individual interests and differences are reflected in their learning plan - TS Gold, Conference? (There was improvement in areas needing growth and they were able to excel in areas where they are strong) **Rating for this question = 4.70**

Q 10. Do you feel there was improvement in your child's language development? (i.e. expanding vocabulary, engaging in conversations, following the social conventions of language) **Rating for this question = 4.76**

1. He is getting better in his speech!
2. Talking more clearly & more complex sentences

Q 11. Do you feel your child is able to use their words to express themselves when emotional or during social conflicts in a respectful, positive and successful way, building appropriate communication skills?

Rating for this question = 4.38

1. She is doing great! She does have some off days (but we all do).
2. Maybe she's better at school, ha ha, but definitely an area we're working on! I'd say she's age appropriate.
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3. She struggles with conflict to express herself in a way she feels heard.
4. Improvement was seen! Just a hard area.
5. Yes, if my child wants to.
6. She turns neutral things into arguments and yells or escalates quickly. (not respectful)
7. We're still working on this one but definitely an improvement!

Q. 12. What area in your child's overall growth should have received more focus?

1. Writing and identify letters
2. Please continue to help my child socialize.
3. None. I think everything has been beyond wonderful!
4. It seems like most kindergarten programs are becoming more and more rigorous. To prepare our preschooler I would like to see more pre-reading/writing skills (letter, letter sounds, writing, etc). Love the program just trying to keep up with other incoming students to challenging academic programs.
5. We were very pleased!
6. I think preschool has been very beneficial for my child and we only had half the year.
7. Nothing
8. He has thrived! I find him to be excited about school, seeing his friends, participating activities and playing.
9. My kid has grown since day one, I am happy with all fields that my child has developed in.
10. I feel since we started late this has a huge impact on seeing a lot of improvement. However, I am satisfied with the little time we have had. He prays or at least tries and he really is learning a lot from his experience at the school.
11. She loves to sing songs and help others which has been expanded at Busy Bee; maybe needs help learning how to share
12. I think the teacher did an incredible job of meeting her needs. She worked with her on areas where she felt she could use some growth, encouraged her and always gave me feedback on things we could work on at home with her. She is our emotional girl and working on her emotion regulation will continue to be an area of growth for her, especially when she's frustrated! However, the teacher said she saw her act appropriately at school so I think her behavior can be harder when she's at home!
13. He seemed to hit a point in the year where things started to "click" and his interest in numbers and letters seemed to blossom.
14. Fine motor, making new friends and breaking the construct that one can only be friends with one person at a time
15. My kid has grown since day one, I am happy with all fields that my child has developed in.
16. We were happy with the overall growth of our child.
17. Faith
18. She has grown tremendously under her teacher and her team. We as parents and grandparents will work on focus and word pronunciation. We appreciate the growth, and the ability to enjoy another year of preschool to watch her blossom.
19. It's hard to say. Sometimes it seems like our child could use more reading time at school- catch 22. We chose 1/2 day school!
20. I thought the preschool did an excellent job.
21. I feel like every area has seen growth!

Q. 13. Why did you choose Busy Bee for your child?

1. It's a family-full of love, real people
2. Referrals from friends, focus on Jesus, wonderful staff, flexibility.
3. They had a half day option and most important, they make God the focus of their time!
4. We heard great things close to home & school
5. We love our teacher- she is an absolute delight & we love her class.
6. Busy Bee is warm, safe, and affordable & close location.
7. Nolan was ready for school and without this program he would have had to wait another year.
8. The staff, the community, and the focus on Jesus.
9. Cause you're AWESOME!
10. We love it.
11. We love our teacher- she has fun activities that we look forward to every week!
12. Close to home and great reviews and recommendations.
13. We wanted to get our child into faith and my mother-in-law read the curriculum and was blown away! She was a teacher and worked all the way up to a Dean at Regis.
14. Fantastic community & teachers.
15. Had heard amazing things from parents I love and respect.
16. Great teachers and atmosphere and Christian teaching.
17. Great reputation, short days, close to home. Opportunity for parent involvement.
18. Love that all the staff & Teachers love Jesus & teach my kid about Jesus
19. Busy Bee was recommended by few of my friends. It was best decision we made! Thank you! 😊
20. Well recommended, great tuition cost.
21. We know and love the staff and God's focused education.
22. To learn about Jesus and God's gifts. We absolutely love the sense of Family Bethany & Busy Bee has become to us.
23. Loving place, faith based, strong curriculum.
24. We love that she has independence in the classroom, she's learning about Jesus, her teachers care about her.
25. Parent involvement, close to home, great reputation (referred by friends), short days.
26. We heard great things close to home & school
27. Wonderful teachers, safe environment and Christian teaching
28. We love the teachers & environment, everyone is very welcoming & helpful
29. Faith based learning and proximity to our house
30. At First, Location. Now-because I think it's the very best preschool ever!
31. Such a welcoming environment & very organized and structured.
32. It feels like a family
33. Friend recommendations, the love and investment the teachers/staff have for the kids, opportunities for parental involvement, spiritual component important.
34. A safe, thoughtful, God centered place.
35. Fantastic community that talks about Jesus.
36. Spiritually nurturing environment that supports and challenges her (and our whole family)
37. It is a safe, loving environment for my child to grow socially, emotionally, & spiritually.
38. Spiritual growth/nurture focus, very wholesome, wonderful community, delightful place to be.
39. Heard a lot of good things, welcoming & bright environment, really close to our house (can walk to school)
40. The religious aspect was huge for us. Also love the smaller class sizes and of course, Joyce.
41. For our child to learn meaningful social and academic lessons in a positive environment surrounded by patient and enthusiastic teachers.
42. The warm staff
43. Fantastic referrals from friends in Littleton whose children attended.
44. I had heard wonderful things about it and it is so close to our home.

45. It's the best! All the teachers are fantastic and genuinely care and love the children. We have seen so much growth in our girl. Thank you!
46. We loved the family friendly environment and how passionate everyone is about the work they do. The impact is real!
47. It came recommended. I couldn't be happier with our choice.
48. We are members of the Church and I have heard of its high esteem. I am proud my son gets to be a part of something so incredibly blessing!
49. Because of the LOVE of the staff for Christ and how they demonstrate his love to these precious little people
50. Friend recommendation!! Our friends spoke so highly of the school. We love that the school meets the academic, spiritual and emotional needs of kids!!
51. We heard that it was a great place. The teachers and Joyce really seem to give themselves, not just their time, to the kids.
52. Busy Bee feels like a family. Every person on staff cares about our kids, from the Director and office staff to the teachers and teaching assistants. It is Christ-Centered, joy-filled, and supports our family's intentions to raise our kids to know, love, and follow Jesus.
53. It came recommended. I couldn't be happier with our choice.
54. We love the focus on family partnership, a godly, positive and uplifting environment for the kids, and a safe place for kids to learn.
55. Highly recommended
56. Because of the staff's love for Christ and the way that they express that love to his precious people
57. My prayers have been answered. I thought that if my grandchild could be under the tutelage of her teacher, a long time friend and respected colleague of years ago, we would be so blessed. She was the inspiration, but the quality of learning, with the genuine love for children and their families the entire Busy Bee staff are incredible. We are blessed.
58. We chose Busy Bee because we wanted a Jesus-focused preschool for our son, and Busy Bee delivered! The other areas are secondary to that.
59. We wanted a half-day option
60. Christian education.
61. Good reputation, class size, half day kinder option, and location.
62. We love the intimacy of Busy Bee, the personal touches throughout the year and the incredible staff. We couldn't be happier with our choice! Such a special place.

Q 14. Please comment on LIFT and Parent Education:

1. Was unable to attend.
2. Great topics, didn't always fit my schedule.
3. Great, keep it up!
4. The body safety talk felt SO important.
5. Love the speakers & topics.
6. Great! Love them!
7. Very helpful topics.
8. Was unable to attend
9. I appreciate the opportunities & attention to detail Busy Bee provides on these topics.
10. Was not able to attend these due to schedule
11. Great!
12. Have not attended, but lots of options.
13. Some very interesting topics- always seem to run out of time.
14. I was bummed I couldn't make the love and logic talks, so would love for that to happen again every year!
15. I wasn't able to attend any of them, but I would have liked to attend the one on Body Safety and Nutrition. I'd love those to be offered next year.
16. I am not aware of what LIFT is.
17. Love the speakers & topics.
18. Developing faith in preschoolers, how to explain salvation to a preschooler, little people evangelism
19. Would love another Saturday love and logic training and also the body talk with Feather.
20. LIFT? Are these the seminars? If so, I attended the body safety one and it was great. We couldn't make it to the media one, but that is an important one....screens, internet, etc.
21. Maybe something about how to choose the right school path for you family.
22. Ideas for developing faith in preschoolers, explaining salvation to children, etc
23. We were unable to take advantage of this opportunity. Time, distance, scheduling and work are deterrents at this time.
24. My spouse and I have attended several. The topics had been wonderful. It would be great to see them average 10 or so people, and be in a smaller room than the sanctuary. The group size and big space can feel empty.
25. I wasn't able to participate this year, but hopefully next year!

Q 15. Please comment on the Take Home Book Bags

1. Great resource.
2. Love them.
3. Love them!
4. We absolutely love the take home bags. The teacher puts a lot of time and effort into these books. We appreciate it so much!
5. The best.
6. Love them!!
7. I'm sure some families LOVE the classroom take home bags. We struggled to keep up with them.
8. We LOVE these.
9. Great after school activities.
10. We love all of the different subjects.
11. I'm sure some families love them! We struggled to keep up with and return them.
12. Love them!!
13. We love them!
14. Wonderful alternative to the library!

15. I only wish that lunch bunch went until the end of the year.
16. Love☺
17. Would love more living book selections
18. Great! Daughter loves these
19. Great!
20. She loves them.
21. Plenty available.
22. He looks forward to getting a new one every week (could do without the scholastic worksheets).
23. We loved them! Finley looked forward to them every week!

Q 16. Suggestions for future Family Night Activities or LIFT?

1. Discipleship, identity in Christ.
2. Marriage encouragement
3. Gentle parenting method.
4. **More Parent Night Outs!**
5. Discipline.
6. No-wonderful program
7. A couple more family nights offerings would be nice!
8. Navigating public school (there seems to be a preference for private and homeschooling- not sure why)
9. I think some more activities that hosts the families would be great! Loved the muffins and mom event!
10. Family picnic?
11. **Age-appropriate** summer resources to help them develop between Busy Bee years
12. Music nights!
13. Oh, my goodness. You have a very full and active schedule to keep families engaged, and developing a sense of community. It's sometimes difficult to keep up. Donuts with dad, muffins for mom, grandparents day, Stone Soup, Christmas programs, Walk-a-Thons, museum visits, Art Galas, Easter Celebrations, Special Olympics...and I'm sure I forgot something. Busy Bee is filled with family activities.
14. More organized class-specific get-togethers, especially at the start of the year to facilitate meeting other parents in the class.

Q 17. Please share any concerns that do not seem to be covered in the questions above:

1. Align with LPS on early March days off
2. The only thing that sometimes tripped us up was not knowing if toddlers were participating in the same things as older preschoolers- i.e. trike-a-thon, pizza making, valentines, etc. Toddler class was brand new, and we loved it. So glad to be a part of the "first" class and watch the teacher build her curriculum and classroom. Having something so enriching or my 2 yr old has felt like such a blessing. Thank you so much!
3. Weekly emails or class calendar would be nice- know more about what they are doing/learning.
4. As a new parent there were a few things that I felt I was just supposed to know but did not. A little more explanation for new parents. Maybe?
5. Joyce has been absolutely amazing this school year my children and I love her.
6. I would love to be able to have drop off & pick up as it was, with activities (in the morning down the hallway) important experience for my younger children too.
7. As a first-time family, there seemed to be assumptions that everyone knows how things operate, like lunch bunch (I was very confused about this for a while), feels hard to connect with other parents if this is first year & don't attend Bethany.
8. Teacher did not have my correct email address for most of the year so I wasn't receiving any communication (and she wasn't receiving any responses back from me!). I feel like I probably missed a lot and I wish someone would have texted me or emailed my husband to see why we weren't responding to anything. This is such a minor thing and overall, we loved our experience.
9. I would like to drop my child off in their classroom

Q 18. Do you have more suggestions to improve Busy Bee's program and activities?

1. February was too busy! Symphony field trip, fall festival, breakfast w/ parents.
2. Special Ed support
3. No, wonderful school program.
4. More cleaning out of closets! Ha ha.
5. Instead of DVDs maybe try ondrive.live.com I personally like the dvds since we still have a cd player. 😊
6. Nothing! Stay the course.
7. It would be really helpful to have pictures w/ names of kids in class.
8. Better website 😊
9. One suggestion for next year would be to only do the meet and greet at the beginning of the year and not do the meet the teacher/parent orientation day. We felt that it would have been better just to get the school year started. The other suggestion would be to have a longer day! I know you have the lunch bunch option, but we would love for it to go to 1 or 1:30 everyday!!
10. Perhaps an emphasis on kindergarten social/emotional readiness for kiddos planning to transition to fulltime Kindergarten next year.
11. I can't think of a thing! Busy Bee is UnBEElievable!
12. As a new parent to busy bee, some things seemed unclear initially, such as where to pick kids up at the end of the day or for lunch bunch.
13. You all are awesome!

Q 19. Please tell us some of the things you and your child have really enjoyed at Busy Bee.

1. Everything and everyone.
2. Music, Science
3. Fall festival, muffins w/ mom, donuts w/dad.
4. We love the faith focus and community connection
5. The warmth and kindness.
6. The playground is wonderful.
7. The teachers have been so great & made school so enjoyable for my kid.
8. You guys are so awesome. Thank you for loving my child so well.
9. Our teacher's storytelling, playing with friends 😊
10. Playground & assistant teachers
11. I love all the activities that take place (like parties) and all the take home things.
12. All the activities that allow us parents to be involved in.
13. We enjoy the crafts that come home.
14. My daughter has loved her time at Busy Bee so far!
15. Friendships and great teachers. Good communication from teachers.
16. Songs, the playground, the teachers
17. Grant & I loved the communal snacks, the playground, the mom/dad days, book bags, and the biblical teachings!
18. Playing in the sand box, making friends.
19. Friends, teachers, everything
20. Feeling safe & well cared for.
21. Crafts, lunch bunch, Rodeo days.
22. Friendships, great teachers who care a lot about each child. Parent-teacher conferences.
23. Everything & everyone
24. The playground & assistant teachers
25. The teacher is truly an amazing teacher. I also appreciate Joyce's ability to know every student.
26. Getting to know the loving staff & attending the many activities Busy Bee puts on!

27. Pizza pajama day, rodeo days
28. The field trips, donuts with dad, muffins with mom, Christmas recital, books from take home bags
29. He absolutely LOVES school.
30. All the things.
31. The teachers! Music, friendships.
32. Muffins w/ mom, donuts w/dad & all the holiday celebration/ concerts.
33. My child says, "everything" we have had a very positive experience with the teacher. Conferences were very helpful.
34. Songs, the playground, the teachers
35. Easton has made so many friends and though she's always been an outgoing child, I think she's been able to really express herself at Busybee and has learned how to be a great leader. I also love how she's really grown in her relationship with God.
36. Everyone is very kind and friendly. It's always very nice meeting other parents and staff
37. My kid has improved so much with his separation anxiety and this has helped a ton at drop off at church. He loves art and has become even more imaginative because of school. And he has improved with playing with other kids.
38. Love all the activities they bring home. Really enjoy the bookbags the kids can check out.
39. He loves the art projects and his teachers so much! He has not been enrolled long enough for hm to really display all that he loves.
40. She absolutely adores her teachers. The love and patience that they show is such a blessing!
41. Gosh we have loved everything!!! We love all of the themed weeks, holiday celebrations, Bible stories, rodeo days, etc. The art projects were incredible!! We love that our kids come home talking about Jesus and how He loves them!! We have also really appreciated all of the communication. Sometimes it can be a lot to take in (especially with two kiddos there) but we really appreciate how much the teachers and Joyce communicate home!
42. Cowboy day, crazy hair day....he likes stuff like this!
43. friendships, teachers, playground, special events (walk-a-thon, Littleton museum, lunch bunch), learning about the solar system
44. Love all the activities they bring home. Really enjoy the bookbags the kids can check out.
45. I enjoyed all of the special programs
46. Oh, here we go! She loves the people, her friends and her teachers. We all do, these are incredible women. We feel so welcomed and loved by Mrs. Bertram, who greets us every morning with a smile and warmth. She notices something about every child and knows us all by name. She loves all the celebrations and activities. She loves to pray and sing, listen to stories, play with her friends. She especially loves the bounce houses. She always wants to come to preschool. It's a joy to bring her and a delight to pick her up.
47. Just the overwhelming kindness & joy.
48. Lemonade Stand, winter Olympic sports, Easter, caring staff involved in personal life when appropriate, drop off and pick up outside (rather than the hallways)- we really enjoy the new drop off/pick up!- learning Bible verses, class projects sent home,
49. Everyone is so kind and friendly. The teacher is an AMAZING teacher and I am so grateful for her care, wisdom, instruction in my child's life.
50. She loved the dress up closet in her classroom, all the special events- donuts with dad, muffins with mom, art gala, walk-a-thon, parent – teacher conferences.

Q 20. How could we be a better partner with your family?

1. Possibly special ed support. You did an incredible job throughout Covid! So amazed by your courage and faith!
2. You all are doing GREAT! I LOVE Busy Be sooo much! The teacher and assistant teacher are wonderful teachers and my child and I just love them! We feel more than blessed to have attended this school.
3. We love Busy Bee. Continue to work on solid communication. I've had two friends enroll this year come to me with questions. So I think communication for new families in particular.
4. Getting to know me better.
5. Recurring monthly payment capacity.
6. You have been an exceptional partner.
7. You guys are fantastic!
8. You guys are great. Just keep loving up on our kiddos 😊
9. He has thrived! I find him to be excited about school, seeing his friends, participating activities and playing.
10. I think things run pretty smoothly, no comments at this time.
11. I am continually blown away by the energy of everyone there to help these kids learn and grow. Well done, everyone.
12. You're doing great! Thank you for all you do to invest in the future generation and come alongside families!
13. I think things run pretty smoothly, no comments at this time.
14. We feel like partners. My grandkid's parents are much more involved this year. I'm hoping that they take even more of an active role next year. Teaching them how to be school parents has been a positive impact on everyone. The other grandparents would like to be more involved next year as well. Perhaps putting them on all the email lists would be helpful. Thank you, Busy Bee Teacher and Staff. We adore you!