

Discovery Day Preschool
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Preschool Hours
MWF 9:30 - 12:00
TWTh 12:30-3:00
TTh 9:30 - 11:30

Welcome to Discovery Day Preschool and to a new school year. We are excited to be your child's teachers and we are looking forward to getting to know you better. We expect that as we work together this year, you will see positive improvements in your child's educational progress and self-image. Thanks for the trust you have placed in us.

Attendance: Regular school attendance is essential and encouraged for his or her progress academically and for social development.

Arrival and Pickup: You can come in through the gate and go around to the back/side of the house. We will be ready for students to come into the preschool 5 minutes before class starts. The outside light by the door will be turned on and the door will be unlocked. At the end of class we turn the light on and have the door unlocked for the last five minutes of class for you to come in and pick up your student.

Late Arrival: If you are late, please walk your child inside to the classroom so I know he/she has arrived safely.

Absence: I don't save work for the children unless it is requested. Many of our projects require classroom supplies. If you would like your child's work just let me know and I will prepare everything that they can work on at home.

Birthdays: We will make your child's birthday special in our preschool. If your child has a summer birthday, we will celebrate their six month birthday. (If you realize your child's birthday or 6 month birthday is coming up it is helpful if you can remind us. We try really hard to keep track of all the birthdays.)

My Favorites: On your child's birthday we would like to have them bring/share their favorites. This will help our class get to know each other. Your child can bring any "favorites" like snacks, books, or family photos. This is not required, you can do as much or as little of this as you would like.

Backpack: Each preschool child needs a backpack to carry his/her papers and belongings. Please put his/her first and last name on it and bring it to preschool.

Calendar: We will post a calendar on our website at discoverydaypreschool.com each month. This will explain to you what your child will be doing each day. Please post the calendar in a visible place so that you can refer to it throughout the month. We will also have the calendar on our Instagram page, Class door and we will print a few for any parent that would like a copy.

Health: Please take a quick look at your child when you tell him/her goodbye. Check to see if they may have a fever, rash, pinkeye, etc. Please don't send your child to school with a bad cough or cold.

Bathroom: Most of the children that come to preschool are potty trained, however if your child is not; please just inform us on how you would like us to handle any accidents. For example you can leave a change of clothes or if you would prefer to be called so you can take care of your child. We are happy to do whatever you feel most comfortable with.

Homework: We will have sheets available for the children to print off and work on at home on our website. We will also have fun learning websites that your child can visit.

Labeling: It is a good idea to label items you send to school with your child. Things like backpacks, coats, water bottles, ect.

Letter of the Week: Our class focuses on one letter a week. Each child will be assigned one-two letters a year. They will be responsible for the letter bag, bringing a snack that starts with the letter and some items from home starting with that letter. We will send out an email reminder and the instructions the week before your child's letter.

Monthly "To Master": These assessments can be found on our website along with the calendar. It will include the letters, numbers, shapes, colors, and sight words we will be learning that month. Work with your child at home to master these different skills. This will help us to know how your child is progressing.

Parent Helpers: We need volunteer parent helpers for various activities we participate in throughout the year. We also need volunteer parent helpers to go on field trips. You must have a seat belt for each child being transported, and current auto insurance.

Parent Readers: Reading is so important so we are giving you the opportunity to come and read to our class. Each class period we will be leaving the last 10 minutes of class to reading and getting ready to go home. If you would like to sign up and come and read to our class at this time it would be a wonderful thing.

Reading Readiness: We want your child to be a good reader in life. You can help by reading stories to your child every day and taking them to the library to check out books. Practice the letter sound of the week with him/her. Remember the phrase "Readers Make Leaders".

Show and Tell: "Show and Tell" is the second preschool day of each week. Please help your child bring the assigned item for the week. Look ahead on the calendar and see what your child is to bring. I abbreviated "show and tell" with S/T on the calendar.

Snack Time: We do not assign specific days for each child to bring a snack, but you are welcome to and We encourage that you bring in snacks that are large in quantity (animal crackers, fruit snacks, fruit loops, crackers, pretzels, etc.)

Discipline

Discipline is viewed as a process of learning self-control, respect for others and

responsibility. To help children learn this process, the following guidelines are in place at preschool:

Children assist with making clear and concise rules and limits.

The teacher anticipates and redirects inappropriate behavior.

The teacher reminds children of expectations, rules and limits.

The teacher helps children use words to express anger, resolve conflicts and express needs and desires.

The teacher will assist children in the conflict resolution process.

Children are spoken to in a friendly (never angry) but firm voice when necessary. The teacher may remove a child from an activity if inappropriate behaviors persist and help the child to find an appropriate activity to engage in.

If a child physically hurts another child, he/she will be removed from the activity, the hurt child will be comforted and the children will then be assisted with the conflict resolution process and the parents will be informed at the end of the session.

A conference will be held with parents if serious inappropriate behaviors continue.

Philosophy

We focus on using Developmentally Appropriate Practices to provide a safe and caring environment that stimulates the physical, social, emotional, and cognitive development of children and supports the relationship between children and their families and the preschool.

Children learn through play, so all of the learning activities are presented through play, based on age appropriateness and individual appropriateness. These activities engage the children so they can explore, experiment, imitate, ask questions and be questioned to further their thinking skills and help them construct their own knowledge to learn about the world around them and prepare them for their next school environment.

Goals

Children will:

Develop socially, emotionally, physically, and cognitively

Develop critical thinking and problem solving skills

Learn to cooperate to become a member of a group and relate to others

Learn to appreciate individual differences and value diversity

Develop self control and independence

Develop a positive self concept and self identity

Develop self expression and creative expression

Develop mutual respect and build community in the classroom

Develop social interaction skills

Develop communication skills

Typical Preschool Session

Arrival: Children arrive at preschool; are greeted by the teacher; find their cubby; put their belongings away; write their name, answer "the question of the day". We suggest that parents only stay a few minutes to say goodbye.

Free Choice/Centers

Each day after your child has completed his/her morning arrival activities there will be a free choice center available until all the children have arrived. These centers will include math,

reading, writing, science, play, and sensory.

Large Group/Circle Time: The children gather around the large group area and we begin with the Hello Song. We then check attendance to see who is missing (helps children identify friends in class), assign jobs for the day, Pledge of Allegiance, Go over calendar and upcoming events, discuss the weather, discuss special activities for the day, and read a book. The children participate in a large group activity based on the theme and/or letter of the week.

Centers (Literacy, Writing, Math, Art, Science, Dramatic Play, and Blocks): The children select activities in any of the learning centers in the preschool. The children participate in the planned art activity during this time. The children participate in individual or small group activities relating to skill development.

Clean up: The children stop playing and gather at the group time area. Children are assigned to clean up specific areas.

Reading Time: Children will have the opportunity to choose a book from our small library to read or look through the pictures silently on their own.

Snack: The children sit at table and interact socially while eating a nutritious snack. Self help skills such as pouring, spreading, cutting, and using manners are developed during this time. Children are responsible for cleaning up their own materials.

Music and Movement: The children participate in activities involving music and movement.

Large Group: The children will gather in the large group area. The teacher will then introduce or review the letter, number or theme activity of the week and the children will participate in an activity related to the subject.

Table Time: The children will do a worksheet related to the letter of the week.

Free Play Time: The children have the opportunity to explore and learn through play. We will be using the outdoor play area sometimes. Make sure your child dresses appropriately for the weather.

Transition to go Home: The children review what happened during the preschool session and preview the next session and upcoming events. Books are read until parents come to pick up their child. Please come into the classroom and we will dismiss your child from the rug.