



*West Marietta
Cooperative Preschool*

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**Parent Handbook
2026/2027 School Year**

Welcome to West Marietta Cooperative Preschool and Congratulations on being selected as part of our dynamic program!! West Marietta Cooperative Preschool (WestMCP) is Community Driven; Parent Sponsored and Child Centered. We are a non-traditional program like no other! We believe parents should have a say in center operations, community involvement and determine their child's individual learning needs. At West Marietta Cooperative Preschool, we believe children learn best when immersed in an environment of hands-on, learning. Therefore, it is the goal of WestMCP to provide environments that are creative, Interactive, Unique and FUN. From our Reggio Emilia inspired classrooms to our unique interactive outdoor Playground, you will see immediately that we are Not your typical Preschool. We promise to keep our "little" school intimate and focus on the individual needs of our families by providing a supportive cooperative approach to preschool.

Together, We will Grow!

Annual Fees and Schedules

A non-refundable fee of 5% of your annual tuition is due with your application. This fee, minus the (material fee) will be credited towards your last payment

**A 5% tuition discount is granted to families with more than one child enrolled and will be applied to the oldest child's annual tuition.

Tuition can be paid annually: July 25

Quarterly: July 25, October 25, February 25

Monthly: The monthly installment payment is due on the 25th by 12:00pm starting July 25th. The last payment is due April 25th, 2027.

**A late fee of \$25 per day will be charged to accounts with unpaid tuition. Families with unpaid tuition will be unenrolled after the 30th/31st.

*No refunds will be issued nor are fees pro-rated for days that your child does not attend. These days may include but are not limited to illnesses, vacations, government shutdowns, inclement weather, quarantines, safety concerns and holidays when the center is closed.

MATERIAL FEE PER CHILD: 5 days \$200, 4 Days \$160, 3 days \$120, 2 days \$80

KINDERGARDEN

To participate in our private Kinder'garden' program, Children must be four (4) by September 1, 2022.

The 2026/2027 Program Schedule: Mon-Fri 8:00am to 12:30pm,
Parent provided lunch 12:00, 12:30-5:00 extended Care/quiet time

Aug 7 CLOSED *Staff Dev Day
August 10 **2026/27 Session begins
Sept 4 No Extended Care
Sept 7 CLOSED
Sept 21-25 No Pre-K Fall Break
Oct 12-No Extended care
Oct 29* Trunk or Treat 4:30pm
Nov 23-27 No Pre-K Thanksgiving
Break

Dec 21-Jan 1 CLOSED Holiday
Break
Jan 18- CLOSED MLK Jr Holiday
Feb 15-19 No Pre-K Winter Break
April 5-9 CLOSED Spring Break
May 28 Last Day of Session
**No extended care

Tuition and Fees

Annual tuition from Aug 10, 2026-May 28, 2027, is as follows:

\$45 per day drop-in care \$30 per day extended care

<u>8:00-12:30</u>	<u>12:30-5:00 Extended Care</u>	<u>Annual tuition w. Ext Care</u>
Mon-Fri: \$8775	\$5550	\$14,325
Four Days: \$7020	\$4440	\$11,460
Three Days: \$5265	\$3330	\$859

Preschool 25 mon-4 years (non-pre-k)

The preschool 2026/2027 Program Schedule: 8:00am to 12:00pm*, Mon-Fri
 25 mon-4 years Extended care 12-5:00pm *lunch from 11:30-12pm

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 August 10 **2026/27 Session begins
 Sept 4 No Extended Care
 Sept 7 CLOSED
 Sept 24, 25 CLOSED
 Oct 12-No Extended care
 Oct 29* Trunk or Treat 4:30pm

Nov 25-27 CLOSED Thanksgiving Break
 Dec 21-Jan 1 CLOSED Holiday Break
 Jan 18- CLOSED MLK Jr Holiday
 Feb 15-16 CLOSED
 April 5-9 CLOSED Spring Break
 May 28 Last Day of Session
 **No extended care

Tuition and Fees

Annual tuition from Aug 10-May 28, 2027, is as follows:
 \$45 per day drop-in care \$40 per day extended care

<u>8:00-12:00</u>		<u>Extended Care</u>	<u>Annual tuition w. Ext Care</u>
Mon-Fri:	\$7,600	\$7600	\$15,200
Four Days:	\$6080	\$6080	\$12,160
Three Days:	\$4560	\$4560	\$9,120
Two Days:	\$3040	\$3040	\$6,080

Infants/ Toddlers 6-24 months

The Infant/Toddler 2026/2027 Program Schedule: 8:00am to 12:00pm, Mon-Fri
 4-12 months- No extended care provided.
 12-18 months Extended care 12-4:00pm.
 19-24 months Extended Care 12-5:00pm

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 Sept 24, 25 CLOSED
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 Oct 29* Trunk or Treat 4:30pm

Nov 25-27 CLOSED Thanksgiving Break
 Dec 21-Jan 1 CLOSED Holiday Break
 Jan 18- CLOSED MLK Jr Holiday
 Feb 15-16 CLOSED
 April 5-9 CLOSED Spring Break
 May 28 Last Day of Session
 **No extended care

Tuition and Fees

Annual tuition from Aug 10- May 28, 2027, is as follows:
 \$55 per day drop-in care \$40 per day extended care

<u>8:00-12:00</u>		<u>Extended Care</u>	<u>Annual tuition w. Ext Care</u>
Mon-Fri:	\$10,450	\$7600	\$18,050
Four Days:	\$8360	\$6080	\$14,440
Three Days:	\$6270	\$4560	\$10,830
Two Days:	\$4180	\$3040	\$7,220

Disenrollment Policy

If you choose to disenroll your child(ren) from the preschool before April 26th the following policy applies:

- A minimum notice of 30 days is required via email and must be received by the 15th of the month.
- You are responsible for making all required tuition payments during the 30-day period and You will be assessed the drop-in rate, per child, if the 30 days falls in the next monthly installment period
- The 5% enrollment fee less the material fee, will be applied to the last payment with the required notice. Please note the enrollment fee will not be refunded so please talk with the program director regarding the appropriate withdrawal date.
- All unpaid invoices will be sent to collections after 30 days

Inclement Weather

In the event inclement weather makes travel unsafe for parents and staff, the preschool will be closed. Closures will be determined daily, and parents will be notified via bloomz. *In general, if Marietta City Schools are closed, so will the preschool

Admission Policies

WestMCP is an all-inclusive program that encourages diversity. We do not discriminate based on race, gender, age, nationality, or religious affiliation.

*We will observe all religious holidays and incorporate them into our curriculum.

The following Forms must be provided upon acceptance to our program. Your child cannot begin their 1st day unless these forms are on file: 1. Certificate of Immunization/ age-appropriate immunizations, Form 3231, or a signed affidavit against such immunizations 2. Child Enrollment Form 3. Parental Agreement with the Childcare Facility 4. Emergency Medical Authorization

**It is the parents' responsibility for supplying & updating needed information to the center regarding your child

**The Parent or designee must escort the child to and from the center, sign the child in and out each day, and speak directly with a staff member to acknowledge their arrival and departure.

** Parents have the right to access all center areas used by children

Emergency Procedures

Full Emergency Plans have been developed and are posted for parent viewing. The Emergency plans include procedures to cover the following: 1) Severe weather/ tornado Sheltering In procedure 2) Fire 3) Power failure 4) Loss of Heat 5) Loss of Air Conditioning 6) Loss of Water 7) Structural Damage- where children will be relocated off the premise.

Accidents and Injuries

At West Marietta Cooperative Preschool, we engage children in active hands-on learning and encourage your child to freely explore their environment. Although we provide exceptional supervision, injuries often cannot be avoided. Minor injuries, scrapes and bruises will be addressed immediately with basic first aid, band-aids, and TLC.

Every attempt will be made to speak with the parent or designee directly at pick-up and for more serious injuries, a message through bloomz or text will be sent to parents.

The parent or designee will be contacted via bloomz or text if an injury occurs where a child exhibits signs of discomfort or bruising to the head.

For major injuries requiring professional medical attention, your child's comfort and health are our main concern. 911 will be called immediately to assess the child's condition and if necessary, the child will be transported to a hospital determined by emergency personnel. * Wellstar Kennestone Hospital located at 677 Church Street, Marietta, GA 30060, is the hospital closest to our preschool. The parents will be immediately called and kept abreast of the situation.

Medication Policy

For the safety of children, WMCP will not administer medication.

*If your child has a prescription for emergency medication or for ongoing care, please inform the director so arrangements can be made.

**Please inform your child's teacher if you dispense medication to your child at home. It is important that we keep your child's medical records updated. If we notice an adverse reaction that we think is related to medication, parents will be immediately notified. Emergency medical attention will be sought if necessary.

Illness Policy

It is the responsibility of the parents and the preschool to keep children healthy while in attendance. Therefore the following policies are in place:

A child shall not be accepted nor allowed to remain at the center if the child has the equivalent of a one hundred (100) degrees or higher temperature or contagious symptom, such as, but not limited to, a rash, vomiting, diarrhea or a sore throat. If a child exhibits signs of illness or runs a fever the parent or designee will be called immediately to pick up the child. The child will be separated from other children until the parent arrives. A child must be fever free without medication 24 hours before they can return.

The preschool reserves the right to require a physician's note for attendance for any child that exhibits symptoms of illness including but not limited to excessive runny noses, excessive coughing or wheezing, red eyes, rashes, or extreme irritation.

If a child has a communicable disease, the parent must immediately notify the Center Director.

If a child in our facility is diagnosed with a communicable disease, then all parents will be made aware of the situation through bloomz.

Safe Sleep Policy

All infants will initially be placed on their backs to sleep; No cover or other soft items will be allowed in the crib; Appropriate sleep clothing for infants is to be provided by parent or guardian; Individual crib, cot or mat and bedding will be provided, changed and cleaned as

required; Infants who fall asleep in other equipment, on the floor or elsewhere will be immediately moved to a crib to sleep; No swaddling or positioning devices will be used unless prescribed by a physician.

Diapering Procedures

Diapers will be checked at a minimum of every two hours and children will be changed as needed throughout the day. Staff will bring all supplies to the diaper changing table. Staff will wash their hands before diapering a child. The child will be changed on a clean disinfected table. After the diaper is changed, both the staff and child will wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water. The diaper surface will be cleaned and disinfected. *If ointments are to be used, parents must fill out an external preparations form.

Toilet Training

Children will be encouraged to use the toilet around age two (2). Children will be taken to the bathroom every 30/45 minutes and encouraged to use the potty. We do understand that accidents will happen, therefore please provide three changes of clothing that are not restrictive in nature such as belts, overalls, and buttons. All children must be able to use the toilet independently by 37 months.

Discipline Policy

It is the policy of West Marietta Cooperative Preschool to keep children engaged and happy in their environment. WMCP understands that superb supervision and a classroom that supports cooperative play is the best way to prevent misbehaviors and conflict amongst friends. Children will be redirected as needed however, if a child impedes the success or happiness of other children in the program parents will be notified for pick-up.

The center reserves the right to disenroll a child for any reason at any time.

Food and treats are not used to reward or withheld to punish children's behavior.

Please note that West Marietta Cooperative Preschool is a required reporter of any suspected case of child abuse. Any suspected incidents of abuse will be reported immediately to the Cobb County DFCS office.

Nutrition Policies

Parents are required to bring Lunch and beverages for all children. WMCP will provide a nutritious morning snack at 9:30am and afternoon snack at 2:30pm for children 24 months and older. Parents are required to provide all food including snacks, for children under two. Infants will be fed as designated on the written feeding plan. All other children will eat lunch based on their class schedule. **The feeding plan should be updated every six months or more often as the child's feeding habits change

If catering options are available, parents are required to submit menus and payments directly to the vendor.

Parents are required to bring in formula/milk already prepared in bottles and all foods. There should be enough bottles to meet the child's daily feeding schedule. All bottles must be labeled with the child's 1st and last name. Once a bottle is prepared, any uneaten formula/milk that is served will be discarded.

Children over 12 months are encouraged to self-feed and be introduced to finger foods. Children will be encouraged to feed themselves as this skill develops.

The center will serve a morning snack, afternoon snack and parents provided lunch. A variety of fresh fruit and vegetables are always kept on hand and will be provided for children as needed.

Parents will provide snacks and treats for children with dietary restrictions, food allergies, food intolerance, religious and cultural practices if they cannot eat fresh fruit.

*We encourage families to follow our model of providing fresh and healthy food options for food brought from home for meals and special occasions such as birthdays and parties

Lunch Requirements

Lunches brought from home should be placed in a single lunch container and placed in the child's cubby. Food will not be refrigerated so please add ice packs if necessary. All food should be ready to serve, we will not cut up, heat up or open packages. Please provide utensils if needed.

WMCP provides two healthy snacks daily in the morning and afternoon.

Wellness Policy

At WestMCP we are committed to keeping children healthy. We believe we can provide a healthy lifestyle for children while in our care by being active, eating healthy and getting fresh air daily. Therefore we are committed to the following:

- Children are taught about nutrition and food as part of our regular curriculum.
- Gardening and composting are taught as part of our regular curriculum.
- Families are encouraged to participate in this curriculum by providing compost for our garden and by taking food from our garden to eat at home.
- Children are exposed to a variety of exercises including Yoga, Meditation, Tumbling and Gymnastics daily.
- Children are taken outside as much as possible. We require that you provide weather appropriate items for children to always wear. This includes coats, gloves, boots, sunscreen, hats for sun protection etc. We will play outside in the cold, in the rain and in the hot summer months.

- Our outside classroom will be used as much as possible including the Winter months.

Transportation

Parents shall be responsible for transportation to and from the center. If the preschool provides transportation for off-site field trips parents will be required to give written permission, sign all necessary forms, and provide approved car restraints. Parents will be notified of the vehicle used for transportation.

Parent Involvement

As a cooperative Preschool We encourage parent participation and will work with you to find a volunteer position that works best. We always encourage parents to volunteer in the classroom; however we understand that this may not be the best place for you to showcase your talents. Don't worry- just as your child is getting used to our wonderful school, so will you! Remember- Together, We will Grow!

2026/2027 Childcare Agreement

1. I acknowledge I have read and understand **ALL** information provided in the parent handbook and I have maintained a copy for reference _____
2. I understand I am enrolling my child(ren), name and d/o/b: _____ for the 2026/27 session, which runs from Aug 10, 2026, to May 28, 2027. I understand I am expected to maintain enrollment for the full 10 months.
3. I have read and understand the policy to disenroll: _____
4. Any changes to my child's schedule require a 30-day written notice and must be approved by the program manager: _____
5. My child(ren) will attend the following Schedule: M, Tu, W, Th, F

Kindergarden _____ mornings _____ Extended Care

Preschool _____ mornings _____ Extended Care

Infant/Toddlers _____ mornings _____ Extended Care

MATERIAL FEE PER CHILD: 5 days \$200, 4 Days \$160, 3 days \$120, 2 Days \$80

6. I understand my annual tuition is \$_____ and will be paid monthly _____ quarterly _____ or annually _____.
7. I understand a 5% deposit is due with my application and that this amount will be credited to my last payment for the 2026 27 term: _____
8. If I elect to pay in monthly installment payments my monthly payment will be \$_____ and is due on the 25th of each month by 12:00pm _____
9. I understand that no refunds will be issued nor are fees pro-rated for days that my child(ren) does not attend. These days may include illnesses, vacations, government shutdowns, inclement weather, holidays, safety concerns and disenrollment _____
10. I have read and am aware of the illness policy and inclement weather policy _____
11. I have read and agree with the discipline policy: _____
12. I agree to comply with all policies, procedures, and tuition terms _____

Child's Name _____

Child's Name _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Phone Number: _____ email: _____

Director's Signature _____ Date _____

*Please return this signed page with all required enrollment forms and the 5% fee. 3.30.2026