



Parent Handbook

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Working Hand-in-Hand with Parents
and Their Children Since 1972



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Welcome to Creative Preschool!

The purpose and goal of Creative Preschool, Inc. is to provide a planned nurturing and loving environment for three, four, and five year old children in which they can develop cognitively, emotionally, physically, and socially, each to his or her potential. To do so, Creative Preschool uses *Creative Curriculum for Preschool* and *Ohio's Early Learning and Development Standards and Implementation Guide* as resources to plan and implement a developmentally appropriate program which is rich in content in literacy, math, science, social studies, and the arts, while encouraging the social, emotional, and physical development of each individual child.

Creative Preschool, Inc. has earned Ohio's Step Up to Quality Three-Star Award. Step Up to Quality is a voluntary rating system for early care and education programs. Creative Preschool received this award from the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services - Bureau of Child Care and Development, the state agency responsible for licensing, and the Ohio Department of Education in recognition of our excellent child care program and our ongoing commitment to the care and education of the young child. To qualify for this award, we either meet or exceed an extensive list of quality benchmarks above the minimum requirement of the State of Ohio.

Creative Preschool, Inc. is legally licensed to operate by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS). This license is posted on the bulletin board in the office and in the front hallway. The laws and rules governing Child Day Care are available for review at the school.

Creative Preschool, Inc. is currently licensed to serve 48 children, 30 months – Kindergarten age, per session. Staff/child ratios are 1:10 for children 30 – 47 months old in our Threes Program and 1:12 in our Fours and Fives Program, with a maximum group size of twelve and fourteen respectively. Creative Preschool, Inc. does not discriminate in the enrollment of children upon the basis of race color, religion, sex, national origin or disability in compliance with the ADA act of 1990, 104 Stat. 32, 42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.

Licensing record, compliance reports, inspection reports, and complaint investigation reports from ODJFS, and evaluations from building and fire inspections are available for review from ODJFS. The ODJFS website is: jfs.ohio.gov/cdc. The inspection reports and complaint investigation reports are posted in the school office for review.

What is a Co-op?

Creative Preschool, Inc. is a non-profit, co-operative preschool. It is by this system that we are able to maintain such high standards while keeping costs as low as possible. As a co-op, parents and staff work hand in hand in the daily running of our program. In addition, the Creative Preschool Board, who are an elected group of volunteer parents, in cooperation with the staff, create policies and plan special school and family events for the child and their family's well-being.

Fund-raisers

Creative Preschool, Inc. is a non-profit organization. Fund-raisers help to defray expenses. Some possible fund-raisers include a child friendly family Carnival in May and a fund-raiser product sale. PLEASE SUPPORT OUR FUND-RAISERS!

The Director is Available

Mrs. Tepe is usually available Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 8:30-3:00 or upon appointment. She can be easily reached on her cell phone at 513-284-5283 at any time.

CREATIVE PRESCHOOL, INC. POLICIES

No smoking is permitted on school grounds!

Report of Abuse/Violations

The administration and each employee of Creative Preschool, Inc. are required, under Section 2151.421 of the Ohio Revised Code (ORC), to report suspicion of child abuse or child neglect by immediately notifying the public Children's Services Agency (241-KIDS). Should individuals suspect violation of Chapter 5104 of the ORC or Chapter 5101:2-12 of the Administrative Code, they should report the suspected violation to the ODJFS at 1-866-866- 3537.

Observation/Evaluations

If needed, custodial parents or guardians of a child enrolled in Creative Preschool, Inc. shall be permitted access to the school during hours of operation for the purpose of contacting their children or evaluation of the premises and/or care provide. Please contact Mrs. Tepe. to set up an appointment time. A Custody Agreement must be on file when applicable.

Parent and Class Roster

This Handbook will be emailed to the parent/guardian of each child enrolled at Creative Preschool, Inc. This same Handbook can be found on our website for handy reference. A paper copy of the Handbook will be provided to families upon request. A Class Roster, which will include each child's name, address, phone number, parent name(s) and email address, will be available only upon receiving written permission from each child's parent/guardian.

Parental Custody

Custody paperwork must be provided in situations where there are specific custody, visitation, contact orders in place. Custodial parents need to reach out to Mrs. Tepe before the start of the school year to set up a meeting time.

Change of Address or Information

Please inform your child's teacher, the Registrars, and the office of any change in address, phone numbers, email or emergency information.

Medical Forms, Health Forms, and Enrollment Forms

Each child enrolled in Creative Preschool, Inc. must have a current prescribed Medical Form, which includes a record of immunizations, and a State Health and Enrollment form on file. **These forms must be completely filled out and turned in to the Registrars before your child begins school!**

Because State Licensing requires that the Medical Form be updated yearly, just before the year anniversary of your child's last well-checkup, a new Medical Form will be sent home through school. Please take this form with you when you visit your child's doctor for his/her yearly medical checkup, and then return the signed and dated form, with your child's immunization record attached to school as soon as possible so that Creative Preschool Inc. can remain in compliance with State Licensing.

Any child who has special medical needs, medications, or food allergies will be required to have additional documentation on file. Please see Mrs. Tepe.

Food Allergies:

If your child has a food allergy, you must notify us in writing so that we can make appropriate substitutions. The written notification should list appropriate food substitutions and must be updated at least annually. Food allergies can be life threatening. Each child with a food allergy should have an action plan for emergency care completed a health care professional and discussed with your child's teacher and a member of the administrative team.

Communicable Disease Policy

Staff members have been trained in the management and identification of communicable disease, disinfecting, and hand washing procedures by a licensed R.N. Most staff members have current Red Cross First-Aid cards. The staff will refer to the Ohio Department of Health “Child Day Care Communicable Disease Chart” for appropriate management of suspected illness. This Communicable Disease Chart is posted in the office. If children have been exposed to communicable disease, an email will be sent to notify parents and guardians.

Any person exhibiting signs and symptoms of COVID 19 will be asked to leave school grounds immediately. Throughout the day, teachers and staff shall closely monitor each child. If it is observed that any person has the following signs of illness a staff member will immediately notify the parent or guardian. Children with these symptoms shall be immediately isolated in the office, or outside when appropriate, and may be asked to wear a mask while he/she waits with a staff member to be discharged to his/her parent or guardian. These symptoms include: a temperature of at least 100.00° F, diarrhea, severe cough causing the child to become red or blue in the face or to make a whooping sound, difficult or rapid breathing, yellowish skin or eyes, redness of the eye, obvious discharge, matted eyelashes, burning or itching of the eye, untreated skin patches, unusual spots or rashes, evidence of untreated lice, scabies, or other parasitic infestation, sore throat or difficulty swallowing, unusually dark urine, gray or white stool, a stiff neck with elevated temperature, vomiting more than one time or when accompanied by any other sign or symptom of illness.

Handwashing Policy

Staff members have been trained in the management of hand washing procedures by a licensed R.N.

- Children, staff and helping adults are required to wash their hands thoroughly.
 - upon entering the school or classroom at the beginning of their day
 - following toileting
 - before eating and after eating
 - following the handling of pets
 - following water or sand play
 - following the handling of bodily fluids
 - upon dismissal from the classroom

Children will be instructed in proper handwashing which will be overseen by staff members.

The use of hand sanitizer is permitted under adult supervision. Hand sanitizer will only be used when hand washing is not an option. No child is ever permitted to carry hand sanitizer with him/her or in his/her school bag.

Medications

No medication, vitamin, or special diet will be administered by the staff of Creative Preschool Inc., except in the case of medical emergency. When medication is necessary a prescribed form must be filled out by the child's physician. Please see Mrs. Tepe.

Safety in the Classroom

The child care staff member in charge of a child or group of children shall be responsible for their safety. No child is ever left alone or unsupervised. A child will never be released to anyone other than his/her parent or guardian unless the teacher has received written permission from the parent or guardian. Once all children have arrived for school, the school doors will be locked until dismissal. A Custody Agreement must be on file for those children to which it applies.

Illness and Injuries at School

A child who becomes ill or injured while at school, will be cared for by the Director or an aide until the child's parent or guardian arrives. If the parent or guardian is not available, the school will discharge the child to the person who has been designated by the parent or guardian to take charge of the child. Should a child become injured while at school, parents will be asked to sign an incident/injury report, as required by State licensing.

Please call the school at 513-941-7254 when your child will be absent.

Returning to School After an Illness or Injury

After illness, a child may return to school after remaining fever free without the use of fever reducing medication for an entire 48 hours, or upon the permission of a physician.

Should your child suffer an illness or injury, such as a break or sutures, which require medical attention or hospitalization, a signed note by the attending physician will be required upon return to school. The note must include the date of injury, date the child is permitted to return to school and active play, and any special instructions or limitations.

Emergencies

Medical and dental emergency procedures, emergency numbers, and the names of personnel trained in First Aid are posted in the office and in each classroom. First Aid boxes are in the kitchen cabinet marked with a Red Cross. Children's emergency numbers are filed in the office for administrative use only. A phone is always available for emergency incoming and outgoing calls.

Emergencies continued...

Creative Preschool, Inc. will not transport a child to the source of emergency medical or dental care. Green Township Fire EMS and the parents will be called in the case of extreme emergencies. Parents will be called for minor emergencies.

Environmental emergency procedures and emergency numbers are posted in the office and in each classroom. To protect the children, spray aerosols are prohibited when the children are present. As required by State rules, a fire drill will be held monthly, safety drills quarterly, and weather drills will be held in accordance with the prescribed schedule. In case of emergency evacuation, the staff will take the children to the outdoor shelter area by the playground. In case of extreme emergency in which the shelter area will not be safe, the children will be escorted to the parking lot of the West View Shopping Center on Ebenezer, near Cleves Warsaw. Parents will be called as soon as possible to pick up their children from this location.

Pandemic Emergency Response

Pandemic: Defined as

- *a disease epidemic that has spread or is prevalent over a large region, whole country or world*
- *an outbreak of a pandemic disease*

Creative Preschool Inc. will implement the Pandemic Section of the Crisis Management Plan under the guidance and direction of the CDC, federal and local governments, and the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services Child Care Regulation.

To ensure the safety of children, families and staff the center will monitor the situation and take into account the guidance and suggestions from the authorities on the situation.

Decisions made by Creative Preschool Inc. will consider the safety of children, families and staff. Decisions may include:

- Closure of the center
- Length of closure to be determined by center, CDC, federal and local governments and the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services Child Care Regulation
- Adjusted hours of service
- Daily health checks of children, staff and helping adults
- Expectation of required handwashing
- Expectation of required face covering
- Limited entry into the building by adults
- Limited access to the property
- Limitations on what the children may bring into the center, such as
 - Blankets
 - Stuffed animals

Pandemic Emergency Response continued...

Creative Preschool, Inc. will communicate these plans through a variety of methods such as mass email, written communication when possible, and Facebook.

In the event that any class be required to temporarily close due to pandemic disease exposure, Creative Preschool Inc. families will be expected to submit payment for up to two weeks. Should Creative Preschool Inc. be mandated to temporarily close beyond two consecutive weeks, tuition payments will be prorated for any amount past the two week allowance and any excess tuition present in the account will be applied forward where possible or refunded.

In the event that Creative Preschool is forced to permanently close, payments will be suspended until such time that the school can re-open. At that time, remaining tuition due will be prorated to reflect the closure days beyond the two weeks allotted.

COVID-19 Acknowledgement

Creative Preschool is taking extensive precautions to mitigate risk for all students and staff members during the COVID19 pandemic. We have devised a learning plan that provides time to follow the safety regulations recommended by the CDC, local and federal health departments and the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services. By attending Creative Preschool, it is understood that students and parents assume risks associated with the spread of COVID-19. It is further understood that staff, parents and children will comply with school practices, procedures and policies enacted to stop the spread of COVID-19.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION



Registration

Currently enrolled families and families that have had children attend Creative Preschool Inc. in the past may take advantage of pre-registration, which opens early-January. The Pre-Registration deadline is late January. Registration forms for new families are accepted beginning the first week in January. Confirmation of class placement will be sent in late February. The dates for Pre-registration deadline will be posted in the monthly newsletter. There is a \$100 non-refundable registration fee.

Cut-off Date to Enroll

To register for our Four Year Old program children must be 4 by September 30th to be enrolled. To register for our PreK program children must be 5 by September 30th, or have attended Creative Preschool and are recommended for the program. Our Three Year Old and Friday Friends Programs accept children who are 3 years old by December 31st.

Creative Preschool, Inc. Classes

The following classes are currently offered:

3 YEAR OLD CLASS	4 YEAR OLD & PreK CLASS	FRIDAY FRIENDS
M-W A.M. 9:00-11:30	M-W-F A.M. 8:45-11:30	Friday A.M 9:00-11:30
T-TH A.M. 9:00-11:30	M-W-F P.M 12:30-3:15	
T-TH P.M. 12:30-3:00	M-W-F A.M. (PreK) 8:30-11:45	
M-W P.M. 12:30-3:00	M-W-F P.M. (PreK) 12:15-3:30	
	T-TH A.M. 8:45-11:30	
	T-TH A.M. 9:00-11:30	
	T-TH-F P.M. 12:30-3:15	

IT'S CLASS TIME

What Are We About? At Creative Preschool, Inc. your child will:

- grow in independence and self-help skills
- play and work alone and with others
- follow directions and routines
- share and take turns
- explore new materials
- develop social skills
- widen and develop new abilities
- express his/her own thoughts and ideas
- listen to and develop awareness of others
- increase awareness of the world around him/her
- develop critical thinking and problem solving skills



Your child will be participating in activities which:

- develop skills in literacy, mathematics, science, social studies, and arts
- develop and increase vocabulary
- develop improved large motor coordination and physical strength
- develop improved small motor strength and fine motor control
- build self-confidence
- help him/her to discover new ideas
- develop interest in people, numbers, writing and reading
- differentiate differences in sound, size, shape, and color
- increase ability to think logically and sequentially
- provide opportunities to actively problem solve
- aid in increasing prosocial thinking and behaviors

Sample Daily Schedule

PreK CLASS	4 YEAR OLD CLASS	3 YEAR OLD CLASSES
Greet and Share Group Time	Greet and Share Group Time	Greet and Share Group Time
Specials	Triple Room/Group Time	Specials
Active Play/Art	Outdoor/Gross Motor Play	Outdoor/Gross Motor Play
Clean Up and Bathroom	Clean Up & Bathroom	Bathroom and Snack
Snack	Snack	Group Time
Group Time/Triple Room	Specials	Art and Free Play
Outdoor/Gross Motor Play	Active Play/Art	Clean Up
Prepare for Dismissal	Prepare for Dismissal	Prepare for Dismissal
Story/Music	Story/Music	Story/Music
Dismissal	Dismissal	Dismissal

Communication

The Board and staff of Creative Preschool, Inc. believe that communication between home and school is of utmost importance. Most information important to you and your child from the teachers or the Board will come home via email and/or written communication through your child.



You are asked to check your email and your child's cubby daily for:

- special information from the Board or Room Parents
- all-school monthly Newsletters
- program-specific weekly newsletters

Email communication is often sent in large groups, Blind CC. Some server settings automatically block this type of email or emails with attachments.

Be sure to add the following emails to your contact list so we aren't filtered into your spam folder: creativepreschool@fuse.net , creativepreschool@yahoo.com, creativepreschoolparentboard@yahoo.com. At any time should you notice that you are *not* receiving monthly communication, please check your spam and/or contact Mrs. Tepe.



Your child will be provided a bag at Parent Orientation to transport papers home from school. Please ask whoever picks up to check your child's cubby daily. *Parents, please be certain to check and empty the bag each day.*

In addition, information, including this Handbook, the Calendar, all-school Newsletters, and Current Events can be found on our website, www.creativepreschoolcincinnati.com .

Please *like* us on our privacy protected Facebook page, as well!

www.facebook.com/creativepreschoolcincinnati2



PLEASE KEEP YOUR TEACHER AND THE OFFICE ADVISED OF ANY CHANGES TO YOUR CHILD'S CIRCUMSTANCES, INCLUDING YOUR ADDRESS, PHONE, and EMAIL CHANGES!

Guidance and Management Policy

Discipline is a way of teaching proper behavior, not punishing improper behavior. At Creative Preschool Inc. rules will be simple and discipline will be positive, specific, and consistent. If a child's behavior is not suitable for a particular activity, he or she may be redirected to another. An uncooperative or disruptive child may be removed from a situation by further redirection. In extreme cases he or she may be required to sit alone in a designated area of the room for a few minutes to think about his or her behavior and

observe appropriate behavior. As a last resort, the child may be removed from the classroom and sent to the office for a short period of time. These behavior management techniques are to be employed by all staff members.



Clothing Requirement

We at Creative Preschool want your child to have the most enjoyable, safest experience possible. Child-centered art can be messy! Your child will also participate in outdoor play, which includes running, climbing, and tumbling. Therefore, play clothes and shoes which can get dirty and allow for free and safe movement are most appropriate. **GYM SHOES ARE REQUIRED SO THAT YOUR CHILD CAN PARTICIPATE SAFELY IN ALL ACTIVITIES!**

Please remember that dresses, especially those that are long, encumber children from safe play, as well. Please send appropriate clothing for the weather, as well, as we do play outside whenever possible. It may not be cold going from the car into school, but it certainly can be when playing outdoors for even so little as 15 minutes of time.

Please label all outer garments with your child's name!

Outdoor Play

We strive to play outside as much as possible! Please keep in mind that we will still go out when it is chilly. Please make sure your child has warm coats, gloves, and hats for chilly days when we are playing outside. Outdoor play is however limited to weather or safety issues (considerations may include but are not limited to temperature, humidity, wind chill, ozone levels, pollen count, lightning, rain, or ice)

Evaluations

Prior to the start of the school year, parents will be asked to respond to the ASQ-3 and ASQ-SE Questionnaires. The staff of Creative Preschool will use these tools to identify strengths and possible developmental delays in individual children. Should further evaluation be indicated, parents will be informed and involved.

Parents of Creative Preschool children will receive written communication in regard to their child's development and skills progression. The Creative Preschool Development and Skills Report will be sent home in the fall, winter and end of year. In the Fall, only Social Emotional development will be reported. In the Winter and Spring, all areas of development and skill will be reported. These reports will be sent to each family via your designated Email address and parents will be asked to sign and return a Receipt of Progress Report form indicating that they have received the report.

Conferences

Parents are always encouraged to email or call a teacher or the director at *any time* to request a conference or with questions, concerns, suggestions or information which will be helpful to the well-being and education of their child. Because we are a co-op and parents are present in the classroom, however, many do not feel it necessary or productive to attend a conference. We do not, therefore, automatically schedule conferences for every child. On the Receipt of Progress Report form, however, the teacher may indicate the need for a conference. By checking the appropriate box, parents are encouraged and welcome to request a conference, as well.

It is best practice that children and/or problems should never be discussed in front of a child or another parent, so *a phone call or private conference will be employed*. Please refrain from discussing problems during, before, or after class unless your teacher has arranged for privacy. Your teacher will always be happy to call you at the end of the day!

Snow Delays/Closures



Creative Preschool, Inc. follows the Oak Hills School District CLOSURE for snow days. **When Oak Hills is on a morning DELAY, all A.M. classes will be CANCELED, not 2 hours late.** On DELAY days, *afternoon classes* will begin at the normal time. In the case of unexpected sudden inclement weather, should Creative dismiss early or close for the afternoon session, parents will receive a phone call. Please be sure to check your voice mail!

Holidays/Special Events



Special days are planned during the year. All of these are listed in your Creative Preschool Calendar. In addition, details of each event will be explained in the newsletter of the month of the holiday or the event. We will celebrate Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Valentine's Day, and Easter. There will also be an end of year Celebration for all classes.

Birthdays



Whenever possible, your child will be scheduled as Child Helper on or near his/her birthday. If your child is inadvertently NOT scheduled near his/her birthday, please check with Erin Lind (Board President), the office or your child's teacher. Summer birthdays may be celebrated, as well, for those parents who wish to do so. If so, please let your teacher know which of your scheduled helping days you would like to celebrate.

Please remind the teacher upon arrival that you will be celebrating your child's birthday! On this day your child will receive a birthday crown and the class will sing Happy Birthday. Your child may celebrate by bringing a special treat. *This treat will be sent home with the classmates at the end of class.* The treat may be anything you and your child might choose, homemade or store bought, since it will not be consumed at school. *If you choose to send a treat, please be sure to package it in a bag or container appropriate for transporting it home by the children.*

Field Trips



If deemed appropriate and COVID 19 friendly, field trips will be planned this year. Field trips of special interest to the children will be planned by the teachers. All students must return a signed permission form in order to attend the field trip, even if a parent will be there with them. The children will be supervised on all trips by the teacher. For most field trips, however, parents are also welcome to accompany their child. Attendance forms and first aid kit will accompany the class on each field trip. While on the field trip each child will wear a name tag that will include his/her name and the school's name, address, and phone number. A person trained in First Aid who meets the requirements of Rule 5101:2-12-31 of the Administrative code will attend each field trip.

Siblings are not permitted to join in on the field trips!

Transportation for Field Trips



The staff feels that field trips are an important part of a well-rounded preschool education. The Ohio Child Safety Law states that all children of preschool age are required to be fastened into an appropriate child car seat. Therefore, transportation will not be provided by the school. Parents will be required to transport their child to the field trip or make other arrangements, such as car pools. Creative Preschool does not transport children.

Americans with Disabilities Act- Creative Preschool does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

When Problems Occur

We at Creative Preschool, Inc. have your child's best interest at heart at all times. Many problems can be avoided when caring adults communicate openly. Even so, at times problems can occur. When they do, however, most problems can be resolved when parents and teachers work together for the sake of the child.

With this in mind, it is our policy that at any time your child's teacher feels the need to discuss a problem she will contact you as soon as she is able. Problems should never be discussed in front of a child or another parent, so *a phone call or private conference will be employed*. Please refrain from discussing problems during, before, or after class.

Should you, as well, have a problem or question about the school, a teacher, or school policy, please follow these steps until you receive a fair resolution:

- First, ask the teacher for a private conference or phone call to discuss the issue.
- Next, if the problem is not resolved, discuss the problem privately with the Director.
- If the problem still is not satisfactorily resolved, discuss the problem privately with the Creative Preschool Board President.
- If further resolution is needed, take your complaint before the Creative Preschool Board.

DISENROLLMENT/EXPULSION POLICY

Occasionally, there are situations that result in the expulsion of a child from our program either on a short term or permanent basis. These situations are always unfortunate. We want you to know we will do everything possible to work with you, the parents/guardian, in order to prevent this policy from being enforced. The following are reasons why we may have to expel or suspend a child:

IMMEDIATE CAUSES FOR EXPULSION

- The child is at risk of causing serious injury to other children or himself/herself.
- A parent threatens physical or intimidating action toward staff members.
- A parent engages in verbal abuse toward staff in front of enrolled children.
- Unsuccessful resolution of an issue where more than one child from the family is enrolled in the program and the parent decides to remove one child but leave the others in care... all children from a family must disenroll at the same time.
- Unsuccessful resolution of an issue where a parent develops an expressed or apparent lack of confidence in the staff.
- Administration reserves the right to use our discretion to disenroll a student in situations where we feel resolution of conflict is unable to be met.

PARENTAL ACTIONS FOR CHILD'S EXPULSION

- Failure to pay and/or habitual lateness in tuition payments.
- Failure to complete required forms including the child's updated immunization records.
- Habitual tardiness when picking up your child.
- Verbal abuse to staff.
- Difficult and unresolved child custody situations that can not be resolved.
- Threatening or concerns for threatening behavior by a parent or other adult which would pose a security issue for the student, Creative staff or student body.
- Failure to provide custody paperwork in situations where specific custody, visitation and or contact orders are in place.
- Administration reserves the right to use our discretion to disenroll a student due to adult behavior and in situations where we feel resolution of conflict is unable to be met.

CHILD'S ACTIONS FOR EXPULSION

- Failure of child to adjust after a reasonable amount of time.
- Uncontrollable tantrums/angry outbursts.
- Ongoing physical or verbal abuse to staff or other child.

HELPER DAY!

Before the start of school, each family should receive a Child Helper Day schedule.



Child Helper Day is a special day for your child. Each child certainly looks forward to their “helping day!” On this day he/she will:

- be the line leader.
- provide a prepackaged snack and drink for the class.
- be snack director.
- have the opportunity to bring one child-friendly item from home to share at “show and tell time.”
- have the opportunity to invite an adult to school

Snack Time!

Whenever possible, on the class day before your child’s Child Helper Day we will send home the *SNACK BAG*. Please send the snack bag back on your child’s Child Helper Day with enough snack and drink for the entire class.

Please be sure to ask your child’s teacher who receives the Snack Bag for the next class day!



When providing snack please keep these requirements in mind:

- Be sure to consider food allergies; when in doubt check with your child’s teacher.
- Snacks **MUST**, because of licensing requirements, be bakery, restaurant, or store-bought and brought to school in unopened packages.
- **No snack which has been prepared at home can be consumed at school!**
- Snacks should be healthy and safe choices for the preschool child. Please refer to the snack list below for some suggestions.
- Please do not send in cookies, donuts, cupcakes, or other high-sugar foods.
- Drinks may include any 100% fruit juice boxes.
- Cups and napkins will be provided by the school; eating utensils, plates, and bowls are not.

Please take home any uneaten snacks and drinks and remember to pass the Snack Bag to the next class day’s Child Helper.

Snack

It is our goal to provide a sound foundation in education and best practices for a healthy lifestyle. We ask, therefore, that you provide safe and healthy snack choices for our preschool-age children. Please consider high fiber and low sugar alternatives while planning for snack.

Healthy Snack Suggestions:

- raisins or dried fruit pouches
- cheese sticks
- whole grain cracker packs
- Goldfish/Cheeze-it cracker bags
- graham cracker packs
- pretzel mini bags
- applesauce pouches
- frozen or canned fruit in natural juice
- granola bars or Nutrigrain Bar
- yogurt
- peanut butter cracker packs
- multigrain/low sugar cereal mini boxes
- PopChip or Pirates Bootie mini bags
- popcorn bags
- vegetable or sweet potato chips or straws mini bags

ARRIVAL/DISMISSAL POLICY



**Please drive slowly and carefully,
observing all stop signs posted!!!**



**No child should arrive to school more than
10 minutes before class time**

Arrival

There are two options for arrival:

Option #1 **Parent Escort:**

Parents should park in the designated parking spaces to walk their child into the school. Please stop at the bathroom and have your child wash his/her hands for a least 20-30 seconds. Then, walk your child to his/her hook, assist him/her in hanging up their belongings and say a quick goodbye at the classroom door.

Option #2 **Staff Escort/Drop Off:**

Drop-off begins no more than 10 minutes before the beginning of class time.

- Simply pull your car as far left as possible, parallel to the cones, and forward toward

the main entrance doors (without blocking the school crosswalk/entrance).

- *Wait* in your car for the staff member to open the car door and remove your child from the vehicle.
- Whenever possible it is safer for the child to exit the rear driver/left side of the vehicle!

A staff member will escort your child to the bathroom for handwashing, to their hook to hang up their belongings and then to his/her classroom. This can take a moment. Please be patient.

**PLEASE NEVER SEND YOUR CHILD INTO THE SCHOOL UNSUPERVISED.
ALWAYS WAIT FOR THE STAFF ESCORT!**

Dismissal

Please only park in the designated parking spots. DO NOT park in the spots blocked off with the cones. Parents are permitted to enter the school and wait outside their child's door at dismissal time. Children will only be released to their parent or authorized pick up person.

Parents/legal guardians must notify the child's teacher, in writing on a prescribed authorization form, of anyone who will be picking up a child from school. On this form, please notify your child's teacher in writing of carpools and of the children and parents involved. In addition, according to State regulations, no child will be dismissed to a sibling under the age of 16 years of age without parental written consent on file with the Director. For your child's peace of mind and as a courtesy to teachers, please be punctual at dismissal time.

Parking

In order to best protect the children, when coming to and leaving Creative Preschool Inc., please follow these guidelines:

- Drive slowly and carefully at all times.
- Always **stop and look** at the stop sign at the cross walk.
- Park only in designated, lined parking spots in the lower or upper lot.
- Do not park in any way which will block the cross walk from pedestrian traffic or from the view of approaching auto traffic.
- Do not park along either side of the driveway to the lower parking lot, including the gravel walkway.
- Do not move any cones blocking parking spaces. These spaces are blocked for the safety of the children entering and exiting the school.
- Do not park along the cones at the drop-off zone at any time!



TUITION



A convenient Tuition Payment book is available, upon request, to help you keep a record of your payments. Please speak to Mrs. Tepe if you would like one. The first tuition installment is due on the first of May. The remaining eight installments are due on the 15th of each month beginning with September and ending with April. Tuition installments must be made on time!

Tuition that is in arrears may be cause for a child to be dismissed from the school. Please see below for the “Late Tuition Policy.” All tuition must be paid in full by April 15th.

Tuition for the 2023-2024 school year is:

- One-day 3’s (FF) Program: \$1071 a year or 9 installments \$119
- Two-day 3’s Program \$1386 a year or 9 installments of \$154
- Three-day 3’s Program \$1620 a year or 9 installments of \$180
- Two-day 4’s Program \$ 1449 a year or 9 installments \$161
- Three-day 4’s Program \$1746 a year or 9 installments of \$194
- Three-day PreK Program \$1971 a year or 9 installments of \$219

Please make checks payable to Creative Preschool, Inc., and drop them in the TUITION PAYMENT box at school or mail them to Creative Preschool. Your cancelled check is your receipt.

PLEASE NEVER DROP CASH IN THE TUITION PAYMENT BOX!

Should cash payment be necessary, please see Mrs. Tepe. in person to make the payment and to get a receipt. Questions about tuition are managing by emailing creativepreschool@fuse.net.

LATE TUITION POLICY

If you should find yourself in the circumstance of being unable to meet your scheduled tuition installments, please call Mrs. Tepe at 941-7254 (school) or at 513-284-5283(cell) immediately. Mrs. Tepe work confidentially with you to find a payment plan that works best for you and for the school.

If you have not contacted Mrs. Tepe to make other arrangements for late installment payments, the following policy will be in effect:

- Tuition installment is 2 weeks late: a reminder notice will be sent requesting immediate payment.
- Tuition installment is not received by requested date: a follow-up email or phone call will be made.
- Tuition falls two months in arrears: your child(ren) may be dismissed from the school.
- No family will be permitted to pre-register for the following year unless tuition is paid up to date.
- If tuition is two months in arrears after registration has occurred, your child(ren) may be dismissed from the school and removed from the following year's class roster.

COVID-19/Pandemic Tuition Policy

In the event that any class be required to temporarily close due to pandemic disease exposure, Creative Preschool Inc. families will be expected to submit payment for up to two weeks. Should Creative Preschool Inc. be mandated to temporarily close beyond two consecutive weeks, tuition payments will be prorated for any amount past the two week allowance and any excess tuition present in the account will be applied forward where possible or refunded. In the event that Creative Preschool is forced to permanently close, payments will be suspended until such time that the school can re-open. At that time, remaining tuition due will be prorated to reflect the closure days beyond the two weeks allotted.