

Mother Goose Christian Preschool Parent Manual

A school dedicated to fostering the positive development of each individual child!



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Arnold H. Beabout Community Center
Robinson and Ferry Streets
East Brady, PA 16028

Our Mission

Mother Goose Christian Preschool provides preschool age children and their families with opportunities to interact with others who share a common concern for the interest and needs of young children. We are very dedicated to fostering the positive development of each child – spiritually, socially, emotionally, physically, cognitively, and academically. We have intentionally limited class sizes so that each child can be given ample attention and guidance based on their needs, interests, and abilities. We believe that each child can be nurtured in a way that continues to build on the foundation begun at home. We are sure to utilize lots of spiritual, social, emotional, physical, cognitive, and academic building blocks – and of course, fun and caring !!!!!!!

Correspondence

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Please do not call the school during class hours unless you have an emergency. This would include sending another adult to pick up your child or running late to pick up your child. Otherwise feel free to call when the need arises. If evening hours are more

conducive to your schedule, call the owner's home number. Answers to your questions and concerns are a very important part of your child's continuing development and are always welcome at Mother Goose Christian Preschool! In fact, we do believe that family/teacher communication is essential to each child's development!

Class Times

3/4 year old class is held on Tuesday and Thursdays from 9am to 11:30am
4/5 year old class is held on Tuesday and Thursdays from 12:30pm to 3pm
4/5 year old class is held on Monday/Wednesday/Friday from 9am to 11:30am
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Drop off and Pick up

Children may arrive 5 minutes before their class time. Teachers will open the classroom doors for students to come in. The teachers will do a visual well check. If they feel that the child looks unwell, they have the right to take their temperature or to ask you to keep your child home.

When arriving for pick up, we need you to wait outside of the door utilizing social distance until we dismiss each child. It is safer for everyone this way.

If your child is to be picked up by anyone other than those listed on the registration form, you must send a note to inform us. A picture ID will be required for anyone picking up your child. Your child WILL NOT be released to ANYONE without your permission!

Schedule

We follow Karns City Area School District school calendar for holidays and closings. Mother Goose Christian Preschool will observe all Karns City Area School District snow cancellations and these days will not be made up. Mother Goose Christian Preschool also observes Karns City Area School Districts two hour delays as follows:

Morning classes 10:30am to 12:30pm*/Afternoon classes 1:00pm to 3:00pm*

*Subject to closure at Owner's discretion, parents will be notified if weather continues. Families will be notified with the GroupMe App.

Tuition

Tuition is due by the 10th of each month. A receipt will be given. A \$15.00 late fee will be applied to any account paid after the 20th. An additional \$30.00 fee will be charged for any check that is returned for NSF. All monies paid are non-refundable. Checks payable to: Michelle Craig or Mother Goose Christian Preschool. PayPal can also be utilized -

@craigmothergoose

Tuition per month: T/R classes is \$80.00 M/W/F classes is \$100.00

Children with Special Accommodations

Mother Goose Christian Preschool is an inclusive environment. This means all children, including children with disabilities, are welcomed into the classroom. We collaborate with the Midwestern Unit IV and Riverview Intermediate Unit #6. They work with children that have an Individualized Education Plan (IEP).

Curriculum

We will be using The Beginning Bible curriculum. This curriculum is designed to help strengthen the foundations of Christian values in the lives of young children. Christian values are presented in a fun, active, and creative way. At Mother Goose Christian Preschool we teach your children about Jesus and why it is important that we have Him in our hearts as we make our journey through life!

We use the Pennsylvania Pre-Kindergarten Learning Standards for Early Childhood to guide our curriculum for social, emotional, physical, cognitive, and language areas. A copy of the standards can be found in the classroom. We utilize Foundations: Wilson Language Program to introduce letters and letter/sound correspondence. Heggerty Phonemic Awareness Curriculum is utilized daily to enhance our phonemic awareness foundation.

3/4 year old program goals: Our main focus is centered on socialization of your little ones. For many children this is the first time away from the comfort of home and family. This can be very stressful for the child and family. We are very much aware of this and so treat this emotional time with lots of loving care and patience. We supervise and encourage interactions with teachers and classmates. Our constant monitoring and assessing of all areas of development helps us to guide your little ones to learn and explore through play.

4/5 year old program goals: We incorporate all the cares and principles that we use with the three and four year old program and more! We are committed to getting your little ones completely prepared to move on to Kindergarten. Although socialization remains foremost the most important component, we gently ease your children into the structure and routine of a school day. We foster academic and spiritual growth, again through play and exploration. And as always, the positive well rounded growth of your child is what we hold most important!

Discipline Policy

Mother Goose Christian Preschool believes that young children learn appropriate behavior in a supportive environment where adults treat children with kindness and respect. We will give children clearly established limits, positive redirection, renewal time and close physical support of an adult. We prohibit the use of any form of physical punishment, humiliation, and intimidation.

Dress

Please be sure that your child is dressed in clothing that can easily be removed for bathroom purposes. Send in an extra set of clothes (shirt, pants, socks, underwear) for your child to keep at the school. Please put these items in a Ziploc bag with your child's name on the front and send it to school on the first day of class. We do ask that each child is potty trained. If we have potty accidents, they are handled with discretion and care.

Personal Belongings

Please mark your child's name on any items brought from home. After the month of September, we ask that your child NOT bring in playthings from home except for the days when the teacher has asked everyone to bring something.

Snack Time

Snack time comes midway through each session. Each child needs to bring his/her own healthy snack. You are encouraged to pack healthy. Ideas? – cut up fruit, cubed or string cheese, raw vegetables, crackers, or yogurt. Refrigeration is available for snacks. Please do not send in a drink! We will provide water. Mother Goose Christian Preschool is **NUT FREE!** Please do not send in anything with nuts. Highlight on the application any food allergies, reactions, and measures taken.

Birthdays

Treats are welcome for a child's birthday! Remember **NO NUTS!**

Healthy Matters

Healthy children are better capable of learning. Please do not send your child to school while ill. We are taking more precaution this year with the Covid Pandemic in mind. If you see any of the following signs please keep your child home - fever, cough, shortness of breath, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion, runny nose, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea. Children need to be fever free for 24 hours without medication before returning to class. If your child has any of the symptoms listed during the morning or night prior to school, keep them home. A well check will be performed each morning by the teachers. You or your emergency contact will be contacted if your child becomes sick during school hours. We will let families know if there is a communicable disease: examples – pink eye, strep throat, covid etc. Try your best to have your child get the appropriate amount of sleep prior to each school day – it is best for all of us that way! Also, please have your child take in a full meal before school so that they will be all charged up and ready to go! We get pretty active sometimes and it's hard to function on an empty stomach.



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