

Finances

Tuition

Purpose and Benefits:

- Provides money to cover basic operating expenses.
- Scholarships provided for lower-income families.

Monkey & Chipmunk classes
Tuesday & Thursday
\$85/month

Bumblebee & Butterfly classes
Monday, Wednesday, Friday
\$115/month

Fundraising

Purpose and Benefits:

- Increases the visibility and presence of the preschool in the community.
- Provides additional money for coverage of operational expenses, as well as for scholarships and the purchase of new equipment.

Commitment:

Parents have two options to cover the fundraising commitment:

1. Participate in the planned fundraising events.
2. “Buy out” of the fundraising events for \$100 per year.
Payment plans may be possible.

Publicity

Purpose and Benefits:

- Increases the visibility and presence of the preschool in the community.
- Increases fundraising success and school pride.

Commitment:

- Participate in at least one publicity event during the year, requiring approximately 2 hours.

The Preschool Parent Commitment



Cooperative preschools build community. By joining a cooperative, parents make the commitment to work with other parents to do the best for their children. Parents support each other and work together to strengthen and improve the school.

Cooperatives are member-owned small businesses. They are not run to make a profit, but operate with the primary purpose of nurturing and supporting children and parents.

To create a positive preschool experience for our children, a great deal of “behind the scenes” work needs to be done. This brochure is intended to assist parents in understanding their role as preschool “owners” responsible for running the school.

The list of parent responsibilities in this booklet may seem daunting, and new parents to the preschool may feel somewhat overwhelmed or confused. Parents should not feel that they are alone in trying to meet their commitment. There is flexibility in how many of these responsibilities can be met. Parents, the teacher, and the Family Education advisor all work together to support each other. Parents should not hesitate to ask for help, to ask questions, or to voice suggestions.

Meeting your parent commitment not only helps ensure that the preschool is able to pay its bills and continue to operate, but also provides parents the opportunity to learn new skills and to become part of a supportive community of families.

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Parent Helping

Purpose and Benefits:

- Communicates to kids that their parents care about their education.
- Provides an opportunity to observe and learn about your child in the classroom.
- Teaches parenting skills.
- Ensures low child-to-adult ratios, which improves safety.
- Provides support to the teacher.
- Reduces staffing costs.
- Builds new friendships... children and parents alike!

Commitment:

- Two or three times a month, on average.
- Provide snack generally once a month.
- Assist with set up and end-of-day clean up.

Family Education & Class Meetings

Purpose and Benefits:

- Expand on parenting skills and tools.
- Provide parent support.
- Discuss issues and concerns with the teacher and the Family Education advisor.
- Class planning and administration.

Commitment:

- Attend and participate in at least nine parent education or class meetings spread throughout the school year.
- One of the meetings is an orientation in the fall.
- Periodic “series classes” on parenting and child development can serve to make-up for a missed meeting.

School Cleaning

Purpose and Benefits:

- Lowers operating costs.
- Keeps the school clean and safe.
- Adds to the sense of ownership of the school.

Commitment:

- One work party per family / per year.

Preschool Jobs

Purpose and Benefits:

- Lowers operating costs.
- Provides support for the teacher.
- Directly involves the families with school business.

Commitment:

- Each family chooses one preschool job.

Some jobs are very low-key, while others provide you with a chance to get even more involved with the operations of the school. The jobs range from parent helping scheduler to grounds maintenance to chairing the Board of Directors. The Registrar can get you in contact with the Jobs Coordinator - two more jobs!

Other Opportunities

The preschool provides a wide range of other opportunities for parent involvement and growth. They include becoming a board member, serving on committees dealing with social events or policy issues, and additional training opportunities, such as first-aid training, emergency preparedness training, etc.