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Gingerbread News

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Welcome to Gingerbread

The Gingerbread Preschool program provides children with an opportunity to experience a classroom setting prior to kindergarten. This experience may be the first time your child has participated in an activity independent of you. We believe participation in our program allows your child to successfully adjust to this new-found independence without being overwhelmed.

Our program is not a parent cooperative program and parents are not present in the classroom on a regular basis. This is purposeful; as one of our goals for your child is to be able to successfully separate from you, participate fully in the classroom routine and then happily reunite with you at the end of class. We provide a parent participation activity each quarter and the parent volunteer program begins in

January. Parents may arrange with their child's teacher for any additional classroom visits throughout the school year.

Our program day is structured and requires children to participate as a member of the classroom community during specific times: gathering time, snack time and outdoor play. We also provide an opportunity for children to select activities they wish to participate in. For example, your child may love to play with blocks and play with them for several weeks before he/she moves on to the arts and crafts table. We allow each child to move at their own developmental pace while gently encouraging them to try new things when they are ready.

Many parents send their child to preschool so they will be "ready" for kindergarten. We

believe that our developmentally appropriate approach to Early Childhood Education will provide a foundation from which each child will enjoy success in future learning.

The Gingerbread Preschool philosophy simply put is "The Gingerbread Way is Play!". The guiding and underlying principles of the philosophy is four fold.

1. Building Relationships
2. Nurturing Others
3. Promoting Abilities
4. Learning through Play

These principles provide us with a place to begin and to grow from.

Winter Quarter Priority Registration

Priority Registration for the Winter Quarter will take place the week of October 6-10. Those currently enrolled in the program, can take advantage of priority registration which will ensure their placement (day and time) once payment is received. Failure to make the

payment by October 10 will could result in being withdrawn from the program.

Open Registration for new families for the Winter Quarter will begin October 13.

Fee Schedule

Winter Quarter (12/1-3/13/15)	
2's	\$504 R / \$554 NR
3's	\$450 R / \$495 NR
4's	\$619 R / \$681 NR
5's	\$1,069 R / \$1,176 NR

R = Resident / NR = Non-Resident

Important School Dates

2014-2015 School Year

Sept 8-Nov 21

Sept 8
Sept 22
Oct 9
Oct 15

Fall Quarter

First day of School
Lunch & Play
Coffee with the Therapist
Parent Workshop: Building Blocks to Literacy
Picture Day
Lunch & Play
Veterans Day (No School)
Lunch & Play
Parent Workshop: Building Block Beg Writing Skills
Thanksgiving Break (No School)

Oct 15-16
Oct 20
Nov 10-11
Nov 17
Nov 19

Nov 24-28

Dec 1-Mar 13, 2015

Dec 15-Jan 2, 2015
Jan 19

Jan 21

Jan 26
Feb 2-6

Winter Quarter

Winter Break (No School)
Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday (No School)
Parent Workshop: Building Blocks Writing Skills pt 2
Lunch & Play
"Read to Your Child" Week

February 16
Feb 18

Feb 23
Mar 2-6

Mar 18-June 5

Mar 18

Mar 23
Mar 30-Apr 3
Apr 15

May 13-15

May 25
June 5

**Please note dates are subject without notice.*

President's Day (No School)
Parent Workshop: Kindergarten Readiness
Lunch & Play
Week of the Young Child

Spring Quarter

Parent Workshops: Building Blocks of Science
Lunch & Play
Spring Break (No School)
Parent Workshop: Building Blocks of Math
Mini-Indy (days & times vary depending on class)
Memorial Day (No School)
Last day of School

Our Gingersnaps (2's) Teachers



Ms. Jamie, Gingersnaps Teacher, has been working for Gingerbread Preschool for the past 22 years. She has three (3) Teacher Aides that assist her in the class.

"I enjoy being a Preschool Teacher because children make me smile, laugh out loud, and they make my heart happy!"



Ms. Sheila



Ms. Daniella



Ms. Rupali

The Gingersnaps program is run with a 1:4 teacher to student ratio. The Gingersnaps program is offered twice a week on Tuesdays & Thursdays and Wednesdays and Fridays from 8:00-10:00am and 10:15am-12:15pm.

 **GINGERBREAD
PRESCHOOL**
Learn through play!