



Nannies Unlimited

August/September/October 2020



Kindergarteners for 2020 - 2021

The children appear to be really enjoying their summer session; however, everything comes to end at some point. With only a few weeks until school begins, we would like to touch base with you again in regards to your plans for your child this school year. Each year we have numerous calls from parents inquiring about our school program. Since we try to cater to our current parents, we need to know how many children will continue attending the Center this fall. This information will help us route vans and know if we can accommodate children who do not attend at this time. We have some "new" schoolers (kindergartners) so we need to review things that are specific to children in school. If your child rides the bus: the first week or so of school, we assign an older child to your kindergartner to assure they get on and off of the bus at the right place. This seems to work really well.

If your child attends Four Mile Elementary the bus picks the children up at approx. 8:20 am at the entrance of the Center's parking lot.

If your child attends Delaware, Willowbrook, Altoona or Clay Elementary the bus picks the children up at approx. 7:50 am and Runnells again at 7:55 am.

Our staff attends to the children while they wait for the bus.

Every Wednesday the children of Four Mile



get out of school at 1:55 pm and return to the entrance of our parking lot at approx. 2:20 pm. Willowbrook, Centennial, Altoona, Clay and Delaware schools return to the Center at approx. 2:20 pm. Runnells at 2:30 pm.

Again, our staff waits for them as they disembark from the bus and into the building.

On Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday children will return from school at approximately 4:25 -4:45 pm

If your child attends Pleasant Hill, our staff will take your child(ren) to and from school in one of our vans. All vans have appropriate restraint systems in place. We will immediately notify you if your child is not available to be picked up by our van or is not delivered by the bus after school.

Please continue to use the Schooler's (Hornets) communication sheet located under the bulletin board in the main lobby for any communication you need to convey to your child's before or after school teacher. This communication sheet is reserved for school aged children only. Our teacher's will initial the sheet after they read it to let you know they read it.

The rate for the before and after school program is \$85.00/wk./child. This rate includes an after-school snack, transportation to and from school and a "spot" at the Center for various reasons, such as no school day or days when the children get out of school early. If the children do not have school on a particular day there is an additional \$40.00 drop in charge. We post "sign-up sheets" for scheduled "no school days" on the Hornet's Bulletin Board to assist us with staffing and food prep. If you sign your school age child up you must prepay for the day.



If there is more than one day of "no school", your rate never exceeds the weekly rate of \$125.00/wk. The rate for before and after school is \$65.00/wk./child. If you request your **child to come during breaks only, you will need to call well before each break to check if there is an opening available.**



2020 Preschool

The quality of our preschool program is paramount here at The Nannies. Professional oversight is provided to each child/class and maintained daily. We ensure each class has a well-integrated program with a language playground to promote proficiency in the children's language skills. We also facilitate the development of the child's concentration abilities to help acquire a self-image as that of an independent person.

We ensure that the child gains the primary concepts of set, mapping, number, and order through constant manipulation of the material. We encourage and develop a gradual progression of skills by the perception of differences, perception and similarities, and the ability to use complex matching skills. The Nannies encourage the use of large motor skill, the ability to listen and to follow instructions, developing patience and enjoy group participation and gracefully accept defeat.

Vickie and I assume the overall function of the Center, supervising staff, designing curriculum and assist in administering the programs. We ensure services are provided for the children within the center's statement of purposes and objectives. We also ensure your child's safety and protection.

We believe the purpose of the Nannies Preschool is to be creative, courageous innovators in the delivery and promotion of quality educational services in the moral, intellectual and physical development of children; providing activities that will render care, supervision and guidance and thereby benefit the child, the parent and the community.

Preschool begins Tuesday September 8, 2020 and continues until the middle of May 2021.

Preschool Supplies:



One of our goals here at The Nannies is to help parents decrease stress levels thereby allowing them an increase in quality time spent with their children. One of the ways we are attempting to decrease stress and ensure each student has the appropriate materials necessary to be organized and ready to learn, The Nannies Unlimited Child Center and Preschool Inc. will again purchase all preschool supplies necessary for students in the Ladybug (3-4 year old room and the Fireflies (4-5 year old room) The cost of this supply packet is \$25.00 per preschooler. Please make your payment PRIOR to Friday August 21, 2020. This will allow us time to formulate the supplies in time for the first day of preschool. You may include this payment with your weekly tuition. Please make note that you have included this with your payment.



Annual Re-Registration Fees are Due

It's that time of year again when your \$35.00/child annual re-registration fee is due. You can submit those payments along with your weekly tuition. These fees will be due by Friday August 28, 2020. We have a 6-month grace period during this time. (if you have paid a registration after 3/2020, you do NOT have to repay.)

Diapers and wipes are due the first Monday of every month! This has always been a good way for us to keep a supply of diapers for our child here at the Center. Keep in mind if we do not have a supply of your child's diapers, we will use the daycare supplies, however you will be charged \$1.00 per diaper. We appreciate everyone bringing their supply when needed.

Thank you!





2020-2021 Preschool Information

Welcome to The Nannies Preschool Program. We have another fun and educational program planned for the children again this year. We will continue to make education fun to enhance your child's natural love for learning. We will continue to have a weekly "Focus of the Week" calendar posted every Monday on the preschooler's communication board for you to review to help keep you current on what your child's schedule will be during that week. Please keep in mind this is subject to change if needed. Show and Tell will continue to be on Thursdays. We believe this is vital to enhance your child's public speaking, especially in a comfortable setting using articles from home that are also comfortable to them. Please remember, Show and Tell items are to be Focus of the week oriented, unless otherwise posted.

In our classes, we do not expect perfection, so we often award a child with a sticker, star or happy face, it might not be because your child did their work without flaw. Sometimes the positive enforcement is given purely for their effort. We will encourage your child to be an explorer, creator, communicator, interactor, questioner, problem solver, thinker, reasoner, and socializer. Mostly we are going to have fun building self-esteem for the future!

Again, thank you for your continued support. We are looking forward to working with your preschooler! This is going to be another year of mental and physical growth.



Policy Reminders:



~Children must be signed in and out by their parents and escorted to their assigned room when arriving and leaving the Center. (Please do not allow your children to write on the sign in record, parents only).

~ Children who are not going to attend the Center for the day, please notify us prior to 8:00 am. This allows us to adjust our staffing and meal counts accordingly.

~Weekly tuitions continue to be DUE on Monday for the week your child is attending. There are late fees assessed after Monday at 5:30 p.m. Please include a \$5.00/day late fee if you did not remit payment on Monday.

~If your child will be attending elementary school this year (2020-2021), please remember to sign in on the "Hornet" communication sheet located east of the coffee maker in the front foyer.

~The Center opens our doors at 6:00 am If you should arrive prior to this time and our doors are unlocked, please stay with your child until 6:00 am. Our staff needs a few minutes to gather supplies to ready themselves for the day.

~ When children and parents are entering or leaving the building PLEASE reinforce our walking in the building policy. If your child runs inside the building, please redirect your child to walk! This really does help reinforce what our teachers instruct the children that, "we do not run inside the school/building.

~Unless it is an emergency and you need to talk to one of our staff members, we ask that you wait until nap time to visit with them. The morning hours are very busy and with preschool running from 8:30-11:00 am Monday - Friday it makes it very difficult for our staff to take those phone calls during those hours.





Room Change Scheduled for Preschool 2020-2021.

Just a reminder that The Nannies Unlimited Child Center and Preschool Inc. preschool program begins the day after Labor Day, September 8, 2020 and continues through until the middle of May 2021.

Classes will be held Monday through Friday 8:30 am until 11:00 am.

Children who turn three years of age **PRIOR** to September 15, will participate in our "Ladybug" preschool program and those children who have turned the age of four **PRIOR** to September 15, will participate in our "Firefly" preschool program.

The Preschool Teachers will make the children's room changes on Tuesday August 25, 2020. Parents, when picking your child up from daycare this day, please go to their new assigned room. The Ladybug room is located in the lower level of the preschool building and the Fireflies are located on the main floor in the preschool building. *On Wednesday August 26, 2020 parents may begin taking their "preschooler" to their appropriate room.

***This above format will be adjusted according to COVID-19 currently in place at the Center until further notice. Parents/Guardians etc. will drop off and pickup at the main door.**



The end of summer means **going back to school**, or starting school for the first time, for many children. While it is often a welcome time for many parents after a long summer of having the kids in the house all day, other parents become a little sad at the thought of their kids going to school, especially if it is for the first time, or anxious when they consider what challenges their children will be facing.

In addition to the usual social and educational stresses of going to school, kids are faced with many other issues, including drug use, violence, suicide, bullies, and now Covid 19. Talking with your children about these issues at age appropriate times may help decrease their chances of becoming a victim to them.

It is also a good idea to regularly talk with your child about how school is going.

Regular communication will help you to recognize problems early, before they get out of control and when it is easier to intervene. Does your child like going to school? Are they making friends? How are their grades? Is there anything they don't like about school? What happens during breaks, such as recess, lunch and in between classes? Break time is when children are most likely to be unsupervised and when problems are likely to occur, so asking open ended questions about what happens during these times may help you to recognize problem behaviors.

Other topics and issues you should review as your child goes back to school include: **Covid-19 and the wearing of masks, social distancing, good handwashing, sanitizing practices etc.** Every little bit of conversation you can have with your child will help reduce the child's anxieties and overall well-being.



Immunizations

As part of the preparation for your child going to school, you should find and review their immunization records. Are their shots current? Many schools are being rigid about not allowing children to attend school who do not meet their current immunization requirements. Preparing early and getting your child immunized can prevent a frantic call to your Pediatrician and a rush to get shots.

What shots does your child need to attend kindergarten or the first grade? In addition to the shots they received as an infant, school age children usually need booster doses of the MMR, DTaP and IPV vaccines. These boosters are commonly given at the 4-6-year-old well child visits.

In addition to these boosters, your child may also need the chickenpox vaccine (Varivax) if they haven't already been immunized or had a natural case of chickenpox and the Hepatitis B series. Older children also require a tetanus booster. This is usually given around the age of twelve years.

Further questions please see talk to your physician.
About.com Vincent Iannelli, M.D., Your Guide to Pediatrics.

Quiet Time:



All children will be encouraged to take a nap or have quiet time. Children benefit from rest periods every day. That way they won't be too tired to enjoy their families during the evening and participate in the afternoon activities with renewed energy. As a child gets older most children begin to resist taking naps, however, we will encourage the child to take a nap. Our quiet/nap time is from approximately 11:30 am until 1:30 pm in the Toddler/Two-year-old room and 12:00 pm. until 2:00 pm in the preschool rooms. Children who are two years of age and younger will be allowed to do a planned quiet activity if they are not sleeping within 45 minutes after beginning of naptime and/or when they wake from their nap and have been supervised to toilet. Preschool aged children (ages 3years-5years not enrolled in elementary school) will be allowed to do a planned quiet activity if they are not sleeping within 20 minutes after the beginning of naptime and/or when they wake from their nap and have been supervised to the toilet.

We encourage parents to bring their children prior naptime for this can be very disruptive for the other children and can be upsetting for your child if they take a nap as soon as they arrive.



Flexible Spending Accounts:



For those of you who participate in "Flexible Spending Accounts" for dependent expenses we are requesting that you submit (if you have not already done so) a written notice for the need of and "invoice" If you have an email address, please include this with your request. This helps us get your invoice to you in a more efficient manner If you do not have an email address, we will continue to be happy to sign vouchers. Please leave the vouchers with the office and we will complete those and place them in your child's cubby for you to pick up later. Remember, the invoices are completed only on a bi-weekly basis. If you should need them other than this, there will be an additional charge of \$10.00/invoice.

Look for our next newsletter around the holidays, Wow, that seems to be coming fast!