

Stay involved in your child's education

- Sign up to be a **room parent** at enrollment in August
- Come to **Open House Night**
- **Read every note** and paper that comes home in your child's backpack
- **Make school a priority.** Every day in PreK counts / Tardiness = missing out on important concepts
- Attend by parent - teacher conferences
- Celebrate your child's accomplishments with him/her
- Help your child's development flourish by following monthly PreK calendars and completing reading logs
- Sign-up for **Remind** to stay alerted to messages from the teacher and communicate with her as well
- Sign-up for **Easy Message Notification** to stay in tune with USD 386 district messages



Before the Big Day

- Tell your child what a 'big boy/girl' he or she is
- **Summers are laid back** - establish a regular bedtime at least 2 weeks prior to the 1st Day of Class
- **Get ready the night before** - pick out clothes and have backpack ready
- **Don't rush** - allow enough time to get ready in the mornings. Hurrying stresses everyone out, rise and shine earlier
- **Remind him/her that you'll be excited to see him/her and hear all about their fun after school that day!!**
- **Remind your child that they may use the bathroom in the classroom at any time.**
- **Don't linger when you drop off your child** - Mrs. Harlan can handle the situation.



Madison Early Education

Family Orientation Booklet

2017-2018



Welcome!!!

Principal - Cindy Hadicke
Instructor - Melissa Harlan

Ready for Reading

- Read stories aloud
- Help your child learn to listen
- Keep books accessible for their choice
- Let them see you read something you enjoy as an adult
- Go to the public library and check out books together
- Monitor 'screen and device' time
- Sidewalk play - chalk, paint with water on a hot day
- Make up stories
- Sing the alphabet song
- Model new words - "I like the 'smooth' rock"
- Say/sing familiar nursery rhymes from your childhood with your child



Moving Muscles

- Color with crayons and markers together and keep supplies accessible for their self - initiation
- Glue
- Cut junk mail up with scissors
- Play catch with large balls
- Hop and Jump
- Balance on a garden hose as a 'tight rope'
- Play with play dough
- Do a puzzle together
- Bowl - stack blocks up high and then roll a ball to knock them down
- Blocks - sort them, stack them, count them
- Shape hunt - find shapes in the house and outside



4 year old class

routine

7:45-8:10 Breakfast
in classroom
8:10-8:50 Large
Group
Daily Math /Language
8:50-9:50 Centers
9:55-10:15 Table
Time
10:20-10:35 Outside
Time / Dismiss

3 year old class

routine

10:45-11:10 Lunch
in classroom
11:10-11:30 Large
Group Daily Math /
Language
11:30-12:15
Centers
12:20-12:30 Table
Time
12:35-12:55 Music
Movement/ Large
Group Circle
1:00-1:15 Outside
Time
1:15-1:30 iPads /
Dismiss



Preparing for Group Situations

- Let your child dress, use the bathroom, and perform hygiene skills such as blowing nose more independently with supervision
- Practice table manners
- Help them follow 2 step directions - 'clap your hands, and then hop like a rabbit'
- Practice turn taking - Learn to handle disappointments and compromise
- Talk about others feelings - "Mommy felt sad when my bowl broke"
- Don't always let your child win - Have a race and let them lose sometimes
- Help them be responsible for picking up toys
- Avoid tantrums - regular routines help to cut down on 'meltdowns'
- Talk about 'keeping hands to self' and respecting other people

A 3 and 4 year old childcare program option will be available on campus at Madison Elementary during the time your child is not in the PreK program. For children younger than 3 years of age, the district is facilitating off campus services. Cost for the childcare portion of the day would be the responsibility of the family. Please contact the Madison Elementary office to sign up 437-2918. Please note, several details (cost, personnel, etc.) are still being finalized. Signing up does not obligate you at this time, but will reserve a place for your child.