

Preschool Preview – Come share the first day of school with your child while they get acquainted with their classroom and meet new friends. This 45-minute session is a great opportunity for your child to meet their new teachers and become familiar with their new school environment.

Orientation/Curriculum Night – This very informative meeting starts out with presentations from our Preschool Director & the Parent Board of Directors' President. GMPS' Director will discuss the important policies & guidelines that help make GMPS a safe and happy place for your child. All teachers will be introduced. Other members of the Preschool Board of Directors may speak about upcoming events or opportunities to help not only within the classroom, but to help contribute to the success of the overall preschool. Before the night ends, all parents are invited to sign-up for volunteer opportunities and encouraged to stop by their child's classroom, meet the teachers and pick up some preschool related information.

Monday Madness – Children in the 3 and 4 year old class are invited to participate in Monday Madness taught by Mrs. Bell & Mrs. Hassen. This class is limited to 16 participants. If more than 16 children enroll in the program, a lottery will be held. All enrollees are responsible for bringing their own sack lunch and the teachers will work with the students on a project each week. The themes for each day will be provided on the sign-up sheet. Projects may include baking or arts & crafts. All children enrolled in the 3 & 4 year old class are invited to participate regardless of the day and session of their regular class.

Halloween Party and Parade – All parents and loved ones of children in the 3 & 4 year old classes are invited to meet in the GMPS gym to see their child and classmates parade in their Halloween costumes. With the help of our Music Teacher, Mrs. Faedtke, the children will then present some songs they have practiced during their music class. Finally, the children will go back to their classrooms and have snacks & more fun with the help of the room parents of the month. Our Getting Started 2-year-old programs do not participate in the Halloween parade. They will have a party within their classroom. Children in these classes should not dress up in their costumes, although they are invited to wear festive Halloween attire.

Parent Education Speakers – Throughout the year, GMPS sponsors guest speakers or members of their own teaching staff to present seminars pertaining to various parenting topics. A slight fee may be associated to cover the costs of the speaker or materials.

School Pictures – Photographers will come in and take school pictures of the children. Each class will have a group shot with their classmates & teachers and an individual shot will also be taken. This usually takes place in the month of October and photo packages are available for purchase through the photography company.

Family Night – This is one of our favorite events as the children are excited to bring their family to GMPS to see their classroom and show off some of their projects. Your entire family is invited to attend the event. Some snacks and beverages are available during the evening. To avoid congestion, the preschool will send out information prior with suggested times for your family to come to the event.

Mom's Night Out – This is a chance for Moms to have a much-needed night out and meet other mothers & teachers. There are two events held throughout the year – one held in the Fall & one held in the Spring. Locations and details vary from year-to-year. Information will be distributed via your child's backpack about upcoming Mom's Night Out events. There is usually a small fee associated with attending to cover costs of the event.

December Holiday Program – Children in the 3 and 4-year-old classes will present a Holiday Sing Program in the attached chapel located directly west of the entrance of the preschool, in the Northwest corner of the building. To avoid conflicts with District 34, the programs usually occurs earlier in December. GMPS' Music Teacher, Mrs. Faedtke works with the children on songs and choreography to make this truly a memorable event. Don't forget your cameras and come early as the "best" seats fill up quickly. Please feel free to invite grandparents or other special family members. After the program, you are invited to join your child for snacks and drinks provided by the room parents of the month in your child's classroom. The children in the Getting Started program will perform for their parents in their classroom. Mrs. Faedtke and the children will sing their songs that they worked on during their music class. Information regarding dates & times will be distributed in your child's backpack.

Mother's Day Tea – During the week before Mother's Day, moms are invited to come to their child's classroom and have a special snack. The children create a unique gift that is made especially for Mom. With the help of our music teacher, Mrs. Faedtke, the children will perform some heartwarming songs. They are all very proud to say thank you to their mothers in this special tribute just for moms. Information regarding dates & times will be distributed in your child's backpack.

Dad's Breakfast – This event held on a Saturday in January is a favorite for our staff and students. The children bring their dads or someone special and enjoy some breakfast snacks and beverages while exploring the different classrooms and projects within each room. GMPS teachers staff each room. In the past, with the help of their dads, the children create a paper necktie, a picture frame and paint each other's faces. To capture the special morning with Dad, we will be taking pictures that you can take home for a minimal charge to help cover costs of the photos.

Valentine's Day Parties – During the month of February, children will be

celebrating Valentine's Day with their classmates. All children are encouraged to bring in signed (but not addressed) valentines for their classmates. Parents are discouraged from sending food items included with the valentines. Prior to the party, the students will create a special mailbox to collect their cards, which they will bring home after the party. The room parents for the month of February will work with the teacher to come up with party activities and food.

Parent-Teacher Conferences – Parents are invited to speak with their child's teacher to discuss any concerns at any point throughout the year. However, there are specific times set up by the school for conferences. School is not in session on conference day. In the fall, GMPS has a Question & Answer session, which is a 5-minute conference with the parent and teacher. In the spring, the parent and teacher will meet for a longer time to discuss any important information regarding the child. Childcare may be provided for spring conferences. It's important to note, if there are any issues from either the parent or teachers' perspective, those can be discussed at anytime and it is not necessary to wait for a scheduled conference. The classroom teacher will handle sign-ups for times for the conferences.

Spring Field Trips – A great way to end the year is with field trips to some of Glenview's favorite spots. The 3-year-old classes will walk to the Glenview Public Library & the Tot Lot located on Central Avenue. The 4-year-old classes will walk to the Dairy Bar and have an ice cream cone with their classmates. In addition, the 4-year-old classes will conduct a class at Wagner Farm in the spring. Some of these events may require a small fee to be paid by the parents.

Annual Benefit Auction – This is GMPS' main fundraising event of the year. In addition to covering general costs & maintenance of the school, proceeds allow us to purchase new playground equipment, purchase new materials for the classrooms, and contribute to our scholarship fund that is available to families who need financial assistance. This is a great event to show your support of the school and also enjoy a night out with other GMPS parents. In addition to attending the event, we encourage parents to donate any items that can be auctioned off at the event to raise funds for our school.

End of Year Concert/Art Show – This final event of the year is held in May at GMPS. Each child has an art project displayed in the halls of GMPS, which you are encouraged to take home. Entertainment will be provided either on the grass located in front of the preschool on Harlem Avenue or in the Glenview Methodist Gym depending on the weather. All family members are invited to attend this event. In the past, the Dairy Bar has provided ice cream treats available for purchase.

Mini Camp – There are 2 sessions of mini-camp at the end of the school year. Each session is a four-day program held from 9:00—12:00. The first week is held at GMPS. Themes for the week are carried out through activities, crafts &

snacks. Most teachers teach at least one day of mini-camp. The second week of camp the children visit parks that are in walking distance of the preschool. Again, teachers will be providing planned activities for the children in addition to playing with them. Children in the 4-year-old classes are given 1st priority. If there is still space, the 3 year olds are invited to participate. If too many children register a lottery will be held to fill the open slots. There is an additional fee for your child to attend a mini-camp session.

Extended Day (Lunch Bunch) – Children in the 3 and 4-year-old class are invited to participate in Extended Day on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday. The following teachers supervise on these specific days: Tuesdays: Mrs. Hassen; Wednesdays: Mrs. Braband & Mrs. Clissold; Thursdays: Mrs. Abrams & Mrs. Hassen; Fridays: Mrs. Faedtke. Each class is limited to 16 participants. If more children register than open slots, a lottery will be held. All enrollees are responsible for bringing their own peanut-free sack lunch. Extended Day gives children the opportunity to have lunch at school and play with children in other classes. All children enrolled in the 3 & 4 year old class are invited to participate regardless of the day and session of their regular class. A fee is associated with attending Extended Day. Information will be distributed through your child's backpack. Parents should discuss their child's readiness to attend these sessions with the child's teacher.

Week of the Young Child – During the month of April the preschool celebrates the students with the Week of the Young Child. A theme is designated for the entire week. The child creates a special project with notes written from the parents to show how special your child is to you. During this week, a special time is allotted for parents to bring a snack to share with their child. Weather permitting, this snack will be held outside on the lawn on the east side of the preschool – so bring your blankets. If the weather is not ideal, you will celebrate with your child in their classroom. Also, parents are encouraged to spend some extra time in the classroom reading a book or creating a snack during this week.

Q & A Day – During the fall, the teachers at GMPS schedule an informal conference to discuss expectations for your child at preschool, the child's social/emotional development, cognitive development and physical development (fine and gross motor skills). This is scheduled during the day when the children will not have class. There is no childcare provided, but you may bring your child to play in the classroom while you discuss the information with the teacher.

Head Room Parent – As the Head Room Parent you will be responsible for managing the activities within your child's classroom throughout the year. Some responsibilities include ensuring there are parent volunteers to help coordinate and plan the class parties throughout the year; reminding monthly volunteers that they are scheduled to volunteer or make playdough for that month; serving as the point of contact between the members of the Board of Directors and the class; and if interested organizing a couple social events for parents of children in the

classroom. The teachers may request other assistance for classroom needs throughout the year.

Class Auction Gift Coordinator – This position is a fun and important role for the success of the Annual Benefit Auction. The coordinator will work with the Head Room Parent to collect money from families and then put together a package that represents your theme that was picked from a list provided by the Auction Committee. After completing the project, the coordinator will work with the Auction Chairs to deliver the item that will be auctioned off at the Annual Benefit Auction.