

Here's what people are saying about Monona Grove Nursery School

Kindergarten teachers say:

"We can depend on **Monona Grove Nursery School** kids being ready for school."

Parents say:

"My daughter gained self confidence and independence going to 'her' school."

"My kids love the art projects – they do things at **Monona Grove Nursery School** that they wouldn't have the chance to do at home."

"I learned from my child's teachers how to head off a problem before it happens."

"When I was a helping parent I was just as excited about school as my son! It was fun being a kid!"

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history

Monona Grove Nursery School was founded in 1958 by a group of parents interested in working together with teachers in a preschool environment. MGNS has been in continuous existence as a parent cooperative since that time. MGNS is state licensed and accredited.

philosophy

The underlying philosophy of our program is that young children learn best through play in a relaxed environment. Children are accepted as individuals with individual abilities and interests allowing for the development of a positive self-concept.

staff

We are proud to have a wonderful staff, several of whom have been with the school for many years. Each class is taught by a certified head teacher with a 4 year degree, as well as a certified assistant teacher. In addition, each classroom has a helping parent each day.

parent co-op

Monona Grove Nursery School functions as a parent cooperative. An all volunteer parent board guides the decision making process. As a member of a parent cooperative, each parent spends 2 or 3 days each semester helping in their child's classroom.

a day at Monona Grove Nursery school

Our teachers plan programs that encompass the intellectual, social, emotional and physical development of each child. Through the use of themes such as "Under the Sea", "Hospital Week" and "Grocery Store," as well as seasonal themes, the classroom is structured in a way that allows each child to explore a number of activities.

A typical day in all classrooms offers a balanced program that includes:

group time

Group experiences include sharing, musical games, songs, stories and finger rhymes. We encourage each child to participate and share with the group each day.



large motor skills / outdoor time

Activity is essential for the growing body as well as the growing mind. Weather permitting, we spend time on the playground every day. There are opportunities for climbing, running, sliding and sandbox play. In inclement weather, we use a large indoor space for a variety of large motor skill activities.



free choice time

Children enjoy a long, unhurried and uninterrupted time to *learn through play*. This would include sensory activities, puzzles, construction and building toys, dramatic play, science experimentation, books and art.

snack time

Once a day, we sit together to share a small snack and talk quietly at our tables. The snack is provided by that day's "helping parent" so that each child gets a chance to bring a "favorite" healthy snack to share.

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