

PICKIN' DAISIES
PRESCHOOL
with Miss Amy



Parent *Handbook*

Everything a family needs to know, in one place

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Welcome to *Pickin’ Daisies*

My dream for Pickin’ Daisies is to create a space for young minds to explore and create at their own pace, to make new friends and find connections as they play, and to spread their wings and gain confidence as they grow.

This handbook is the practical half of that. It covers how a day runs, what to send with your child, what happens when someone is sick or the weather turns, and how we will stay in touch through the year. Keep it somewhere you can find it. If something here does not answer your question, call or text me. I would always rather you asked.

About *Miss Amy*

I have been teaching young children in the Coeur d’Alene community for over 20 years. I have dedicated my career to educating young minds and creating a classroom that fosters meaningful connection and a love for learning.

As a local artist, singer and actor, I was recently awarded the Excellence in the Arts award for the city of Coeur d’Alene. I believe that exposure to music and art at a young age helps children gain confidence and skills they will carry through their entire lives.

EXPERIENCE	Over 20 years with young children in Coeur d’Alene
EDUCATION	Associate’s degree in Child Development
CERTIFIED	Pediatric CPR and First Aid, current
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The *program*

AGES	Three and four years old
CLASS SIZE	Nine children to start
DAYS	Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
HOURS	9:00am to 12:00pm
WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS	12:30 to 2:30, added on or attended on its own

WHAT THE YEAR COVERS

Through daily planned and child led activities, we will explore nature, science, culture, language, art, math, music and so much more, all inspired by the children's natural curiosity and imaginative minds. Children are encouraged to practice and learn new skills and tasks that build confidence, character and leadership.

Our process over perfection approach encourages children to tap into their own skill sets and creativity, while allowing their unique ideas and personalities to shine through. It includes a variety of art modalities, music, physical movement, math and science activities, and the exploration of letters and sounds, all through play.

The world moves so fast. Childhood is for savoring.

THREE

A day *here*

A process based, unhurried approach that allows time for children to savor their play.

Some days we linger longer on a particular activity or idea, or switch things around based on the interest and curiosity of the children. The times below are the shape of a morning, not a stopwatch.

9:00 TO 9:20

Arrival and morning song. Children arrive and place backpacks in cubbies. They check in, wash hands, and join a brief morning gathering. We sing a welcome song, share morning stories, and preview the day's invitations.

9:20 TO 10:30

The core block. Uninterrupted time for process based exploration. The art studio has open ended materials daily. The music corner holds loose parts for sound. Classroom toys, craft materials and the writing table stay open, and there is time one on one with the teacher.

10:30 TO 10:50

Clean up and community snack. Children help set the table. They practice conversation and mindfulness, manners and friendship.

10:50 TO 11:30

Outdoor nature play. Out to the garden or play yard to hunt for bugs, make a fort under the tree, build a snowman, and move their bodies freely and their voices loudly.

11:40 TO 12:00

Story time and closing circle. Reflections on the day, a silly story, a picture book or a group game, then goodbyes.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS

By Wednesday children are settled into the rhythm and routine of the week and it is a great day to add a few more hours to their day. We will have lunch together, spend extra time outside and each week we will explore a different topic and creative endeavor. Children bring their own lunch and we eat together before the afternoon begins.

Arriving and *going home*

Morning drop off is at 9am. I will meet you and your child at the back entrance door.

Pick up is at noon, or 2:30. I will walk your child out to you at that time.

Please use the driveway, the side streets, or the two closest parking spaces in the lot for pick up parking. It is easiest to drop and go, to help the flow of the morning.

WHO MAY COLLECT YOUR CHILD

Only the people named on your enrollment packet. If someone else needs to collect your child, tell me in writing before the day, not at the door. Anyone I do not recognize will be asked for identification and I will call you before your child leaves.

Day to *day*

WHAT TO BRING

- Copies of immunization or exemption records, before the start of school
- A daily snack for your child
- A backpack with a change of clothes for the season, including winter clothes and boots
- Children potty trained before attending, no pull ups please
- A school supply list comes to you before school starts

We go outside every day, in almost every kind of weather. Dress your child for the day rather than for the car ride, and label the boots.

NUTS

I will inform families if a nut allergy is present, and will ask all families to follow a no nut policy for snacks and lunches. Any birthday treat may be wrapped and sent home at the end of the day.

TOILETING

Children need to be potty trained before attending. No pull ups, please. Accidents happen and are never made into a big deal. Please keep a full change of clothes in the backpack all year.

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Health and *safety*

IMMUNIZATIONS

Copies of immunization records, or Idaho exemption paperwork, are due before the first day. A photo of the document is fine.

ILLNESS POLICY

Children may not attend school if:

- Vomiting 2 or more times in 24 hours
- Fever of 100°F or higher
- Diarrhea, 3 or more watery stools in 24 hours
- Draining rash, or a rash of concern
- Eye discharge or pink eye
- Fatigue preventing participation
- Communicable diseases such as chicken pox, strep, or hand, foot and mouth
- Cold or flu symptoms impairing participation
- Open sores or blisters that cannot be covered
- Lice or scabies. We have a no nit policy

Please let Miss Amy know by phone or email if your child is ill and will not be attending class.

MEDICATION

Nothing is given to a child without it written down on the enrollment packet, including over the counter medicine. If something changes mid year, tell me in writing and I will update the file.

ALLERGIES

Allergies and what a reaction looks like are collected on the enrollment packet and kept where I can reach them quickly. If your child carries an epinephrine auto injector, it stays here, in date, and we will talk through the plan before the first day.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Pickin' Daisies has a disaster and emergency preparedness plan which will be kept on site and also emailed to each parent.

FIRST AID AND EMERGENCY CARE

I hold current Pediatric CPR and First Aid certification. The enrollment packet includes your written permission for basic first aid and, if I cannot reach you, for emergency medical treatment.

Calendar and *tuition*

THE SCHOOL YEAR

An annual calendar and a monthly calendar will be sent home.

WEATHER CLOSURES

We follow District 271 for hazardous travel. If the district closes, Pickin' Daisies will also close. Closure notices are posted by 6:30am by phone or email. We reopen when travel is safe and schools resume.

TUITION

Tuition is due by the 1st of each month. This will be withdrawn automatically per our tuition agreement.

LEAVING THE PROGRAM

We require 60 days notice before leaving the program. You are responsible for any payments owed during those 60 days. Notice must be received in writing.

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Staying in *touch*

WHAT YOU WILL GET FROM ME

- A school year calendar
- A monthly calendar
- A weekly update on the activities and happenings inside the classroom

REACHING ME

Call or text (208) 682-0005, or email amyaugusta14@yahoo.com. During class hours I am with the children and will not have the phone in my hand, so a text will reach me at the first quiet moment rather than instantly. If it is urgent, call, and keep calling.

GUIDANCE AND BEHAVIOR

Young children are learning. We work together, and with families, for successful mornings at school. Parents will be notified of behaviors such as hitting, pushing, biting or other. We have a no biting and no hitting policy, and wish to create a safe space for all children who attend.

PHOTOGRAPHS

The photo release you complete at enrollment decides where images of your child may appear, item by item. Anything you leave unticked simply does not happen, and there is a single box that means no photographs anywhere. Your child's full name is never published alongside a photograph, and photos are never sold or given to anyone outside the school. You can change your mind at any time by telling me.

CONCERNS

Please reach out to Miss Amy directly with any questions or concerns, or to simply discuss how to better support your child.

Art is for everyone to create and enjoy.