

Creative Learning Center, LLC

Parent Handbook



Please read and print this
packet for easy reference at home later.

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Tuition:

Tuition is due on the first school day of each month. You may mail tuition to CLC, or you can drop it off in the drop box outside the office door. There are envelopes and pens available there, should you need one. Please make checks payable to Creative Learning Center, LLC. Thank you for being prompt with your payment to avoid a \$25 late fee. Please note that tuition is always due, even in the event of a long absence such as vacation or illness.

Enrollment:

A complete **application**, a **\$30 application fee** and **1 month deposit** are needed to enroll your child. The application fee is non refundable. The deposit (1 month) will be returned as tuition for the month of May. Deposit is not refundable if you choose to withdraw before May.

For your child to begin attending school we will need the following:

- * Paper Application completed and turned in with application fee and deposit
- * Online registration completed
- * Maryland State Health Forms – completed and signed by a doctor
- * Maryland State Immunization records – completed and signed by a doctor
- * Activity fee – see page 2
- * Supply fee – see page 2
- * A Go Kit for your child - see page 4
- * Spare clothes for the classroom, in case of an accident or spill.
- * After Care bedding (only if your child uses our After Care program)– 1 beach towel or crib sheet, 1 small blanket, 1 small pillow

All of the above is due by August 1st, the summer before the school year begins. In the event you are enrolling your child after August 1st, all of the above is due as soon as possible, so your child can start attending class.



Supply Fee:

We collect a supply fee one time each school year. This fee covers all the fantastic supplies needed to keep a happy and interesting classroom.

5 day preschool - \$155

4 day preschool- \$125

3 day preschool- \$105

2 day preschool- \$75

After Care/any child registered past 1:00 - \$170

Activity Fee:

We collect an activity fee one time each school year. This fee covers all of the fun extras we have planned for your children. We like to take field trips to the farm, have special puppet shows, visit a nature center, have musical guests and much more!

2 yr olds - \$15

3 yr olds - \$35

4 yr olds - \$35

Field Trips:

Field trips are a fun way to enrich our theme units. We need and truly appreciate parent participation. If you are unable to attend a trip with your child, you will need to make prior arrangements with another parent attending the field trip, to take your child. If you need assistance finding another parent for your child to ride with, please speak with a teacher at least a week before a trip. Teachers are happy to help, but they cannot drive your children.

If a field trip is cancelled there will be a normal school day. If you are unsure of a cancellation, please check your email for a note or call the school office.

Permission slips for each field trip must be signed and returned in order for your child to participate.

Emergency Plans:

In the event of a natural disaster or any other unforeseen emergency conditions, staff and children will evacuate to their assigned bathrooms. Each teacher takes their classroom emergency bins with them. These bins will be filled with all materials necessary for an evacuation, based on state requirements.

The emergency bins contain:

- * "Go Kits" for each child. See next page for details.
- * All medication and Epi pens
- * Emergency forms containing contact information for each child
- * First Aid kit
- * Other various items, such as, flashlights, blankets and water bottles



In the event we would need to evacuate the school property, a note will be posted inside or outside of the main entrance door stating the address and directions to our location. The possible locations are:

Home of Debbie Zechar/3's teacher
4308 Symist Terrace
Olney, MD 20832

Potomac Nursery School
12300 Falls Rd
Potomac, MD 20853

Emergency drills are conducted monthly. When the whistle is blown, the children practice going into the bathrooms quickly and orderly. There, we sing a song or read a book and return to our classrooms. It is very simple and usually free of any anxious feelings. When practicing, we use terms like "We're practicing to hide in our safe spot".

Fire drills are also practiced monthly. This drill consists of pulling the fire alarm and quickly meeting outside at our designated grassy area in the front of the school. The fire alarm can be scary, as it is very loud. We always do our best to prepare the kids for the loud noise, remind them that it is just practice and keep a cheery disposition to help keep a calm, worry free environment.

What is a Go Kit?

A large Zip lock bag with your child's name on it, filled with the following items:

- An extra pair of clothes (preferably long pants and long sleeves)
- A small non perishable snack – no nut products
- A small book or familiar toy/item
- A small pack of travel tissues
- 3 band aids
- 1 diaper and a few wipes (if your child is not fully potty trained)

We ask that each family prepare their child's "Go Kit" and bring it school on or before the first day of school. Thank you!!

Withdrawals:

We reserve the right to dismiss any child for any reason, including behavior problems or health problems, that result in a disruptive environment for other children. This would not be done until the parents and teachers have worked together to try and solve the issue. CLC is always looking out for the health and safety of all our students, faculty and families. Deposits are not refundable when withdrawing before May for any reason.

Observations:

We encourage and welcome all parents to visit their child's classroom anytime during the year. We always enjoy extra hands if you would like to be a parent volunteer.

Developmental Screening: *New requirements beginning 2017-18 school year*

Maryland State Department of Education has implemented a new State regulation for all children in early childhood educational programs. Beginning July 1, 2016, all children up to kindergarten entry attending regulated care and early childhood educational programs will need to have a developmental screening conducted. Developmental screening is a brief method completed by a parent or caregiver to quickly identify a child's progress through foundational early childhood developmental milestones. A child's development can be measured by how a child learns, speaks, moves, behaves and relates. Results will indicate which children would benefit from a full evaluation and assessment. Upon completion of the screening, we will meet with you to discuss the findings and whether a referral to another agency for further evaluation is necessary. Children under 3 yrs. old will be required to have two screenings per year. Children aged 3 yrs. to kindergarten entry will be required to have one screening per year. Parents should consider this process as part of required documentation in order for the child to attend our or any other licensed child care program in the State. The screening tool used by CLC is called ASQ-3/Ages & Stages.

Birthday Parties:

We love celebrating birthdays at CLC. Parents may come in and celebrate with the class after scheduling a time with the teacher. Please see the teacher regarding the number of treats to bring. All birthday treats must be store bought with ingredients listed, contain no nuts and made in a nut free facility. Some good party treat suggestions are:

Popsicles

Ice-cream

Hostess cupcakes – check labels

Donuts- check labels



Snacks:

CLC provides snacks, such as crackers, cheese, graham crackers, apples, pears, celery and raisins. We provide milk and water to drink. A morning snack is served during preschool hours and an afternoon snack is served during After Care hours.

Allergies/Diet restrictions:

Although we are a nut free school, we still ask that you provide your own snacks if your child has a food allergy or diet restriction. Every child with an allergy has a personal enclosed bin to store snacks for the week or month. Any child with a prescribed Epi pen must leave one at school at all times.

Medication:

Any medication or Epi pens must be brought to school prior to the first day your child attends, along with all the proper forms filled out and signed by a doctor.

Clothes:

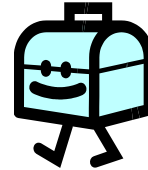
Dress your child in comfortable play clothes and shoes. We believe kids should have the opportunity to learn through exploration and sometimes that means getting dirty! We can't promise we'll send your child home stain free. Please dress your children in proper play shoes for climbing and running.

Clothes must be labeled, such as hats, mittens, jackets and sweatshirts.



Lunch:

If your child stays for lunch, we ask that you pack a healthy and **nut free** lunch. Any nut products will not be opened. Please remember that packing too many choices or very large portions for your preschooler will result in them not eating as much. A few small items and a drink are perfect. All lunch boxes/bags must have a name on it.



Weather Closing Policy:

If Montgomery County is closed due to inclement weather, CLC is also closed.





If Montgomery County calls for a 1 or 2 hour delay, there will be no Before Care and Preschool classes (normally 9-12) will begin at 10:00am and end at 1:00pm. All children should bring a packed lunch on those days. After Care will begin at 1:00 and remain open as long as Montgomery County remains open.

If Montgomery County Schools close early, please pick up your children as soon as possible. We will do our best to notify you.

If Montgomery County cancels after school activities, After Care will close at 3:30.

Please visit montgomeryschoolsmd.org/emergency/sources.aspx to sign up to receive email or text notifications.

Illness:

-  Please keep your child home if they exhibit any of the following symptoms within 24 hours of school : fever (when off medication), rash, cough, diarrhea, thick drainage from the nose, vomiting or any infectious disease.
-  If a child should develop symptoms of illness while in class, the school will notify parents immediately. If we are unable to reach parents, we will try your emergency contacts. Please pick up your child as soon as possible.
-  If your child is diagnosed with a contagious disease (such as Chicken Pox or lice), please notify the director.
-  If your child misses more than 3 school days due to illness, Maryland State Law requires us to have a form signed by a physician stating that your child is in good health and able to return to school.

Developmental Concerns:

There are free services available in Montgomery County (MC) for qualifying children:

* **Infants & Toddlers Program:** Family-oriented program that provides developmental screening and assistance to children between birth and 5 years old (services recommended to begin prior to 3 years old). Telephone: (240) 777-3997

* **Child Find:** Provides developmental screening and assistance for children (beginning at 3 years old), and for those families moving to MC whose preschool-aged child has been previously identified with a disability. Telephone: (301) 230-5966

* **ChildLink:** Information and referral service for families with young children; also assists families in behavioral and mental health consultation in your child's school setting. Telephone: (240) 777-4769

