



## Upcoming Events

### SAVE THE DATE Parent Education Night

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3,  
5:30 - 7:00**

Perhaps you've experienced your first work day and are wondering what you've got yourself into or perhaps you haven't yet done a work day and have some anxiety about what it will be like. No worries. Our first parent ed meeting on how to do a parent work day will answer your questions and alleviate your fears. We'll give you the low down on how to be an effective co-op volunteer and tips to help make it work for you and for our children. Pizza and childcare will be available. More information coming soon.



## Hello Preschool Families,

Welcome to the new preschool year! We are glad you've chosen the Coop Preschool for your child. In our preschool community we have families new to Juneau, and parents who grew up here. Many families have years of Coop history from older siblings, and others are sharing in their first year of preschool. Our families represent a variety of professions and an exceptional diversity of languages and cultures. As teachers, we have the opportunity to grow in knowing all of you, and we highly recommend you all to each other! The community aspect of our school really is one of its greatest benefits. Arranging playdates, gaining information about kid friendly activities, and simply encouraging each other in parenthood, we hope you all feel part of this community and enjoy growing in relationships.

Part of being in a community is that we may see people's best and worst. Sometimes you will see us do things that seem slightly brilliant(!) and other times our planned activity will be a total flop! As parents, sometimes you will glide through the morning, reflecting only the best of parenting, and other times you may feel near the end of your rope. Sometimes your child will look like the 'model preschooler', and sometimes the developmental tasks of being 3 or 4 will overwhelm them. We all need to extend a large measure of grace with each other. Remember you are with teachers who are passionate about teaching young children, parents who have young children



Meeting Friends

themselves and we are all folks who share your world! We will have a great year together!

As teachers, we are also learners. You are always welcome to discuss your child and their preschool experience, with us, as well as any concerns about their interactions with other children.

### Siblings and Work Days

Dear Families,

We're feeling the need to send out this gentle reminder of our policy discouraging the presence of younger siblings on parent workdays. Although we love them, our environment and activities are designed for preschool children. Younger children require close supervision which interferes with the attention you can give to supporting our preschoolers at centers and in the climbing room. Unless your younger child is still in a carrier, please do your best to find other care for them, especially during the first hour and a half of preschool. Trading with another preschool parent may be possible and we will be happy to help facilitate that if necessary. We know it can be difficult and we're not going to send anyone home, but we ask that you do your best to comply with this policy. It will help the preschool day run more smoothly for all.

Many thanks,

Your Teachers

### Kid Quotes

Otis to Mary: "If any bad, big kids come to the school, you can just come to my house."

Linda to Owen (dressed as a fire fighter): "Are you being a fireman?"  
Owen: "No, I'm just dressing up."

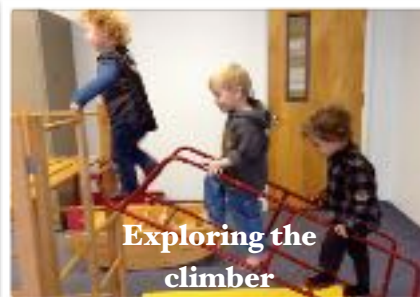
Five minutes later:  
Mary: "Are you on your way to work?"  
Owen: "No, I'm just playing dress up."

Dr. Hiram to Patient Mary: "You have a blood problem. Your blood is all leaking out. You have to go over there to the blood retrieval center."

Mary to Esme: "We could write a letter to your mom since you're missing her so much."  
Esme: "Well.....I'm not very writery yet."



Stumps (guinea pig) and friend



Exploring the climber



Smoothie stand



natural paints

### **NEW TUITION PAYMENT POLICY**

In compliance with state licensing regulations, we are giving 30 days notice to our families regarding a policy change in regards to overdue tuition payments:

This policy will replace the “Alternate Payment Agreements; and “Late Fees”, and “Non-Payment” sections as found in the current handbook.

#### **Late Payment**

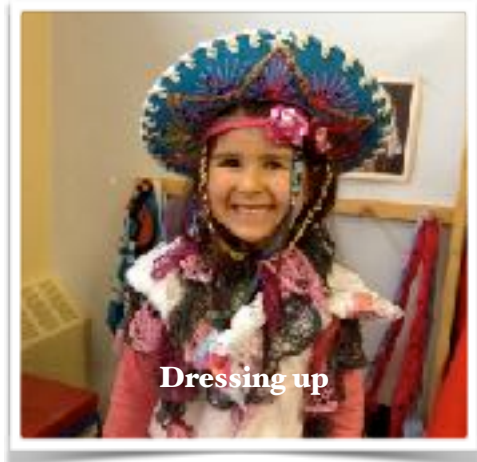
Tuition is paid in advance and due on the first of the month. If circumstances arise which make timely payment difficult, it is a member’s responsibility to contact the treasurer as soon as possible to make a payment plan, which must be documented on the Alternate Tuition Payment Agreement form and signed by the member and the treasurer.

If payment for the current month is not received by the 10th, and a signed Alternate Tuition Payment Agreement is not in place, a late fee of \$2.00/day will accrue until tuition is paid in full. In the spirit of our co-op, please respect the time of our treasurer by calculating and remitting applicable late fee at time of late payment.

If tuition and late fees are not paid by the 25th, the “last month” tuition will be applied, and the student will be dropped from the class roster effective the first of the following month.

Possible reinstatement after a drop for non-payment will be on a space-available basis, and will require payment for the current month, and a new “last month” tuition deposit.

It is the goal of Juneau Co-op Preschool to make membership accessible to as many families as possible. In light of that, we are happy to work with alternate payment plans according to family paycheck schedules or other limitations, and will do our best to be flexible when handling crisis situations and extreme extenuating circumstances. However, to ensure fairness to all co-op members, and maintain our ability to fulfill the co-op’s financial obligations, under no circumstances may a child continue attending when tuition is more than 30 days past due.



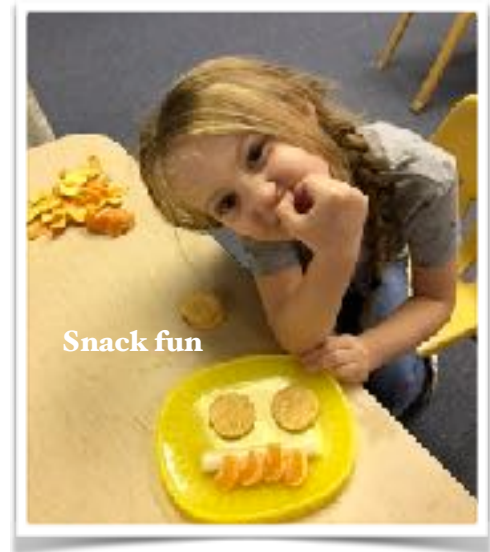
**Dressing up**



**Making  
blueberry  
smoothies**



**Meeting friends**



**Snack fun**



**THANK YOU \* DANKE \* GRACIAS \* MERCI \* GUNALCEESH \* KOSZONOM**

*Many thanks this month to:*

It takes a lot of work to get preschool going every year. Now that we're rolling along we'd like to recognize folks who worked hard to make it happen and all the generous contributions we've received since. Many thanks to the following:

Summer Koester (Taegan's mom), Krista Jacoby (Audrey J's mom) and Talea Kellar (Jack's mom). In their capacities as Registration Coordinator, MWF Class Rep and T/Th Class Rep respectively, these ladies worked overtime to create the class rosters and parent volunteer work schedules which were changing at warp speed just before and during the first weeks of preschool.

Sion Songer (Rilyn's mom) for handling set up and arranging work crews completely on her own.

Taylor Beard (Otis's mom) for donating a bunch of pocket microscopes to preschool.

Kathy Ward, (city librarian) for donating a smart phone so your teachers can actually read your text messages.

Rachel and Ben Disney (Xenali's parents) for fixing the shovel of our very popular playground digging toy.

Dave Eckerson and his band of merry kids for sharing their North Douglas natural history finds with us.

Bob Trousil (Teacher Linda's husband) for hooking up a new printer.

