



# **Jungle Gym Preschool Parent Handbook**

## **Summer 2026**

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### **Jungle Gym Preschool Staff**

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## Welcome to Jungle Gym Preschool!

We are thrilled to have your child join our preschool family! At Jungle Gym Preschool, we believe in fostering a safe, nurturing, and fun environment where each child can develop socially, emotionally, cognitively, and physically. We are dedicated to providing enriching experiences tailored to each child's unique strengths, helping them spread their wings and soar!

## Our Goal

Our mission is to promote growth in the four key areas of development: social, emotional, cognitive, and physical. We aim to create an environment where children feel safe and happy while learning through play, exploration, and hands-on experiences. We celebrate the individuality of every child and are committed to their personal growth and success.

## The Jungle Gym Philosophy

At Jungle Gym Preschool, learning is an adventure! We use real-life materials and hands-on activities to engage children's minds and creativity. Your child will explore ABC's, 123's, science, literature, and math, all within a fun, positive atmosphere. Our approach focuses on social interaction, problem-solving, and relationship-building, ensuring that children grow in a holistic and enjoyable way.



## Age/Admission Requirements

Children enrolling at Jungle Gym Preschool must be **3-5 years old** by **August 31st** of the current school year. To ensure safety and independence, children must also be fully **potty trained**, including the ability to wipe themselves after using the restroom.

## Class Hours

**Tuesday-Thursday: 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

## Student Drop-Off

Please wait outside the preschool door until it opens. We encourage parents to have their child visit the restroom before entering class. All children must be signed in and out daily. Please be on time to ensure a smooth start to the day. The door will open promptly at 12:00 p.m.

## Student Pick-Up

Preschool ends promptly at **3:00 p.m.** each day. Children not picked up by **3:05 p.m.** will incur a **late fee of \$1.00 per minute**, payable that day at the front desk. We appreciate your understanding in keeping the schedule running smoothly. Please wait in the hallway until the teachers open the doors to dismiss the class.

## Additional Pick-Up Rules

Only individuals listed on the student intake form are allowed to pick up a child. If someone new will be picking up your child, please inform the teacher in advance. For safety, identification will be required if we do not recognize the person picking up your child. Please keep your contact details up to date.



## School Calendar

Summer Preschool Sessions are:

- June 16th-July 2nd “Farm & Food”
- July 14th-July 30th “Fun at the Beach”
- August 4th-August 20th “Dinosaurs March”

*Price per session: \$225 Member and \$260 Non-members*

## Just in Case...

If your child has a potty accident during preschool, we'll provide loaner clothing and help with clean-up. To minimize accidents, please dress your child in clothes that are easy to remove independently, such as elastic-waist pants or shorts. If accidents are frequent, we may discuss a temporary delay in attendance.

## Sick Policy

The health and well-being of our students are our top priorities. If your child exhibits any of the following symptoms, please keep them home to ensure everyone stays healthy:

- Fever within the last 24 hours
- Temperature of 100.4
- Redness in eye or discharge
- Feeling unwell or listless
- Persistent cough or runny nose (non-clear mucus)
- Vomiting or diarrhea within the last 24 hours
- Needing medication for any of the above within the last 48 hours

If you're unsure, feel free to contact the teacher for advice.

## Hygiene Policy

For the health and safety of all children, we require that parents and caregivers ensure their child practices good hygiene before entering the Jungle Gym Preschool. This includes washing hands, using tissues, covering coughs and sneezes and avoiding contact with others when feeling unwell. Additionally, children should be clean and wear appropriate, comfortable clothing. Hand sanitizer is available throughout the facility, and we encourage regular use. We ask for your support in maintaining a hygienic environment to ensure everyone's well-being.

## Open Door / Visitor Policy

Parents are always welcome to observe the classroom at any time! If you plan to participate in activities or help out, please make arrangements for siblings. We ask that you respect the class's routine and minimize distractions.



## Discipline Policy

We believe in helping children learn to make smart choices and regulate their behavior. Our classroom operates with a consistent routine and structure that children can predict. When a child struggles with behavior, we encourage them to reflect on their choices and make better decisions. Teachers provide gentle guidance, and in cases of repeated misbehavior, a private conversation will occur to understand and resolve the issue.

If a child's behavior poses a safety concern, they will be removed from the area. If the issue persists, a parent will be contacted.

## Payment Policy

- Session tuition is due upon enrollment.
- Price per session: \$200 for members, \$230 for non members

We do not offer tuition discounts for school closures.

## Medical Emergency Plan

In case of a **medical emergency**, 911 will be called immediately, and we will notify the child's parents. For non-emergency situations, we will contact the parents first. If they cannot be reached, we will contact an emergency contact listed on the registration form.

## Personal Belongings

Please send your child with a **backpack**, **change of clothes**, and any **outdoor wear** they may need each day. We do not allow personal toys or items to be brought unless it is a **Show 'N' Tell** day.

## Dress Code

Dress your child for **indoor and outdoor play**. Please avoid formal wear, dress-up clothes, or high-heeled shoes. Closed-toe shoes with **heel straps** are required. **Socks** are required for indoor play. Paint and messy activities are part of the preschool experience, so please dress accordingly!

## Holidays

We understand that holidays may have different meanings for families. If your family does not celebrate certain holidays, please let us know. We strive to create a **calm, nurturing environment** for all children.

## Birthdays

We celebrate birthdays with a special song and birthday wishes! If you'd like to provide a treat or snack, please make arrangements with the teacher in advance. All snacks must be store-bought and nut-free for safety.



## Homework

While we do not assign formal homework, we **strongly encourage** reading with your child every day. We incorporate **literacy** into our daily activities and share books with your child to foster a love of learning.

## Our Typical Day

Each day is unique, but here is an overview of what your child will experience: Open play allows for free exploration and creativity, while the topic focus introduces a new theme for the session. Crafts provide an opportunity for artistic expression, and skill-building activities help develop important abilities. Hands-on exercises engage children in interactive learning, and the jungle gym offers physical fun and exercise. Finally, snack time gives everyone a chance to recharge and refuel.

Thank you for being an important part of our community! We are excited for a wonderful school year full of growth, learning, and fun.

**Sincerely,**

Your Jungle Gym Preschool @ThePC Team