

# GreenDoor

## PRESCHOOL

### Parent Handbook



# PARENT HANDBOOK

## Philosophy of the Program

At Green Door, we believe that childhood is a magical journey filled with endless possibilities for growth and exploration. Our philosophy revolves around creating a vibrant learning environment that celebrates the inherent joy of play. Through carefully curated experiences, we ignite curiosity and lay the foundation for a lifelong love of learning. Our program involves the collaboration of teachers, children, and parents, with teachers providing rich materials and a secure environment for exploration and discovery. At Green Door Preschool, play isn't just a pastime—it's a gateway to knowledge, and every moment is an opportunity for growth. Join us on this exciting journey, where childhood is cherished and discovery is celebrated every day!

At Green Door, children are stimulated to:

- Develop a feeling of self-worth and adequacy
- Interact with other children in group situations as well as one-on-one
- Relate to and interact with other adults
- Function independently outside the family unit
- Use their fine and gross motor skills
- Recognize numbers and letters
- Develop listening and language skills

## Snack Program

We would like you to pack a snack for your child along with a water bottle. Please keep in mind we are a NUT-FREE school, this includes tree nuts. We suggest the following for nutritious snacks: small muffins, crackers, or cut-up fruit. The following are prohibited foods and you should not include them in your snack preparations: nuts & seeds, nut oils, peanut butter, and chewing gum. Many store-bought bakery items state on the package that the item may contain traces of nuts or that it was produced in a facility that uses nuts. Therefore, these items cannot be served as snacks. Please read labels carefully to avoid disappointment.

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### **Show and Tell**

On your child's special day, they are to bring a show and tell from home. This gives your child the opportunity to share with the class. Your child will wear a special helper tag, dress the weather frog, put up the weather and add a number to the calendar. They will also sit on the special helper mat on this day.

### **Holidays**

Green Door Preschool will follow the same holiday schedule as the Calgary Public School. Upcoming holidays will be posted in the hall as well as in the monthly calendar.

### **Volunteers**

As you all know a school cannot run well without the help of parent volunteers. Through the year we will be asking for a play dough mom/dad, (one for each class). We also have an open-door policy, you are welcome to come and help in your child's class from; October till June, just let your teacher know in advance. You must have a criminal record check.

### **Discipline Policy**

Caring about children and wanting the best possible learning environment assumes a positive approach to discipline. At Green Door, our teachers guide the children in resolving conflict and developing self-control. The main method of discipline is "redirection". A teacher will remind him/her of safe and acceptable methods of play. The child has the choice of altering his/her play methods or choosing another centre. We encourage them to express their feelings and to apologize.

### **Parent Guidelines**

1. Identify all removable clothing and footwear with your child's name.
2. Your child will use glue, paint, markers and playdough regularly. We provide slip-on plastic aprons for painting but they do not cover an entire outfit. Please dress your child accordingly.

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3. Check to make sure your child has used the washroom before coming to school. Keep in mind that belt buckles and some fasteners are difficult for children to manage in the washroom.
4. When the weather is wet or snowy have your child remove his / her outdoor footwear at the class entrance and leave them in the hallway on the shelves provided. Your child requires indoor shoes when boots are worn to school.
5. Your child should wear rubber-soled shoes in the school. For safety concerns, we do not recommend that children wear plastic sandals, cowboy boots and other hard-soled shoes.
6. Please do not allow your child to bring toys from home into the classroom unless it is their "Special Helper" day.
7. If your child is not well, please do not bring him/her to school. A child must be symptom-free for 24 hours before returning to school. We request this in consideration of all the children and staff. We will contact you to pick up your child immediately should he/she have a suspected communicable disease, or if he should become ill at school. If your child is absent for more than two days please advise the teacher.
8. The teachers will open classroom doors prior to the start of each class. We ask you to remain in the hall/outside with your child until the doors open. Then bring your child into the classroom and release custody of your child to the teacher. Let the teacher know in writing if someone else will be picking your child up at the end of class.
9. Pick your child up promptly at the end of class. If you are going to be late it is your responsibility to make alternate arrangements for the pick up of your child. There will be a late fee charged of \$5.00 a min to all parents who are later than 5 min.

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10. To facilitate the pick up of your child we ask you or your child's caregiver:
  - to wait in the hallway/outside.
  - to refrain from crowding around the classroom doors.
  - to come forward to take custody of your child when released by the teacher.
11. In the event of an emergency in the Trico Centre, we will take the children across Willingdon Blvd. to St. William School (address - 11020 Fairmount Drive SE). At The Midnapore location we will evacuate the building and go to the Tim Horton's at 40 Midlake Blvd SE. The teachers will then notify the parents.
12. We require a written notice one month prior to withdrawal from Green Door (i.e. if leaving March 1, you must present written notice by February 1). If one month's notice is not provided the fee for that month will be deposited.
13. School closures for weather-related days will be posted on the website.
14. There is a service charge of \$30.00 for all returned cheques.
15. In case of an emergency during school hours, please contact:
  - Trico: 403-225-5560
  - Midnapore: 403-457-0055

For other inquiries, you can call or text Green Door's main number at 403-870-7367 and leave a message.

### Concerns

Please contact me with any concerns you might have about your child's teacher or your child. We will also contact you if your teacher has any concerns about your child. Debbie Sheppard 403-870-7367.