

Hello Purple Owl Families, Welcome to MDO! I am honored and excited to be your children's teachers this year. I have met many wonderful families throughout my years at MDO and look forward to meeting you at Open House on August 28th. Our goal is to help your child develop and grow emotionally and socially in a caring and nurturing environment. We have a lot of fun planned for your little ones.

Let me tell you a little about myself

Ms Barb Martin-I have been a teacher with MDO for 12 years and before that I was a parent at MDO. My husband Craig and I have 2 children. Michelle is 26 and lives in the Minneapolis area. Kyle is 18 and is starting his freshman year at UW Madison. I enjoy working in my yard, traveling and spending time with my family. I love working with this age group and I look forward to getting to know you and your child.

Every child has their own cubby to keep their things in but it is best to LABEL all your items. You do not need to bring a sippy cup or bibs (we have those).

Please bring these LABELED items to Open House for your child (to keep at school):

- package of diapers,
- wipes
- any ointment you may use (please see office for form needed to apply ointment)
- sleeping bag and small pillow if preferred
- pacifier and/or comfort item
- change of clothes weather appropriate
- family photo
- Toddler - All About Me form
- MDO enrollment forms

We have a bulletin board in our class which has our monthly lesson plan, a snack sign up sheet (please sign up for at least two days each month), our daily schedule, yearly calendar and other information you may want to read. Please check it often. Also check your cubby each day as you may have an important paper, announcement or work of art to take home.

*This year during snack we will serve water, not juice. You are expected to provide a healthy snack for your child's class on their designated snack day. You can also sign up for MDO to provide your child's snack for a charge of \$10 per snack day. This fee will be added to your tuition bill. If you forget snack on your snack day, you will receive a \$10 charge on your tuition bill that will be refunded if you bring in your child's snack the next day of attendance. Some children's favorite snacks are, cheese, goldfish crackers, cut up fruit or veggies, graham crackers. Whatever healthy food your child enjoys.

Our daily schedule for the Purple Owls:

9:15-9:45 Arrival, free play (we will have different toys and activity stations for free play set up)

9:45-10:15 Snack, story, fingerplays and songs

10:15-10:30 Clean up, change diapers

10:30-11:00 Gym or outside playground

11:00-11:20 Art

11:20-11:40 Circle Time (songs, fingerplays, dance or games)

11:40-12:15 Lunch

12:15-12:30 Quiet play, change diapers

12:30-2:00 Naptime

This is a loose schedule as we are more focused on the needs of each child. Especially in the beginning of the year when all are learning to adapt and transition. Each month you will receive a lesson plan via email and posted monthly on our website www.mdoracine.com for stories and art projects. You can also go our our website www.mdoracine.com for information pertaining to our class. Just look for the Purple Owls. We have different themes each month and talk about these things throughout the day with the children. Our songs, stories and art projects usually reflect the theme. Our theme for September is "Me and My Family", please bring in a family photo that we can keep at school.

We look forward to meeting you and your children at Open House on Thursday, August 28 4:00 - 7:00. Please bring the labeled items listed above. We will be happy to explain more about our class, answer your questions and start our year with our new friends. As a reminder, Lifetouch is doing school pictures that day also.

Sincerely,

Ms. Barb

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