

Hello Toddler I Families,

Welcome to MDO! We are honored and excited to be your children's teachers this year. Haley and Ava will be in your classroom this year. 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.

Here is a little info about your teachers

Haley Gilgenbach Hello, my name is Haley Gilgenbach and I am 26 years old. I have been married to my husband Joshua for 6 years and we have two children together; Peter, 4, and Robin, 2. In my free time I enjoy knitting, reading, and spending time with my family. I have been in childcare for 8 years but I have only been with Mother's Day Out for a few months. I am very excited to be your child's teacher and I am very excited for all the new experiences they will have and the new skills they will learn!

Ava Allred- My name is Ava Allred and I will be caring for your child this school year. I just graduated from Case High School in Racine where I was in the academy of early childcare and am so excited to start my new journey in childcare. I am very open-minded, flexible, and willing to learn new things! I cannot wait to meet each and every one of you and help your child grow in their learning, and in their social skills with fellow classmates.

Please bring these LABELED items for your child:

- package of diapers (we have room to store a extra pack of diapers)and also any ointment you may use
- sleeping bag,small pillow if desired
- pacifier or comfort item
- Extra change of clothes
- family photo
- Reusable water bottle
- all MDO forms
- Intake forms

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).

Snack: Please bring the snack at the beginning of each month. Enough snacks for 16 kids.

Please label your snack so we know who has brought it in.

Snacks should consist of two parts - fruit or vegetable, grain, or dairy.

Fruit or vegetable - fresh fruit or vegetable, jarred, pouch or raisins

Grain - granola bar, Graham crackers, cheese crackers

Dairy - cheese, yogurt

We have access to a refrigerator.

Whatever your child enjoys is fine to bring as long as it is a healthy option.

2% milk is provided at lunch time. If you want your child to have a different type of milk we ask that you please bring this to school. We do have a refrigerator to store it in.

Because our little people will be transitioning from infants to toddlers our schedule follows both the child's individual needs as well as a loosely structured day.

Our daily schedule for the Toddler I:

7:00-9:00 Before Care if needed

9:00-9:15 Arrival, free play (new activities and toys set out daily)

9:45 - 10:00 Change diapers

10:00 -10:20 Snack, read stories, sing songs, finger plays

10:30ish- lay down for morning naps if needed

10:30 - 10:45 Art

10:45 - 11:00 Music and Movement

11:00 - 11:30 Gym or Outside Play

11:30 - 11:45 Circle Time

11:45- 12:00 Change Diapers

12:00 - 12:30 Lunch

12:30 - 1:55 Nap

2:00 Departure

2:00 - 5:00 Aftercare if needed

You will receive information and pictures about your child's day when you access Parent Engagement App. Please be reminded 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 (email) for stories and art projects. You can also go to our website www.mdoracine.com for information pertaining to our class. Just look for the Toddler I. 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 a great school year!

Ms. Haley and Ms. Ava

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