

Hello Purple Owl Toddler Class Families,

Welcome to MDO! We are honored and excited to be your children's teachers this year. We have met many wonderful families throughout our years at MDO and we look forward to meeting you at Open House on August 30th from 5-7. 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 us tell you a little bit about ourselves.

**Ms Robin Korndoerfer-** I have been teaching at Mother's Day Out for 6 years and I am excited to meet our new class of toddlers. A little bit about me, I have been married to my husband John for 26 years. We have 3 adult children ages 20, 21 and 24. Both John and I grew up in Racine and we have many friends and family here. I love to golf, boat, take art classes, snow ski, read and be with my friends and family. My children attended MDO years ago and it was a blessing for me. I will do everything I can to make your experience positive and enjoyable. I look forward to building a trusting and supportive relationship with you.

**Ms Barb Martin-** I have been a teacher with MDO for 10 years and before that I was a parent at MDO. My husband Craig and I have 2 children. Michelle is 24 and Kyle is 16. I love working with this age group and I look forward to getting to know you and your child.

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

- package of diapers, package of wipes and also any ointment you may use
- sleeping bag or blanket, pacifier or comfort item
- change of clothes
- family photo
- all MDO forms
- Toddler - All About Me form

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).

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 one day 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.

**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 our lesson plan (email) for stories and art projects. 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 Tuesday, August 30 5:00-7:00. Please bring the items listed above. We will be happy to explain more about our class, answer your questions and start our year with our new friends.

Love, Ms. Robin & Ms. Barb