

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. I will be co-teaching with Ms. Carrie Poling 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

**Ms Barb Martin**-I have been a teacher with MDO for 13 years and before that I was a parent at MDO. My husband Craig and I have 2 children. Michelle is 27 and lives in the Minneapolis area. Kyle is 19 and is starting his sophomore 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. I will mainly be working with the younger children in this class.

**Ms. Carrie Poling**- I have been a teacher for child care for 15 years now. I have been at MDO for 3 years and have enjoyed it so much. My husband Tony and I have been married for 23 years and have 4 children. Anthony 23, Aaron 21, Austin 15 and Anika 11. I enjoy cooking for my family and spending time with them, reading, movies and I love to serve and spend time at my church. I am very excited to spend time with your children this year and help to show them the love of Jesus. I will mainly be working with the older children in this class.

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

- package 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
- 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, 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.

Snack: Please sign up for at least two days each month for snack. The snacks should be for 8 children each day. If you forget snack you will receive a \$10 on you tuition bill. If you bring in snack the next day the charges will be reversed. You can also sign up for MDO provided snack @ \$10 per snack day This will be charged on your tuition.

Some of the children's healthy snacks are: cheese, gold fish, cut up fruit or veggies, graham crackers. Whatever your child enjoys is fine to bring as long as it is a healthy option.

This year for snack we will serve water and not juice; 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 refridgerator to store it in.

### **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 (email) for stories and art projects. You can also go to our website [www.mdoracine.com](http://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 the Open House on Thursday, August 28 4:00 - 6:30pm. 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.

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