

Peninsula Roots Preschool

Parent Handbook

Welcome

Welcome to Peninsula Roots Preschool! We are so honored to partner with your family during this beautiful and important stage of your child's journey. Our Montessori-inspired environment is a space where children are seen, valued, and supported as they grow into confident, curious, and compassionate learners. We can't wait to learn and grow together!

Our Mission

To nurture each child's natural love of learning through a peaceful, prepared environment that honors their individuality and fosters a deep connection to community, creativity, and nature.

Contact Information

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Hours of Operation

Monday - Friday: 8:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Arrival and Dismissal

For safety and ease, families may choose to either walk their child to the door or use our drive-through drop-off system.

Walk-up Option: Please park in the public spaces on Hwy 42 near Fred & Co. or across Bluff Ln and use the sidewalks to walk your child to the front entrance.

Drive-through Option: You may pull up directly to the front door where a teacher will warmly welcome your child and assist them inside. Please do not park in the building's lot.

When enrolled, you will be assigned a 10-minute drop-off window, anytime between 8:25 and 9:05 AM. This

staggered schedule helps ease children gently into the classroom and creates a calm, peaceful beginning to the day.

Outdoor Play

We believe nature is a powerful teacher. While we do not have on-site outdoor space, we rotate our outdoor play between several nearby parks-including The Noble House yard, Fish Creek Beach playground, and Fish Creek Park.

All children ride in a stroller buggy to ensure safety and comfort during transitions. A parent or community volunteer will always be present alongside staff during outdoor time to support supervision and create a strong sense of community.

Daily Schedule

Each part of our day is thoughtfully planned to support a child's development, energy cycles, and interests.

Although our school day runs from 8:30 AM to 1:30 PM, we recognize and support children's natural rhythms. If you feel that this full day is too long for your child, we encourage you to pick up at 11:30 AM-before lunch begins-to support your child's well-being and help us maintain a smooth classroom flow.

- 8:25-9:05 AM - Arrival & Greeting
- 9:05-11:30 AM - Uninterrupted Work Cycle
- 11:30 AM-12:00 PM - Lunch
- 12:00-12:30 PM - Clean-Up & Story Time / Cultural Group Activity
- 12:30-1:15 PM - Outdoor Play
- 1:15-1:30 PM - Dismissal from the outdoor space

Optional Weekly Rotations

We incorporate simple weekly enrichments that bring rhythm, creativity, and variety:

- Monday: New Art Material
- Tuesday: Nature Walk
- Wednesday: Simple Cooking Project
- Thursday: Music & Movement
- Friday: Storytelling Circle / Puppet Show

Our Philosophy

We follow the Montessori philosophy, trusting that children are capable, curious, and eager to learn when supported by a loving guide and a thoughtfully prepared environment. We emphasize "freedom within limits"-providing structure and consistency while honoring each child's autonomy and pace.

We believe that a peaceful environment, natural materials, and mutual respect help children grow into thoughtful, joyful members of their community.

Communication

We value open, honest, and supportive communication with families. You'll receive a weekly email newsletter each Friday with updates from the classroom and a peek into your child's week. Please don't hesitate to reach out via email with questions, or schedule a time to meet in person if needed.

Health and Safety

Your child's health and well-being are our top priority. Children who are unwell (fever, vomiting, diarrhea, or contagious illnesses) must stay home until they are symptom-free for at least 24 hours without medication.

If a child becomes ill or injured during the school day, we will contact a parent or guardian right away. Please keep emergency contact information current.

Clothing and Personal Items

- Dress your child in clothing they can manage independently.
- Send weather-appropriate layers for daily outdoor play.
- Pack a full extra set of labeled clothes in a sealed bag.
- Please leave toys and personal items at home unless requested.
- We follow a "soft shoes or no shoes" policy indoors to keep our space cozy and clean.

Birthdays

We celebrate birthdays with a special Montessori tradition called the "Walk Around the Sun." Families are invited to send a photo timeline of their child's life to share during the celebration. It is a lovely way to honor your child and their journey so far.

Closing Quote

"The child is both a hope and a promise for mankind." - Maria Montessori