



Frequently Asked Questions

What is the "Meet & Greet"?

This is an important day for both you and your child. Together, you'll have the opportunity to explore your child's new classroom for 15-20 minutes. The teacher and assistant(s) will be in the room to introduce themselves and answer any last-minute questions. Mrs. Max, Ms. Sherry and Miss Chrissy will also be available.

While you are here, we encourage you to explore the classroom toys with your child and talk positively about the first day of school. You might say something like, "Next time you come, Mommy or Daddy will leave for a little while, and you'll get to stay and play." Take note of your child's favorite toys. If they feel unsure on the first day, you can mention those toys to help ease their transition.

Please remember to bring any outstanding required forms, including medical and immunization records.

We are looking forward to seeing you!

Meet & Greet Monday, September 8 th , 2025			
Class	Teacher	Meet & Greet	Room #
Chickadees Class A/A+	Mrs. A	10:30-11:30	105
Chickadees Class B	Mrs. Maria	10:30-11:30	106
Ducklings Class C	Mrs. Lisa	9:15-10:15	105
Ducklings Class L	Mrs. Maria	9:15-10:15	106
Duckling Class D/D+(M/W/F)	Miss Michelle	9:15-10:15	206
Ducklings Class D/E & D+/E+ Mon-Fri	Miss Michelle & Mrs. Gardner	10:15-11:15	206
Ducklings Class E/E+(T/Th)	Mrs. Gardner	11:15-12:15	206
Bluebirds Class F/F+/F3/G+	Ms. Heather	9:15-10:30	201
Cardinals Class H/H3	Miss Brooke	9:15-10:30	102
Cardinals Class I/I+	Miss Jessica	9:15-10:30	205
Wise Owls Class K	Miss Smita	9:15-10:30	101
Wise Owls Class K2	Miss Callie	9:15-10:30	202

What is a typical day like?



After drop-off, children have time to talk with classmates and the teacher while the assistant checks backpacks, empties folders, and helps everyone get settled. Once everyone arrives, classes begin with Circle Time or gather in the Fellowship Hall for Community Sing.

Community Sing includes songs, stories, games, and sometimes skits. The director leads this special time. Each day, the children salute the flag and sing a patriotic song. Birthdays are celebrated by having the birthday child hold the flag while everyone sings Happy Birthday. Parents are welcome to attend Community Sing on their child's birthday.

Each teacher follows a daily schedule designed specifically for their class. Classes use the gym weekly, and if weather permits, children go outside or take a walk around the school property.

In the classroom, the children enjoy small group activities like writing, pre-writing, painting, crafts, dramatic play, science experiments, and skill-building games with engaging toys.

Children eat lunch and snacks in their classrooms alongside their classmates. Full-day Chickadees and Ducklings will enjoy a 20-minute rest period in the Fellowship Hall, lying on a mat with their beach towel while soft music or a story video plays in the background.

What is the Bathroom Policy?

Before going outside or having lunch, children take a bathroom break in small groups with a teacher or assistant. Help is always available with zippers, snaps, or buttons.



If a child asks to use the bathroom at any time, they are taken immediately. Teachers will also ask the class if anyone else needs to go as a gentle reminder.

All Bluebirds and Cardinals are required to be potty trained.

Children still in diapers (Chickadees and Ducklings) are changed as needed by the teacher or assistant at the changing table.

What do I pack for snack and lunch?



Pack items your child enjoys in a lunch box they can manage independently. Please do not send candy or soda. Suggested items include sandwiches, fruit, cheese and crackers, or yogurt (don't forget utensils if needed.) Grapes must be cut in half and hot dogs must be cut into bite-sized pieces.

We cannot refrigerate or heat lunches. Each child needs a labeled snack in a separate labeled bag/container and a reusable water bottle labeled on both the top and bottom. Wise Owls please label am and pm snacks.

What is the arrival policy?



We will open the doors 3 minutes before your child's scheduled arrival time:

- 8:45 AM for our Wise Owls Kindergarten classes
- 9:00 AM for all other classes

There are two entrances being used:

- The front door near the gardens is for all upstairs classrooms
- The back door in the back parking lot is for all downstairs classrooms

Please line up along the wall near your child's assigned door. A teacher will be at the classroom door to greet your child and bring them inside.

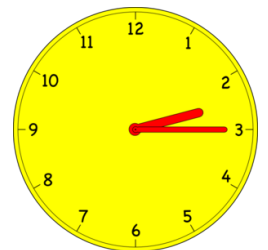
We train our staff to keep arrival and dismissal times quick, especially at the beginning of the school year. Children are often eager to enter the classroom and look forward to seeing their pick-up person at the end of the day.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not bring them up during arrival or dismissal. Instead, come to the office or look for Mrs. Max, Ms. Sherry or Miss Chrissy in the hallway. If you need to speak with your child's teacher, place a note in your child's folder asking the teacher to call you, and put the folder in your child's backpack or email us at gnofficepluckemin@gmail.com and we will have your teacher get back to you as soon as they are available.

What is the dismissal policy?

The front and back entrance door will be locked throughout the day until your scheduled dismissal.

- 12:15pm for half-day classes
- 2:15pm for full day classes
- 2:45pm for our Wise Owls Kindergarten classes



Once the door is opened the parents will walk to their children's classroom and form a line outside. The teacher will dismiss one child at a time. If you have any questions for the teachers, please wait until all the children are dismissed before approaching them. The parents of the children who attend classes in our downstairs classrooms will use the back door for dismissal. Upstairs classes will use the front door for dismissal. For safety reasons, the children are not allowed to run in the hallway. Also, we love for our parents to socialize

but be aware the children tend to run in the parking lot. This has caused us much concern for their safety. Please always hold children firmly by the hand in the parking lots.

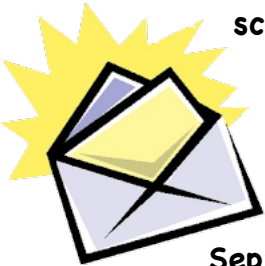
What is the snow policy?

In case of severe weather, and there is a school closing or delayed opening, as soon as a decision has been made you will receive an email blast or you can watch channel 12, News12 NJ. If, during the morning, a delayed opening changes to a closing, you will receive a second email blast informing you of the change. If the Bridgewater Public School delays or closes, we will also delay or close on that same day. Please be sure you are receiving our emails by saving our email address in your contacts.



How do I pay tuition?

We determine the yearly tuition by calculating the hours and days your child attends school, we estimate our expenses to care for your child on these days. We then come up with a yearly figure and break the payments into ten monthly payments. Please be advised that you are making ten payments and not paying for each month. This explains why the payment is the same in September as it is in October even though we meet fewer days in September. After sending in your payments before June you will have already made *two* of the ten payments, with *eight* remaining. During the last week of September, you will receive a tuition envelope in your child's folder in his/her backpack. Tuition is due the 1st of each month starting in October. You will receive a new envelope each month. Your last payment will be due May 1st. There will be no tuition refund if your child is absent from school due to illness or family vacations (even extended vacations that the child will be away for months).



What if my child has allergies and/or medical condition?

If you stated on your child's registration form that he/she has any type of allergy and/or medical condition, we must provide you with the proper medical/allergy form for your doctor to fill out.



- Please provide the school office with any changes to/or additional necessary medication at any time during the school year. We cannot have any medication on the premises without paperwork signed by your child's pediatrician. All medication must be stored at school in the original box/containers with Prescription labels intact.

In addition: If your child has a food allergy, we would like you to send in a bag of "Special Snacks" that he/she can eat when we have holiday parties and birthday celebrations. The teacher will label the bag and keep it in a safe place in the classroom.