

Welcome to A Child's Garden 2022-2023

Dear Families,

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year. Ms. MaNiya will be the lead teacher of your child's classroom. Ms. MaNiya has a degree in Human Services and is certified to teach pre-school! Ms. MaNiya has several years of teaching experience and is well loved at A Child's Garden.

We are all excited for the new school year and getting to know all our new and returning students and families. Our program allows for creativity, Play -based learning and hands-on exploration. The school's philosophy of "learning through play" allows young children to explore concepts and develop skills at their own pace. Young children absorb knowledge through the use of their senses and movement. Concepts will be explored both inside and outside of the classroom through play and exploration. This will allow for individual growth while increasing pre-reading readiness, mathematic skills, understanding of nature and self/social awareness. We are excited to offer your child a program rich in S.T.E.A.M exploration and activities. We are also excited to have been chosen to implement the new MSDE curriculum "Children Explore Their World" created by the University of Maryland for preschool programs.

Sincerely,

Greg



**First day of school
8/29/2022**

**Current school hours
for extended care
7:30-5:00**

**Please look for our
monthly newsletter and
calendar to be emailed
to you monthly.**

**Open communication is
very important to us.
Please email us at
achildsgarden2@verizon.net
or call us 410-647-2300 if
you have any questions
or concerns.**

Important Reminders

If your child stays for lunch:

- Remember that we are a nut free facility. You may substitute soy butter for peanut butter. Please clearly label that it is soy butter.
- All perishable items (milk, cheese, yogurt, etc.) need to be labeled with your child's name and must be placed in a zip-lock bag. The rest of the items may be in the lunchbox labeled with your child's name.
- Please note that we do not heat food at lunchtime.

If your child stays for naptime:

- Please send in a small pillow and blanket in a bag labeled with your child's name. Reusable shopping bags work great! Nap items will be sent home every Friday to be laundered. Please return these items every Monday.
- You may also send in a small stuffed animal for your child to sleep with, if needed.
- A cot sheet will be provided for your child which costs \$9 and the charge will appear on your first bill.

General Safety Rules:

- Please put sunscreen and bug spray on your child in the morning before coming to school. If your child stays all day we will reapply after nap. Please supply both items labeled with your child's name if you would like us to reapply at school.
- Shoes with secure backs or tennis shoes are required for children to play safely on the playground. Flip-flops and Crocs are prohibited.

Class Supply List

supplies required:

- 1 pack of glue sticks
- 1 Elmer's glue bottle
- 1 box of 8 count Crayola washable markers
- 1 box of Crayola Crayons
- Water color pallet
- Pack of dry erase markers
- 1 pack of sharpie markers either multi or plain black

- Please place an extra set of clothing (including socks and underwear) in a labeled Ziploc bag that is weather appropriate. Please update as the seasons change.
- Please bring a water bottle/drink cup

