



Little Northmen Preschool Frequently Asked Questions

General Information

- ★ Where will Little Northmen Preschool be held for the 2024/2025 school year?
 - Ottawa Elementary School, 871 Kalamazoo Ave, Petoskey, MI 49770
- ★ On what dates does Little Northmen Preschool start and end?
 - Little Northmen Preschool follows the Public Schools of Petoskey Calendar. The first day of preschool is Monday, September 9, 2024 and the last day is Friday, May 30, 2025.
- ★ What are the days/hours of operation?
 - Little Northmen Preschool operates Monday - Friday from 8:10 AM - 3:05 PM.
- ★ Is childcare available before/after school, or on school holidays/snow days?
 - There will be an option for before and/or after school care. There is currently no childcare available during times/days when the Public Schools of Petoskey is not in session.
- ★ Is transportation available for Little Northmen Preschool students? Can preschool students ride the bus home with older siblings?
 - Transportation is not available for preschool students. Students must be dropped off and picked up at Ottawa Elementary School.
- ★ How many spaces are available?
 - We have two classrooms. The maximum number of students in each is 16.
- ★ What is the tuition rate for Little Northmen Preschool?
 - Tuition is \$750.00 a month unless a student qualifies for reduced or free tuition (see below).
 - School year tuition will be billed in equal increments via on-line bill pay over a 9 month period (September - May) at a monthly rate of \$750.00 or a bi-weekly rate of \$375.00.
 - Tuition is a flat monthly rate regardless of vacations, half days, etc.

- ★ How can my child qualify for tuition free preschool?
 - When you complete the preschool application, check the box indicating you would like to be considered for tuition free preschool. You will be contacted to complete a funding application to determine eligibility. There are a certain number of openings available for tuition and free. If openings have been filled, students will be put on a waiting list.
- ★ Can my child attend for a half day instead of a full day?
 - It is important for the classroom community and consistency of curriculum that all students attend all five full days so only full day students will be accepted.
- ★ Are snacks/lunch included?
 - Students may bring a snack from home. A snack is provided to students who do not bring their own snack. Hot lunch is available for purchase at the same rate as school-aged students. Students are also welcome to bring a sack lunch.

Registration

- ★ How old does my child have to be to attend Little Northmen Preschool?
 - Children attending Little Northmen Preschool must turn 4 by September 1.
- ★ Does my child have to be able to use the restroom on his/her own to attend?
 - **It is the expectation that all children enrolled are daytime toilet trained.** Children will be able to use the restrooms, as needed, to handle their own toileting needs. Under adult supervision, the child will be responsible for cleaning themselves and pulling their pants up and down. Extra clothing is to be left at school.
- ★ Do I have to be a resident of Petoskey to enroll my child?
 - Anyone is welcome to register. Enrollment preference will be given to Petoskey residents and staff but out of district students will be accepted pending availability.
- ★ How are students selected? What if there are more applicants than slots available?
 - Applications will be prioritized in the following order:
 - Petoskey Schools staff
 - Petoskey residents
 - Students with siblings in the district
 - Non-Petoskey residents
 - We have a certain number of openings in each of the following categories: tuition, reduced and free. When a category is filled, students are placed on a waiting list.
- ★ When/how will I know if my child is accepted?
 - Parents will be notified via email by June 1.
- ★ How do I complete an application for my child?
 - Download the application found on the Petoskey Schools website.
 - Send the completed application to morrow.nm.y@northmen.org or drop it off at the Spitler Administration building; 1130 Howard Street, Petoskey, MI 49770.
- ★ How much does it cost to apply?
 - There is no application fee for the 2024/2025 school year.

A Day in the Life

- ★ How many teachers will my child have? When can I meet my child's teachers?
 - Each classroom will have one Lead Teacher, one Teacher's Assistant, and one to two part time Teacher's Aides. There will be an open house held the last week of August to meet the teachers and visit the classroom.

- ★ What does a typical day's schedule consist of?
 - Greeting/Large-Group
 - Choice Time
 - Snack
 - Small Group
 - Outside
 - Lunch
 - Quiet/Rest Time
 - Choice Time
 - Outside/Dismissal

- ★ Will my child eat lunch or share playground time with the elementary students?
 - Lunch is served in the cafeteria and recess times are staggered so preschool students will have their own scheduled time on the playground.

- ★ What are some of the activities my child will engage in?
 - Petoskey Preschool uses a curriculum which includes the following:
 - Block play
 - Dramatic play
 - Toys and games
 - Art
 - Library
 - Discovery
 - Sensory
 - Music and movement
 - Outdoor play

For additional questions, please email morrow.nm.y@northmen.org