



## **Welcome to Harmony Preschool!**

We are so happy for you to join our community of parents, grandparents, educators, and lots of little learners. Our learning opportunities at Harmony Preschool consist of two educational tracks. Firstly, we have Harmony at Home, our virtual program. Secondly, our on-site preschool in Meridian, Idaho.

### **Harmony at Home**

What I have witnessed in our virtual program has been revolutionary for me as far as the beliefs I held before the pandemic and the beliefs I hold now regarding online learning. Harmony at Home virtual preschool includes:

- Pre-recorded 30-minute circle times to watch at your own convenience
- Suggested enrichment activities
- Home practice pdf's
- Our private Seesaw interactive classroom

The right mix of age-appropriate curriculum, practice activities, and at-home support is magical. Our virtual students have retained all that has been introduced to them through our curriculum at a rate I was not expecting. They know their stuff! And families are able to participate on their own time at their own pace. It has been a joy to see the bond that is created between parent and child when learning occurs together at home. I guess I really should not be surprised, as I have always believed that a preschooler learning at home with invested grownups is a very rich environment for learning and growth. Ever since I began teaching almost two decades ago, I have wanted to bridge the learning from our on-site school into the homes of our preschool families. Our Harmony at Home curriculum is a perfect tool for this type of learning.

### **On-site Harmony Preschool**

Our on-site preschool offers traditional in-person learning in a preschool classroom. On-site preschool includes:

- A daily routine with learning centers, circle time, snack, outdoor/freeplay time, lots of music, lots of fun. We will have two morning classes at the preschool- two Monday/Wednesday/Friday (Preschool) and two Tuesday/Thursday (Early Preschool) classes. We will also be holding a Hybrid class this year. Hybrid students will attend an on-site class on Thursday afternoons and then will participate in our virtual program two other days of the week. The virtual days can be completed on your family's schedule when it is convenient for you.
- Field trips, Christmas music program (for our 3-day Preschool classes), class holiday parties, and end-of-year programs (in-person for our full on-site classes, virtual for our hybrid class)
- We follow the West Ada Schools calendar (unless things get crazy like they did this past year)
- Weekly Themes

- Weekly Take Home folders with scrapbook pictures of each child participating in preschool activities (for our full on-site classes).
- AND A BONUS:

Since 2020, our on-site now comes with an added BONUS! All on-site preschoolers will have access to the Harmony at Home curriculum provided on our website. This includes full access to circles times with Miss Michelle, all suggested enrichment activities, home practice pdf's and our Seesaw interactive classroom. These circle times are more like a children's educational show than a recording of a teacher sitting in a chair teaching the entire time. They aren't just about letters and numbers, but social skills, fun, science experiments, and much more. You can view a demo of our Harmony at Home circle times on our website. Harmony at Home provides parents with a firsthand look into what we are learning at the preschool. For the most part, the circle times match those occurring at the preschool with some added content we are able to add because it is virtual. You can watch the circle times with your child and see what we have learned each day. Our on-line curriculum also provides you with some flexibility to miss a day at the preschool (for vacation or sickness) and still have access to the day's circle time and curriculum. Your child can participate in our Harmony at Home curriculum as much as they would like.

These at-home days also provide me with something very important: the flexibility to be the grandma I want to be. I have taught for 19 years and love teaching with all of my heart. Preschool was something I could do as a young mom and still be everything I wanted to be as a mother. I hope to be everything I want to be as a grandma, but that will require me some time to travel out of state and this allows me to do so. This also allows for days I may need to take off for sickness. In 19 years, I have missed 3 days of school- one day for a broken rib and 2 days for the influenza. It doesn't happen often, but it would be nice to know that when it is absolutely necessary, I can be sick and my students can still learn.

## Harmony Calendar

- There will be a few Harmony at Home preschool days on our calendar where your child does not attend in person, but enjoys the at-home curriculum- 11 days for our MWF preschoolers and 6 days for our TTH early preschoolers. BUT, some of these days fall on days when your preschooler would not have come to school anyway because it is a No School day in the West Ada school district. This would account for 7 of the 11 at-home days for MWF preschoolers and 2 of the 6 days for our TTH early preschoolers. You can view a calendar with the specific dates attached to this email. I have taken the time to count how many total days our MWF children are attending and how many total days our TTH children are attending and everything works out very fairly with time at the school and tuition rates. These at-home days can be true gems for you and your child.

See attached documents for yearly calendar, Student Policies, and classes/fees. Registration begins on Tuesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00 am. You can register at: [www.harmonylearning.com](http://www.harmonylearning.com)

Miss Michelle