



MISS JOAN'S
Little School

Est 1982

~ Preschool

~ Extended Care

~ Summer Camp

For children from 18 months to 6 years of age

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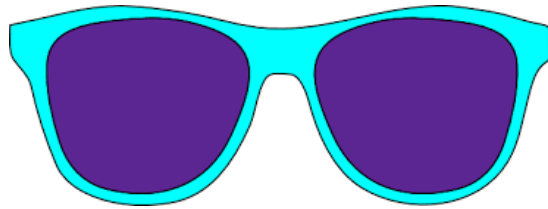
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It's almost summer, and the future for Miss Joan's Little School looks BRIGHT! Thank you for your interest in our Camp programs. Look through this packet for some information on our school and summer camp. You can also visit our website, Facebook page, or call school with any questions.



What Preschool Means to a Child

Preschool is a "home away from home" to the little child. It is a time to be curious, discover, develop, and grow with our help and support.

Our Philosophy

We at Miss Joan's Little School believe that a preschool, in order to promote the development of a positive self-image in a child, should provide a safe environment with loving and concerned teachers. The school should make available stimulating experiences to help a child grow physically, cognitively, emotionally, socially, and creatively, according to one's individual needs and stage of development.

The atmosphere here is one of love and acceptance, informality and relaxation. We provide an appropriate balance of structure and self-initiated activities to meet the needs of the young child.

Our History

In the late 1970's, Miss Joan led a small preschool in a local elementary school building. In 1982, a small building was erected on a quiet piece of property in Blue Bell to house these preschool children as they learned and played every day. Since that day in 1982, Miss Joan's Little School has maintained its small, quaint atmosphere of only three classrooms. This allows for children and families to receive individualized attention and creation of strong school/home relationships. We are still a privately-owned small center that is an integral part of the community. Over the years, our preschool alumni have grown to become MJLS assistants and camp counselors, and even send their own children to MJLS today!

Summer Camp

Our summer camp program is based on the same philosophy of early learning and child development as our school year program. Our school year curriculum (Creative Curriculum & Learning Without Tears) is replaced with exciting school-wide camp themes for learning and fun. Our warm and relaxing summer days consist of water play, sports, arts & crafts, singing, story time, and special treats all based around the theme. Each week will also include a variety of special events or visitors.

Skill Building

We continue to develop children's skills throughout the summer months. They are focused on at each age appropriate level.

Self Help

- Toilet learning (Class C)
- Care of personal/bathroom needs (Class B & A)
- Gaining independence during mealtimes
- Take care of personal items such as toys, coats, mittens, hats, etc.

Social Abilities

- Learning to interact with teachers and peers
- Continuous language development
- Learn how to work and play in a group
- Problem solving
- Citizenship and friendship

Cognitive Learning

- Listening and following simple directions
- Focusing in group situations such as story time
- Listen and understand stories in a group
- Following directions
- Learning through songs
- Classification, sorting, patterns

Our Staff

Miss Joan's Little School is a private school licensed by the Department of Human Services and under the guidance of the PA Office of Child Development and Early Learning . We participate in the PA Keystone Stars Program and our owner, director and teachers are members of the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYCE).

All lead Teachers hold degrees in Education and have years of experience in the early childhood classroom. All teachers and assistant teachers continue participating in professional development on the latest trends in early childhood education. Our staff meets and exceeds PA State requirements in all aspects of

early learning. We are trained in Pediatric CPR/First Aide with the latest updates for children with allergies. Our entire staff averages over 15+ years of experience in working with children, and MJLS boasts a low teacher turnover with teachers here on staff for 5, 15, 22 years! Our same staff members work with the children through the summer months, and we also have some new counselors that join in on the fun as well! Please see our website for current teacher biographies.

Communication

During summer camp, be sure to look at our school calendar for the main events for the day. In addition, teachers use the ClassTag app to send photos, updates, and information for parents of campers. You may also contact your teacher directly through the app!

Inclusion & Non-Discrimination

Miss Joan's Little School believes that children of all ability levels are entitled to the same opportunities for participation, acceptance and belonging in child-care. We will make every reasonable accommodation to encourage full and active participation of all children in our program based on his/her individual capabilities and needs.

If your child has an identified special need, please share with the director and child's teacher prior to first day of attendance. Parents must share the services already in place for the child, and an I.E.P. must be on file. Reasonable accommodations and strategies to be used in the classroom will also be discussed, and a plan for success will be created for the child. We do partner with the MCIU and therapists for a child to find success.

At Miss Joan's Little School equal educational opportunities are available for all children, without regard to race, color, creed, national origin, gender, age, ethnicity, religion, disability, or parent/provider political beliefs, marital status, sexual orientation or special needs, or any other consideration made unlawful by federal, state or local laws. Educational programs are designed to meet the varying needs of all students.

Facilities & Environmental Landscape

Our facility is designed to fit the preschool child. Our center has been planned and built to allow the student to learn in a child-sized world around them. Our classrooms are spacious and modern, yet are in a small building with a "home away from home" feel. Each classroom contains its own child sized bathroom and furniture, libraries, sandboxes/sensory play, imaginative play areas, etc.

Preschoolers who regularly play outdoors have more opportunities to be physically active which promotes good health now and into adulthood. For a

preschooler, outdoor play is most important! We think of our outdoor play areas as an extension of our classrooms. That is why we boast over 13,000 sq. feet of fenced-in private outdoor space. This is home to shaded play equipment, sandboxes and structures to promote imaginative play, a full vegetable garden, trike track for wheeled toys and bikes, and open areas for running and free play. At summer camp the outdoor yards also include water slides, sprinklers, water activities, and guest events.

Health & Safety

We are proud to offer small, well supervised programs perfect for toddler through kindergarten age. You will feel comfortable leaving your children for a fun-filled summer day as experienced teachers with degrees in Education care for your children. Don't let your young child feel overwhelmed in a large camp! Our camp program maintains the same low child to teacher ratio as the school year. We have a full Health and Safety plan in place which is in accordance with all PA and Montgomery County safety guidelines. In addition, our Covid-19 health and safety addendum, which is approved by DHS and the PA Office of Child Development and Early Learning, has been in effect all year and has proven successful. Our Covid-19 plan is provided for you.



Are you ready to Enroll?

Our CAMP DAY

7:00 – 9:00 AM - **EXTENDED DAY** arrivals

- Breakfast, games and group activities

9:00 AM – **HALF DAY & SCHOOL DAY** arrivals

- Free Play
- Camp welcome! (songs and fun welcome activities)

9:30 to 11:30 AM – **CAMP FUN !!**

- Crafts & Games surrounding **theme of the week**
- Snack time
- Outdoor Play (games, garden, bikes, and more)
- Water Play (water slide, sprinklers, water tables, etc.)
- S.T.E.A.M activities indoors and out
- Camp-wide Special Events , Shows and Visitors (calendar will be provided for events)

11:30 AM – **STORYTIME & MUSIC**

11:50 AM – **LUNCHTIME**

- Yoga, Stretching, Meditation

12:15 PM – **HALF DAY** dismissals

12:30 – 2:30 PM – **QUIET TIME, REST TIME and/or NAP TIME**

- Activity depends on child's needs and if he/she naps; all Toddlers have Naptime
- Quiet time includes busy boxes, puzzles, games, building materials, etc.
- Outdoor play for non-nappers

2:30 – 3:00 PM – **SNACK**

- More camp theme crafts and games
- Large Group Music & Movement

3:00 PM – **SCHOOL DAY** dismissals

3:00 – 6:00 PM – **EXTENDED DAY FUN 😊**

- Outdoor Play (any and all opportunities for outdoor fun)
- Free play and guided small group games



*Subject to change as camp is Child-centered and based on needs of children and their fun for the day!

We look forward to Seeing you at the MJLS Summer Camp!



Please see the registration packet provided for paperwork and more information regarding registration. Remember, you can register for any weeks and times you wish. You can also vary those times and days throughout the summer. Please be sure to be clear on the registration form. Contact us if you have any questions! Registration officially closes May 1st ! No late forms will be accepted.

Registration Forms –

Complete and Return Immediately to Hold Your Spot:

- Registration Form
- Application for Admission Form
- Emergency Contact Form
- Registration Fee (check made payable to Miss Joan's Little School)

Enrollment Forms –

To be Returned at Registration or Before First Day of Camp:

- PA Child Health Report
- Getting to Know You Questionnaire
- Sunscreen Permission
- Trike Track Permission (Class A & B – 3 years and up)

A First Day of Camp checklist will be provided before your first day 😊