Welcome to A Child's Garden 2020-2021

Dear Families,

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year. Please join us in welcoming Ms. Amy Davidson to our classroom. She will be joining Ms. Natasha as the lead co-teacher this school year. Ms. Amy is originally from upstate New York and has lived in Maryland for the past 17 years. She lives in Pasadena with her husband and 2 children. She comes to us with a Master's degree in Early Childhood from Towson University and has been teaching preschool for the past 12 years. Many of you know Ms. Natasha Flanagan who has been with A Child's Garden since 2015. She has her Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood and is certified in All Kinds of Minds, as well as Conscious Discipline. Ms. Natasha started her teaching career in England and came to the United States in 1993. She lives in Annapolis and has two grown children, Adam and Paige.

We are all excited for the new school year and getting to know all our new and returning students and families. Our three's 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 though 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.

Sincerely,

Lisa & Greg



First day of school 8/24/2020

Current school hours for extended care 8:00-5:00

Follow the Pre-k 3's & 4's class on Instagram @ CGprek

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 <u>nut free facility</u>. 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 <u>labeled with your child's name</u> and <u>must</u> 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 <u>small</u> pillow and blanket in a bag <u>labeled</u> with your child's name. Reusable shopping bags work great! Nap items will be sent home every <u>Friday</u> to be laundered. Please return these items every <u>Monday</u>.
- 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 <u>morning</u> before coming to school. If your child stays all day we will <u>reapply after nap</u>. Please supply both items <u>labeled</u> <u>with your child's name</u> 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 <u>prohibited</u>.

3's Supply List

Supplies are on us this year!!!

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

