

**The Chickadee Preschool is open  
from 7:30 am – 3:30 pm**

**We follow the AOS #91 school schedule**

**7:30 – 8:15 am Arrival, drop-off in the  
classroom**

**8:15 – 8:30 am Snack**

**8:30 – 8:40 am Circle Time**

**Reminders, Day Overview, Calendar,  
Songs**

**8:40–8:50 am Introduction to Centers**

**8:50–9:50 am Centers**

**(Varies by curriculum unit of the PreK For  
ME curriculum)**

**9:50–10:00 am Thinking and Feedback**

**10:00 –11:00 am Special**

**Monday Book and Cook | Read Aloud with  
Miss Debbie**

**Tuesday Swim Lessons 10:00–10:30 am gr.  
1, 10:30–11:00 am gr. 2**

**Wednesday, Jesup Library Storytime**

**10:00–11:30 am ( group walk to get there )**

**Thursday Tumbling/ Music Rotation  
10:00 – 11:00 am**

**11:30 – 12:00 pm Outside Play**

**12:00 – 1:00 pm Handwashing, Lunch,  
Teeth Brushing**

**1:00 – 2:00 pm Storytime and rest**

**2:00–2:15 pm Transition to Snack**

**2:15–2:30 pm Snack**

**2:30–2:50 Small Group Work**

**2:50–3:00 Clean Up**

**3:00–3:30 pm Large Group  
Activity**

**3:30 pm Pickup**

**Families that need extended care can  
register for our after-school care  
program that runs from 3:30–5:30pm**



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**When is my child ready for preschool?**

**MDI YMCA preschool is open to any  
child who has turned 3 and who's  
potty-trained.**

**In preschool we work on skills such as  
sharing, taking turns, playing with  
peers, how to work successfully in a  
group setting.**

**These vary in young children and can be  
a result of the experiences they have  
had so far in life.**

**In order to get a sense of each child, we  
do a two week trial period to see how  
our setting works with your child and  
how the child works in our setting.**



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**Chickadee  
Preschool**

**a play-based place to grow,  
learn, and thrive together**



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# GROW

# LEARN

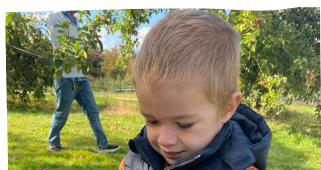
# THRIVE

The MDI YMCA Chickadee Preschool is a state licensed preschool program housed inside the Y enabling us to take advantage of being a part of the Y community and gives us easy access to the gymnasium, pool, indoor walking track, outdoor playground and surrounding fields, and our wonderful community.

At the preschool age, learning comes through play, and play and fun are the building blocks of success in our program.

Our approach to curriculum is to use the YMCA guiding principals as a basis for learning.

Honesty • Caring • Responsibility • Respect



Payment can be made in full or with a weekly auto-draft to a card or checking/savings account on file. Auto draft occurs whether the child is in attendance for any given day or not. The Y is happy to take subsidy payments from the state to help make preschool affordable for all.



The forward-thinking and creative DHHS approved PreK for ME curriculum honors the child's imagination and respects the role that teachers play in making learning exciting for every child.

The preschool classroom is divided into Educational Centers, including reading, circle, dramatic play (and housekeeping), arts and crafts, small manipulatives, blocks, games and puzzles, exploration (magnets, magnifying glasses), and sensory table. Preschool teachers design activities to encourage social and emotional growth, creative exploration, and play-based learning according to each child's development to prepare them for elementary school.

Preschoolers take advantage of all the Y campus has to offer!

Weekly scheduled time in the pool, structured and free play in the gym as well as yoga, tumbling, and music classes and weekly guest readers at story time. Weekly trips to the local library for story-time and play there as well as field trips on the Y bus make these youngsters busy.



In keeping with the MDI YMCA mission, we want to nurture and help develop the whole child.

The mission of the Mount Desert Island YMCA is to develop community, character, personal growth in wellness and spirit, mind and body for the greater MDI community.