

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

We follow the AOS #91 school schedule

**7:30 – 8:20 am Arrival and Choice
Activities**

**8:20 – 8:45 am Circle Time: Reminders,
Day Overview, Calendar, Songs**

8:45 – 9:00 am Snack

9:00–10:00 am Centers

10:15–11:00 am Specials

Monday– Read Aloud with Miss Debbie

Tuesday– Book and Cook

Wednesday– Jesup Library Storytime

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

Thursday– Harmony Curriculum

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

11:00 am – 12:00 pm Outside Play

12:00 – 12:30 pm Handwashing/ Lunch

**12:30 – 2:00 pm Teeth Brushing/ Read
Aloud/ Rest Time**

2:00–2:30 pm Snack

2:30–3:00 Small Group

3:00–3:30 Playground for 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 at the MDI Y?**

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

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

**Care is offered in the summer with our
preschool summer camp program with
comparable hours, pricing, and
availability.**

**In preschool, we work on skills such as
sharing, taking turns, and playing with
peers 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.**

**To make sure our program is a good fit
for each child, we do a two-week trial
period to see how our setting works for
the child and how the child works with
our schedule and setting.**



**Mount Desert
Island YMCA**

**Chickadee
Preschool**

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



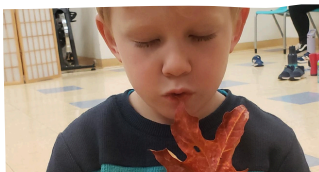
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GROW

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 giving 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 principles as a basis for learning. Honesty, Caring, Responsibility, Respect



LEARN

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. We also offer program scholarship with our membership for all program. Applications can be found on our website at mdiyymca.org/membershipforall or through our welcome center.

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. We use Brightwheel for assessment and growth tracking, and communication. We use the Harmony social-emotional learning curriculum to supplement our classroom support for promoting positive preschool behavior.

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 a 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.

THRIVE

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.