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# **ADMISSIONS PROCEDURE**

We welcome your interest in seeking admission for your child in Meadow Oaks Academy. Our primary purpose is to provide an excellent education that is well balanced; Accelerated academic, physical education, to enable students to become outstanding leaders in our society. We look forward to meeting with you concerning your student's academic future.

In an effort to expedite the enrollment process, listed below are the documents necessary to complete the application for  $K-5^{th}$  grades. Please make sure all paperwork is included before submission. The packet can not be accepted if it is incomplete.

The procedures for admittance and the required supplementary materials are outlined as follows:

Application for admission (one per child) Copy of recent report card Copy of Standardized Test Scores Current Immunization Records Copy of Birth Certificate Automatic Payment Authorization form (EFT) (By Check or Credit Card) Picture/Video Release Tuition Agreement Parent Agreement Sugar Policy / Snack Policy Parker Uniform	Copy of recent report card Copy of Standardized Test Scores Current Immunization Records Copy of Birth Certificate Automatic Payment Authorization form (EFT) (By Check or Credit Card) Picture/Video Release Tuition Agreement Parent Agreement	1.	The following documents are completed and returned.
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# **FINANCIAL POLICY**

	Monthly tuition payments are due on the 1 <sup>st</sup> Monday of each month and are considered late if not received prior to 6:00pm on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> day of each month. If the 1 <sup>st</sup> or 2 <sup>nd</sup> falls on a Sat. /Sun., payment is due the following Monday and is considered late if not received prior to 6:00 p.m. after the weekend.
	Weekly tuition payments are due each Monday of the month. Payment is considered late if made on the Tuesday following the Monday it was due.
	Semi – Monthly fees are due on the 1 <sup>st</sup> and 15 <sup>th</sup> and are considered late on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 16 <sup>th</sup> of each month.
	A \$25.00 late fee will be charged per invoice (per student).
	A \$35.00 NSF charge on all return checks. If we receive 2 returned checks on your students account, you will be required to pay by money order. NO CASH, NO EXCEPTIONS.
	Non-receipt of a statement does not release you from your obligation to make all payments in a timely manner.
	Students will not be allowed to attend class if account is not current.
	Note your ID number on your check or money order to ensure that your payment is recorded correctly.
SIG	NED CONTRACT
	All signed contracts for returning students must be returned one (1) month prior to the selected billing cycle (Monthly (10) - Weekly (43) or Bi-Weekly).
	Ten (10) month contracts must be returned for returning students no later than June 1 <sup>st</sup> and payments are to begin on August 1 <sup>st</sup> .
	Payment-in-full contract for returning students must be returned one (1) month prior to the selected billing cycle or a 10 month contract will be filled out.

All signed contracts are to be submitted to the school office. Please submit all money due with the contract (i.e. if you do not turn in your Ten-Month contract until after the due date — you will need to submit your first monthly payment when you submit your contract.)

If you have any questions concerning this procedure <u>please call the school office</u>. Remember – all accounts <u>must</u> be current prior to your student (s) being admitted to class and to receive final report card.

# **STATEMENTS**

The "Billing Date" on the statement reflects the date the charges are applied, not the actual date the statement was printed. Statements are usually printed and handed to the parent each week. Non-receipt of a statement does not release you from your obligation to make all payments in a timely manner.

#### STUDENT REMOVAL FROM CLASS

Students will not be allowed to attend class if account is over due by (1) one month for monthly paying parents. If parents pay weekly, student will not be allowed to attend class if account is over due by (2) two weeks. For Bi-monthly parents, students will not be allowed to attend class if account is over due by (1) bi-monthly payment. This will result in the generation of a list of students who will be refused admission to their respective class. As a courtesy, a removal slip will be sent home or a phone call will be place informing the parent/guardian that the account is past due and the student may not attend until the account is current nor will the report card information be released.

<u>Important Note:</u> the removal slip is a courtesy only and does not excuse your student from the attendance policy in place. You should stay informed on the status of the account.

Students sent to school in disregard of this "no attendance" policy will be kept in the school office by the administrator. An additional charge of \$15.00 per hour will be applied to your account as a "drop-in" fee until arrangements are made to pick up the student. These charges will be added to the balance that must be paid prior to re-admittance.

The student <u>must</u> have a return slip from the school office to present to their teacher before they will be allowed to attend class. Be sure to request this return slip, one for each student, when you make your payment.

#### **RETURNED CHECKS**

All checks must be written to Meadow Oaks Academy. Each check must include the driver's license number, date of birth and current address of the account holder. The account holder's name should be legible and printed on the check.

You will receive notification after a check has been presented twice for payment and still been returned <u>for any reason</u>. A \$35.00 fee will be added and payment will be received only by money order or cashier's check within five (5) days of notification. A student's account will be placed on a "MONEY ORDER OR CASHIER'S CHECK ONLY' status for the remainder of the school year when two checks have been returned for Non-Sufficient Funds or other non-payment reasons.

#### **REGISTRATION FEES**

All appropriate registration fees and documentation must be received with the completed application and will be processed upon receipt. Registration fees are **non-refundable**.

### **LATE FEES**

Our afterschool program ends at 6:00 p.m. If you are late picking up your student you will be required to pay the late fee of \$5.00 per 15 minute periods, per student. *THIS IS DUE AND PAYABLE TO THE STAFF PERSONNEL ON DUTY.* We do not pay salaries after 6:00 p.m. If you are late the staff personnel stay late will need to be paid. *NO ECXEPTIONS*.



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# **VISION STATEMENT:**

Our primary purpose is to provide an excellent education that is well balanced; and based on truth, academic excellence, physical education, to enable students to become outstanding leaders in our society.

### **Academic Excellence:**

To help students know, understand, and apply what they are learning.

To help students have the truth to question, solve problems, and make wise decisions.

To help students be committed to a life time of learning.

To help students become more proficient in Mathematics, Science, Language, Reading, and other cultures.

# **Physical Education:**

To teach students to be a good steward of their bodies.

To teach students good health habits along with physical fitness.

# **Outstanding Leaders:**

To teach and develop character principals in their relationship with fellow students.

To teach and develop character living for a life of leadership and service to their community.

To teach and develop character principals in the home, school and every day living.

#### STATEMENT OF PURPOSE FOR PARENTS:

I/We will take an active role in my/our student's education. This will include communication; with school personnel, support with academic assignments, and participation in school activities and events.

I/We will encourage my/our student to comply with all school regulations and standards.

I/We give the administration and faculty discretion to employ such discipline as is deemed wise for my student.

I/We agree to accept the responsibility for any damage done by my/our student at the school.

I/We agree to abide by all Meadow Oaks Academy rules and regulations.

I/We agree to immediately notify the School Office of any changes in address, phone number, employment, or emergency number.

I/We understand that the school reserves the right to dismiss any student who does not respect its standards or cooperate in the school's academic program.

I/We agree that the home and school must work together as one in training students to achieve in their academics and in becoming a productive part of society.



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# **PLEDGE:**

## **AMERICAN FLAG**

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands; one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

# **TEXAS FLAG**

Honor the Texas flag; I pledge allegiance to thee,

Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible. Texas Statutes, Government Code, Title 11, Subchapter C, Sections 3100.101-3100.104.



# Meadow Oaks Academy

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# Private School ELEMENTARY K - 5<sup>th</sup> grades

**PRESCHOOL** 18m to Pre-K

**Public School**Before Care
After Care

# Office use only: After School Student \_\_\_\_\_

# BA\_\_\_\_ B\_\_\_\_ A \_\_\_\_\_

# APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

Academic Year	_ Grade Applying for _	Grade C	ompleted	
New Student	Transfer Student	Date: _		
Applicant's Full Name _	Last	Fir	rst	Middle
Name usually called				
Applicant's Address		City	State	Zip
Applicant's Home Teleph	none ( )			
Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Fe	male Social Secu	urity		
Birthday	Birthplace	C	Citizenship	
Student Adopted	At what age?(N	IOA needs a copy	of custody arrai	ngements)
Does the student know?	Both Parents liv	ving together?		
Divorced Sepa	arated Stepmo	other	Stepfather	
Student's Current School	(	)Telepho	ne # of Current Scho	ool
Address of Current School	(	)	f Current School	
Custodial Parent or Guardian		Spouse		
Occupation/Title	<del></del>	Occupation/ Title		
Employer		Employer		
( )Business Telephone#		( )Business	s Telephone #	
Cellular Phone#		Cellular Phone #		
Pager #		Pager #		
E-Mail Address		E-Mail Address		
S.S. Number		S.S. Number		
Tx Dl#		Tx Dl#		

Applicant lives with (Circle any that apply Mother Stepmother Father Stepfather	):		Check any that apply: Father Deceased – Date
Other			Mother deceased – Date
Relationship			Parents Separated - Date
Who lives at home with the student?			Parents Divorced - Date
(Please list all members that are living at home and			
Name	Age	Grade	School/Relationship
	live in this ho		
		- Infoadow Ga	
Please explain			yes, which one (s)?
If yes, please explain			
	d special help	p for reading	or learning differences?
Please list any mental, emotional, or physic	cal challenge	s which may	effect the student's activities or progress.
Does the student regularly require any med If yes, please explain the types			
Other children living in the family:			
Name	Age	Grade	School
Who has legal custody of applicant?			

Financial Responsibility for application of the first from Mother and/or Farancial Responsibility for application of the first from Mother and/or Farancial Responsibility for application of the first from Mother and	<b>-</b>	the following information	n:
Name	Social Security #	Home Telephone#	Work Telephone #
Address	City	State	Zip
Please review Tuition and Fee SciMonthlyWeekly		± •	
All information regarding grades,  ☐ Mother ☐ Father ☐	transportation, and corresponded Both Other		
Is a language other than English s If Yes, which language?	-	Yes	No
	al activities or other health cond		
M.O.A. has my permission to use television, etc. ☐ Yes  How did you hear of Meadow Oa	□ No		
Has your student previously attended	ded Meadow Oaks Academy? _	If so, what year?	
**********	*********	*******	*******
It is understood that this application tuition rates are in effect at the tin		<u> </u>	ool Administration, and
Signature of Parent/Guardian		D	ate

Meadow Oaks Academy does not discriminate on the basis of national or ethic origin, race, gender, color, or disability in administrating its educational policies, financial assistance program or other school programs.

Meadows Chilo	B/A B A		School #	<b>!:</b>	
Abadamy					
<b>Enrollment Date</b>	<b>Emergency Cont</b>				
	Please list emergency contacts and those authorized to pick up your child.				
Allergies	Name	Relationship to Child	Phone Number	TX DL#	
Previous Serious Illness?					
Long Term Medications?					
Does child have permission for: Field Trips Yes / No Swimming Yes / No Water Play Yes / No (Includes Sprinklers, Wading Pool, Water Table Play) Transportation Yes / No Evacuation Yes / No Video / Programs Yes / No					
Pediatrician:					
Pediatrician's Number:	Prior School History Previous schools/j	tory preschool your child	l has attended:		
In case of an emergency, I authorize Meadow Oaks Academy to seek medical care or treatment for my child at:  Dallas Regional 1011 N. Galloway Ave.  Mesquite, TX 75149 214-320-7000					
OR Alternate Hospital: Children's Medical Center 1935 Motor Street Dallas, Texas 75207					
214-456-7000					
Parent/Guardian Signature:					
Date:					
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# Meadow Oaks Academy Tuition Schedule 2016-2017

# **MEADOW OAKS ACADEMY**

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# Fall Registration/Supply Fee

(Due each March for September – May)

NON - REFUNDABLE	One Time
Toddlers, Preschool 2s and 3s	\$105
Pre-Kindergarten	\$110
Accelerated Pre-Kindergarten	\$195
Private Kindergarten	\$320
Public School Students	\$80
Private 1 <sup>st</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	\$390
Technology Fees (For all students. Due Sep 1st)	\$150
(Can be paid in two installments of \$75 on Sep 1st and	
Jan 1 <sup>st</sup> )	

#### Summer Enrollment Supply Fee

NON - REFUNDABLE	One Time
Toddlers, Preschool, Pre-Kindergarten	\$75
Summer Explorers & Super Summer Club	\$85

#### **Tuition Rates**

Discounted: *1	2 Months, **	School Year (9 Mo	onths + 2 weeks)	
	Weekly	Semi-	Monthly	Annual
		Monthly		
Eighteen Months	\$140	\$302	\$605	*\$7100
Preschool 2	\$135	\$292	\$585	*\$6860
Preschool 3	\$135	\$292	\$585	*\$6860
Pre-Kindergarten	\$135	\$292	\$585	*\$6860
Accelerated Pre-K(8:30am -2:30pm)	\$135	\$292	\$585	**\$5300
Accelerated Pre-K	\$150	\$325	\$650	**5950
Private Kindergarten	\$160	\$346	\$693	**6340
Private Kinder(8:30am-2:30 pm)	\$135	\$292	\$585	**\$5300
Private 1 <sup>st</sup> − 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	\$160	\$346	\$693	**6340
Private 1st-5th Grade(8:00am-3:00 pm)	\$135	\$292	\$585	**\$5300

#### **Tuition Public School Students**

	Weekly	Semi-Monthly	Monthly	
Before School Only	\$42	\$91	\$182	*\$30
After School	\$75	\$163	\$325	*\$20
Before & After School	\$85	\$185	\$369	*\$18

<sup>\*</sup> In case of full day care, this is in addition to our weekly fee. Fee includes lunch.\*

#### Summer Camp

	Weekly	Semi-Monthly	Monthly
Summer Explorers	\$125	\$271	\$542
Super Summer	\$125	\$271	\$542

# **Registration Policies**

<sup>\*</sup>Tuition will remain the same during periods that contain closing for holidays and bad weather days.

<sup>\*</sup>Our program and licensing regulations require us to employ staff based on the number of children enrolled, we cannot refund tuition for days your child is absent. Your tuition reserves your student's place in his/her class.

<sup>\*</sup>Multiple students discount (Private School K-5<sup>th</sup> only): Second Child 5%.

<sup>\*</sup>We are confident that your decision to enroll in Meadow Oaks Academy will result in a wonderful experience for you and your student. We will do our best to serve your educational needs in an uncompromising format.



# **CREDIT CARD AUTHORIZATION FORM**

All fields of this form must be completed before payments can be processed.

Mother Name:	Father Name:	Student Name:			
Phone Number:	Email for Re	eceipt:			
To: Meadow Oaks Academy This is to confirm that, we are instructing Meadow Oaks Academy to charge Tuition against the following Credit Card. It is understood and accepted that to provide additional security for our benefit, Meadow Oaks Academy may verify the credit card holder's billing. Debit card with Visa and Mastercard logo will be processed just like regular credit cards. All Credit Cards payments will incur 4% surcharge.					
Credit Card Type: VIS	A □ MC □ AMEX	□ DISC □ OTHER □			
Credit Card Number:					
CCV:	Exp date:				
Cardholder's name as it a	appears on the credit card:				
Cardholder's billing addi	'ess:				
Street:					
City:	State: Z	ip:			
Cardholder's phone num	ber:	Cardholder's Signature:			



# Hop aboard the Tuition Express and never write a check again!

As your school provider, we are excited to offer you the convenience of automatic tuition payments through Tuition Express. You'll no longer need to write a check or remember your checkbook when you're picking up your child at the end of a hectic day. Your payment will be safely and securely processed by Tuition Express, giving you peace of mind that your tuition has been paid on time! It's easy to enroll and even easier to participate. You'll be joining tens of thousands of parents nationwide who enjoy the ease and convenience of Tuition Express.

To learn more about Tuition Express, automatic payment notifications or reviewing your payment history, please visit <a href="www.tuitionexpress.com">www.tuitionexpress.com</a>.

# For Bank Account Authorization, complete and return to School management.

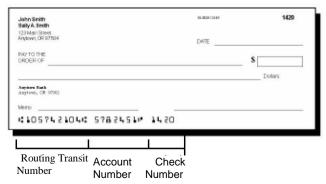
#### **ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER AUTHORIZATION I (we) authorize**

, (called "School" in this Authorization) to initiate debit entries to my (our) Checking or Savings Account indicated below at the depository financial institution indicated below (called "DEPOSITORY" in this Authorization). I (we) authorize School to withdraw sufficient funds to pay my (our) regular school tuition and/or other school related fees that are due and payable. I (we) authorize School to use the third party sender, Tuition Express\* to process all payments. I (we) acknowledge that the origination of Automated Clearing House (ACH) transactions to my (our) account must comply with the provisions of United States Law.

Credit Union Members: Please contact your Credit Union to verify account and routing numbers for automatic payments.

Your Name	Phone #	<del>!</del>	DEPOSITORY - Ba	ınk or Credit U	Jnion Name
Address			Bank or Credit Unio	on Address	-
City	State	Zip	City	State	Zip
			Type: Checking	Savings	
Routing Transit Numb	per (see sample below)		Account Number (se	ee sample belo	 w)
such time and in su	ch manner as to af	ford Tuition I	ect until I (we) notify the School Express and DEPOSITORY a riness days in advance of the ter	easonable c	opportunity to act upor
			Email Address for Receipt I retain all parent (client) autho client withdrawal from the Tuit		

\*Tuition Express is an assumed business name of Blum Investment Group, Inc.



Please attach a copy of a voided check here. Deposit slips not accepted.

# **HEALTH REQUIREMENTS**

Child's Name: Date of Birth:					
IMMUNIZATIONS	Date/Dose 1	Date/Dose 2	Date/Dose 3	Date/Booster	Date/Booster
DTP / DTaP / DT					
POLIO IPV or OPV					
MEASLES Rubeola / Serampion					
MUMPS					
RUBELLA					
Hib					
Hepatitis A					
Hepatitis B					
TB TEST (if required)	☐ Positive	☐ Negative	Date:		
Varicella (see below)					
Varicella (chickenpox) vaccine i statement: My child had varicell	is not required if yo la disease (chicker	our child has had chic apox) on or about (da	ckenpox disease. If you te) a	ur child has had chicke and does not need var	enpox, please complete the ricella vaccine.
	Parent's Signat	ure		Date	_
Signature of Health Care Profession	onal		Date:		
Signature of staff making handwritt	en copy of record		Date:		
ADMISSION REQUIREMENT: O within one week of admission. Ch	ne on the following reck to indelicate the	must be presented whe option you select:	en your child (under the	age of 5 years) is admi	itted to the day care facility or
☐ HEALTH-CARE PROFESSION able to take part in the day care p		T: I have examined the	e above named child with	nin the past year and fir	nd that he/she is physically
Health Care Professional's Signature Date					
☐ A copy of the medical screening no referral for further diagnosis are	ng form of the Early	and Periodic Screenir ated.	ng, Diagnosis, and Treat		as Health Steps Program, if
☐ A form or written statement fro					
If you do not have any of the above: ☐ PARENT'S STATEMENT: My child has been examined within the past year by a health care professional and is able to participate in the day care program:					
Or					
☐ Within 12 months of admission OR		·	statement and will subn	nit it to the day care faci	ility.
☐ My child has an appointment fo					
Date:	Name and A	ddress of health care	professional:		
I will submit the statement, from a	health care profess	sional to the child-care	facility following the exa	amination.	
Signature – Parent or	Legal Guardian			Date	
HEARING	DATE		SIGNATURE		
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□ NOTE: If medical diagnosis and treatment and / or immunization and TB testing conflict with your religious beliefs, you must sign an affidavit to that effect and attach it to this form. If immunization and / or TB testing would be injurious to your child or family, you must obtain a certificate (signed by a health care professional) to that effect and attach it to this form.



Tuition Program: Weekly Semi Monthly Monthly	
Tuition Rate:	

# **Tuition Agreement**

#### **Tuition Payment Procedures**

Your child's tuition is a yearly fee broken down into weekly, semi-monthly or monthly fees for ease of payments. These are the three payment programs from which you may choose at the time of enrollment. (Note: If your child attends private school only, tuition is due monthly).

### **Weekly Tuition Payments**

Tuition is to be paid in full on Monday of each week, in advance for the week. If tuition is not paid by Tuesday at 9:00am, and there is a balance due, a \$10.00 late fee will be added to the tuition payments.

#### **Semi-Monthly Payments**

Tuition is to be paid on the 1<sup>st</sup> and the 15<sup>th</sup>, in advance. If tuition is not paid by the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, a \$10.00 late fee will be added to the tuition payments. Additionally, if the tuition remains unpaid, the \$10.00 late fee will be added to the tuition on Tuesday of each week.

#### **Monthly Tuition Payments**

Parents may pay tuition on a monthly basis due on the  $1^{st}$  of the month, in advance. If tuition is not paid by the  $2^{nd}$ , there will be a \$10.00 late fee added to the tuition agreement. Additionally, if the tuition remains unpaid, the \$10.00 late fee will be added to the tuition on Tuesday of each week.

#### Illness/Vacation/Holiday Procedures

Illness: There is no illness credit or reduction of fees due to illness.

Vacation: Children who have been enrolled with Meadow Oaks Academy for twelve consecutive months will be given two weeks vacation at half price, per year (as of enrollment date).

Vacation time must be taken by the week, and NOT be split up and taken by the day. Your child must NOT be in attendance if you are to receive vacation credit.

Private Kindergarteners may not take vacation credit during the nine month school year.

Holidays: When Meadow Oaks Academy is closed for holidays, all children pay full tuition for the week. Public school children must pay full price for the week unless the child is absent for an entire five day week, Monday through Friday, and then ½ price will be charged.

IF YOUR ACCOUNT IS MORE THAN TWO WEEKS PAST DUE, YOU SHOULD MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO WITHDRAW YOUR CHILD FROM MEADOW OAKS ACADEMY.

Meadow Oaks Academy reserves the right to change fees and/or policies upon written notification to parents.

#### I have read the regulations regarding Tuition Payment Procedures and agree to abide by them.

Child's Name:	Enrollment Date:
Parent or Guardian:	Date:
Parent or Guardian:	Date:



# **Parent Agreement**

Please read and initial each item below.

# **Tuition and Fees Policies**

L. I understand that tuition is due on Monday in advance. If my tuition becomes more than two weeks	Initial
over due, I will un-enroll my child until tuition is current.	
2. I under stand that a late fee is assessed each Tuesday at 9am if tuition fees remain unpaid.	
3. I understand there is no discount in tuition if the school is closed for holidays (a holiday list is included n my policy book), or bad weather days.	
4. I understand that if I pick up my child after 6pm, I must pay a late fee of \$5.00 per 15 minutes or part of a 15 minute period per child. This is payable immediately to the person who stays with my child since he or she is not on payroll after 6pm.	
5. I understand that my child must be enrolled for 12 consecutive months before receiving any vacation discount. After 12 consecutive months of enrollment, my child may take 2 weeks of vacation at half price.	
5. I understand there is no reduction in fees if my child is absent due to illness since the schools salaries and overhead costs remain the same, and are budgeted based on my child's enrollment space.	
General Policies	
<ol> <li>If I want my child to eat breakfast at school I will have him/her at school by 8:20am. Breakfast is over at 3:30am. I understand that due to staffing and scheduling restraints special breakfast or lunches can not be made.</li> </ol>	
2. If I send food with my child I will send it wrapped so that it can be given to the teacher to be eaten by my child at the appropriate meal time.	
3. I understand that candy, gum, sodas, and chocolate milk are not allowed at school.	
1. I understand that children may not bring toys or other play objects from home, because these cause a variety of problems for my child, his/her teacher, and his/her friends.	
5. I understand that if my child has fever of 100.4 degrees or more I must pick him/her up immediately from school. Further, my child may not return to school for 24 hours after the fever has broken with no assistance from fever reducing medications such as Tylenol or Ibuprofen.	

6. I understand that if my child has two or more incidences of vomiting or diarrhea, I must pick him/her up immediately from school. Further, my child may not return for 24 hours after vomiting/diarrhea has stopped without the assistance of diarrhea controlling medications.
7. I understand that if I want my child to receive medications at school, I must sign the medicine sheet for each day, and that office personnel can not sign medicine in for me. I understand medications are only at 9am, 11am, and 3pm. I understand medications must be given in accordance with label directions, and medications must contain the original label and be in the original container. If medicine is prescribed for three times per day, we can give it only twice, at 9am and 3pm.
8. I agree to support the center in encouraging appropriate behavior in my child. I understand that if my child exhibits chronic disruptive behavior, he/she may be un-enrolled.
9. I understand that my child may be un-enrolled for any of the following:
*non payment or excessive late payments of fees  *not observing the rules of the center as outlined in the parent handbook  *child has special needs which the center can not adequately meet with current staffing patterns  *physical and/or verbal abuse of staff or children by myself or my child
10. I understand that my child's teacher is responsible for a group of children, he/she is not able to speak with me at length, because her attention must be on the children. I know I can always schedule a phone or office conference if I need to speak with my child's teacher at length. I agree not to take my child's teachers' attention from his/her group of children for more than a few seconds.
11. I agree to send my child to school in play clothing, and I understand that school clothes sometimes get stained from sand, paint, or food. I understand that Meadow Oaks is not responsible for stains on clothing.
12. I understand that Meadow Oaks Academy is not responsible for any lost or damaged clothing or objects my child may wear or bring to school.
13. I agree to send my child to school in <b>tennis shoes.</b> I understand that cowboy boots, sandals, flip flops, and open toed shoes are not allowed at school and agree not to let my child wear them. I understand that this is because of safety concerns on play equipment. As well as the fact that cowboy boots can cause injuries if a child is kicked with them.
14. I understand that if I choose to withdraw my child from school, I must give a two-week written notice. I will pay tuition until the written date.
15. I understand that if I leave the school with an outstanding balance on my account, my account will be sent to a third party collections agency for settlement.
16. If I have any problems with or concerns about my child's care, I will speak with the director promptly, to ensure high-quality care for my child.



# **Video and Picture Waiver**

Dear Parents,

As you already know Meadow Oaks Academy has a great tradition of being involved in the Art and Music Programs. Our kids not only participate at school functions but are also invited to perform at other venues. During these events it is possible for television cameras to be present and their pictures taken.

Please sign this letter authorizing us to have them perform at such school events where cameras can be present and pictures can be taken. Also, your signature below will authorize us to use these pictures for our school website, classroom displays and television purposes.

Thank you for your cooperation.	
Yes, I authorize Meadow Oaks A child during school events.	cademy to take Pictures and Video of my
No, I do not authorize Meadow C my child during school events.	Oaks Academy to take Pictures and Video of
Child's Name	
Parents Name	
Parents Signature	



# **Sugar-Free School Policy**

Dear Parents.

I would like to send a reminder to all parents that we are a sugar-free school. We would like your child to not bring food with high sugar content to school. If your child brings food that is high in sugar it will be sent back home at the end of the day. As a guideline, if sugar is top 4 ingredient on the nutritional chart it should not be sent to school.

As you are aware, at Meadow Oaks Academy we specialize in supplying high quality, handmade, delicious and nutritious food for children made with organic ingredients whenever possible. We always try to pick food that have:

- Less or no added salt
- No added sugar
- Less or no Preservatives
- Less or no artificial ingredients.

Our goal at Meadow Oaks is to maximize nutrition and promote a healthy lifestyle.

If you have any questions please call or email.

Best Regards,	
Shubham Pandey	
Shubham Pandey	
Meadow Oaks Academy	
(Initial Here) I have read the(Child's Name	e Meadow Oaks Academy Sugar Policy.
Parents Name	Parents <u>Signature</u>



# **Birthday Snack Policy**

Dear Parents.

At Meadow Oaks Academy we recognize that birthdays are a special day for our students. However, we must also ensure that party celebrations do not disrupt the academic process. Additionally, we want to ensure that the parties adhere to our Sugar-Free school policy that recognizes the importance of wellness and good nutrition in the overall health of our students. The school and our staff are responsible for positively influencing student beliefs and habits in these areas.

Parents, we currently average 8 birthday parties a week. In order to ensure minimum disruption to academia these parties are only permitted on Friday after 2:30 pm for elementary grades and Mon-Fri after 2:30 pm for preschool. Also, because of sheer number of parties, I request you to not bring in cupcakes or cakes or any other sugar snack, for your child's birthday. If you want to bring a special snack that do not adhere to school Sugar-Free policy, please bring it in a goodie bag and it will be sent home at the end of the day. If you are looking for ideas on what to bring for these parties, I am attaching a list of recommended snacks below.

The following is a list of recommended snacks:

Ants on a log (celery with peanut butter or

cream cheese and raisins)

Apple

Applesauce (individual servings with spoons) Apricots

Carrots with dip

Bagels with various cream cheese spread or peanut butter

Baked whole grain goldfish Peanut butter and banana sandwiches

Bananas

Bread sticks with cheese or marina sauce

Canned fruit in water

Cheese (string cheese, cheese squares)

Cheese crackers Cheese quesadillas

Chex mix

Cracker stackers (lunch meat, cheeses, and veggies to build sandwiches)

Crackers: Graham crackers, saltines, ritz crackers, animal crackers, whole

wheat, whole grain crackers (Great with dips, spreads, cheeses) Dates and squash

Dried fruit

Dry roasted soy beans

Edamame

Whole grain fig newtons

Flavored rice cakes Fortune cookies

Fresh fruit (please cut into cubes 1/4 inch orSmaller.)

Fruit & yogurt parfaits (layer cut fresh fruit withyogurt and granola)

Fruit kebobs

Fruit Leather

Gelatin with canned or fresh fruit

Graham crackers

Hard boiled eggs

Honey roasted cashews or almonds

Jello jigglers

Kabobs made with combinations of cheese, fruit, veggies, lunch meat

Lean cuts of turkey, ham, pepperoni, etc

Mandarin oranges or peaches

Melons (cut in cubes) Naturally sweetened dry cereal

Non-fat cottage cheese (try adding fruit)

Parfaits with vogurt/gelatin/chopped fruit

Quesadillas (cheese, peanut butter, nutella)

Peanut butter or fruit spread with crackers

Pita bread with lean sliced meat and cheese

Pizza

Popcorn

Popcorn (while hot add parmesan cheese, cinnamon sugar, or seasoned salt)

Pretzel rods with dip (cheese, ranch dressing, yogurt, bean dip, mustard)

Pretzels (try whole wheat or soft pretzels too!)

Pumpkin seeds

Quick breads made with carrots, zucchini, pumpkin, bananas

Rice cakes

Sesame breadsticks

Snack mix (Toss together whole grain cereal, popcorn, banana chips, nuts,

pretzels, raisins)

Vegetables (with dips, cottage cheese, humus)

Tortilla chips with bean dip or salsa

Trail mix (Mix dry cereal, nuts, pretzels, cheese crackers, raisins, goldfish)

Veggie chips

Whole grain bread with fruit spread

Yogurt (gogurt, yogos, etc...don't forget spoons!

Thank you for your cooperation.

#### Child's Name

**Parents Signature Parents Name** 



# Parents Policy Handbook

Welcome to Meadow Oaks Academy. We hope your whole family will enjoy the Center and the friends you will make here. This handbook has been written to describe our programs, goals, policies, and the myriad of practical details that go into making each school day as happy and as successful as possible. Please study it and keep it for reference, as it will answer many of your questions.

Parents are encouraged to visit the center with their children prior to the first day of childcare. This gives the staff and child an opportunity to meet and get to know one another. It makes separating on the child's first day a little easier for both the parent and child. Please feel free to talk to your child's teacher\* or the director at any time. We are committed to working closely with parents toward the welfare of the whole family.

\*Please observe the policies concerning talking to your teacher during class time (page 9).

# Our Program

- The children are introduced to a balanced program of interaction with friends in both teacher-directed and child-directed experiences. The daily schedule includes free choice of time spent in learning centers, group times for creative movement, music, storytelling, and dramatization.
- Our professional staff encourages exploration and growth in a well planned and equipped environment that is stimulating, safe, consistent and nurturing. The program we pursue is geared toward helping children develop habits of observation, questioning and listening. It gives each child an awareness of one's own feelings, sometimes channeling them into more appropriate means of expression. The children learn that they are free to make choices as long as they stay within the limits of consideration for other people and things. Children are treasured for their uniqueness and individuality and are encouraged in self-expression. Such as open-minded program prepares children utilize their intellectual and creative abilities for future learning tasks.
- Our curriculum program is bias-free, child centered, developmentally-appropriate and based upon the belief that play is the best way for children to learn. Our approach is individualized to meet each child's needs and interests, focusing on the individual child's social, emotional and intellectual needs.

Each classroom is organized with centers for creative art, literature, science, pre-math, dramatic play, block play, tactile experiences and music. These centers encourage reenactment of life's roles. The environment is planned to stimulate imagination, creativity, socialization, exploration, and discovery while challenging the use of muscles important to developing bodies. Opportunities are provided for each child to master tasks that are appropriate to his or her individual level of development.

# Hours of Operation

Meadow Oaks Academy is open Monday through Friday, 6:30am to 6:00pm, except holidays. A list of holidays is presented annually. List of holidays can be found on our website at http://meadowoaksacademy.com/school-calendar and also on Parent Bulletin Board.

# Registration and Tuition

Registration Procedures and Policies

A registration card must be filled out and registration fee paid before your child is officially enrolled.

The **registration fee** is NON-REFUNDABLE.

There are two registration fees each year.

- \*A registration fee for the school term (September through May).
- \*A registration fee for the summer program (June through August).

A child's enrollment card, medical examination, immunization records, tuition agreement and policy book agreement must be returned to the school before the child attends.

\*\*Any change or addition to the medical or shot records must be given to the office immediately.

# Tuition Programs and Policies

Upon enrollment, you chose to pay your fees weekly, semi-monthly, or monthly.

We accept CHECK or MONEY ORDERS ONLY.

Weekly fees area due Monday in advance for the week and are late on Tuesday at 9am.

**Semi-monthly fees** are due on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> and are late on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Monthly payments** are due on the  $1^{st}$  and are late on the  $2^{nd}$ .

Holiday, weekends or illness do not delay or excuse your obligation to timely pay tuition.

**Late payment charges:** A late fee of \$10.00 is assessed each **Tuesday at 9am** if there is any outstanding balance on your account.

**NSF Charge:** There will be a \$25.00 charge on all returned checks. If we receive 2 or more returned checks on your account, you will be required to pay with a money order.

There is no discount when the school is closed for holidays or bad weather days. When the school is closed for holidays or bad weather days, all children pay full tuition for that week. This is necessary because our staff, teachers and bills must still be paid.

Late Pick-Up Charge: We close at 6:00pm. If you are late picking up your child, you must pay a late fee of \$5.00 per 15 minute period, or part of a 15 minute period per child. THIS IS DUE AND PAYABLE IMMEDIATELY. Please give the person caring for your child a check for these charges when you pick your child/children up. If you pay by money order please have the money order for us when your child is dropped off the next day.

# **Holiday Policy**

When Meadow Oaks Academy is closed for holidays, all children pay full tuition for the week. There is NO DISCOUNT in you tuition price when the school is closed for holidays.

# **Inclement Weather Policy**

When the school closes due to inclement weather, there is NO DISCOUNT in your tuition. Closings will be broadcast on website, facebook and schoolway app.

# Vacation / Illness Policy

After your child has been enrolled for **twelve consecutive months**, you may receive two weeks of vacation at half price per year.

If your child has been enrolled for less than one year or less than twelve consecutive months, you do not receive any discount for vacation.

Vacation time must be taken by the week. Your child must be gone for five consecutive days to receive vacation credit. It may NOT be taken by the day.

There is no illness credit.

#### Public School Children

If your child is enrolled in before and/or after school care, special policies apply to you. Before and/or after school children are **financially responsible for all days enrolled.** 

- -If your child is **absent** on any of these days you are still responsible for tuition.
- -If one of these days falls on a **holiday** you are still responsible for tuition.
- -If a public school child is absent **Monday through Friday** (1 entire week) you pay half price.
- -When your child attends Meadow Oaks Academy for a **full day because of a public school holiday** there is an **extra charge** to cover the full day's care. This will include a hot lunch and two snacks. (Check price list for extra fee amount).
- -If your child attends Meadow Oaks Academy during a **public school holiday week** your tuition for the week will be **\$120.00**. This will include lunch and two snacks.
- -If your child attends Meadow Oaks Academy for **ANY PART of a public school holiday week** (**even if your child attends only one day**) you are responsible for payment for the entire week because we staff and order supplies for you.

# Public School Delivery and Pick Up

Your children will be delivered and picked up from school in the school van / buses by qualified drivers.

Proper bus behavior is a **must**. Parents will be notified of improper bus behavior.

Children are required to wear **seat belts** at all times.

If your child is not to be picked up on a particular day you must call the office by 1:30pm. This is a MUST! If we do not know this the bus driver with a bus load of children will sit and wait for your child. You MUST let the office know if your child will not be picked up from

school. A \$5.00 fee will be assessed if we are not notified by 1:30pm that your child will not be picked up from school.

# Super Summer Club

During the summer we offer Super Summer Club a fun and exciting summertime day camp at Meadow Oaks Academy. We enjoy custom thematic units including arts, crafts, field trips and special event days.

Special policies apply to SSC and are explained in your summer enrollment information.

# Field Trips and Swimming Authorization

Every child requires the authorization from parents for following items. Please check appropriate boxes in your enrollment card. You can update your enrollment card by requesting a new card from office anytime.

- Field Trips
- Swimming
- Water Play (Includes Sprinklers, Wading Pool, Water Table Play)
- Transportation
- Video / Programs

# Field Trips Procedure

Only students in Private School, Summer Explorer (SE) and Super Summer Club(SSC) attend Field Trips. Very rarely Pre-k students will be taken to field trips and special approval will be needed by each parent if that field trip is planned and parents will be notified in writing.

Private School parents are notified via Newsletters for upcoming field trips. SE and SSC field trips are announced via monthly calendar.

If your child cannot attend a field trip please notify main office so they can make alternative care arrangement for your child. It may not be possible for school to make alternative care arrangement during all field-trips because of staff ratio requirements. School will notify you if alternative arrangements cannot be made.

Some Field trips require extra fee and student will be notified through Newsletter or Calendar.

All Students must wear Meadow Oaks T-shirt for field trips. Parents can buy T-shirt at main office.

Student must be on a field trip roster before they board school bus. Roster will always stay with the lead bus teacher. Student will be counted before boarding and before leaving the bus.

Following appropriate conduct is expected from all students during Field Trip

- 1. Talk quietly on bus.
- 2. Use seat belts, and remain seated.
- 3. Keep the bus clean and remember to take belongings.

- 4. Use good audience manners at a performance.
- 5. Stay with the chaperone or assigned adult at all times.

School staff may contact the student's parents or guardian if a student fails to meet conduct expectations.

Student must drive to and from all field trips in school bus or van. If parents decide to transport their child, that student will not be included in Field Trip roster of the school and will be considered absent for the day from the School. Also, Students cannot be picked by parents while on field trip.

# Swimming and Water Activities Procedures

Swim lessons and activities are offered to children 3 years and older. Here are the activities that are offered to students:

- 1. Enrolled 3 Year Old students get 6 weeks of free swimming lessons.
- 2. Enrolled Pre-K students get 6 weeks of free swimming lessons.
- 3. 3+ year old student can also join our swim club program that is smaller group private lessons.
- 4. 3+ year old student can also join our summer private swim club program.
- 5. Super summer club and Summer explorers swim throughout the summer camp as part of their summer camp curriculum.

If your child is discontinuing lessons, the office should be notified so that another child will have the opportunity to fill in this space. There are no make-ups unless a child was ill.

Parents are notified about above activities through letter and via Newsletters or monthly calendars.

During school year water activities are offered in Preschool before lunch hours. Private and After school students swim after 3:00 pm. During summer camp students swim through the day.

Please be sure to bring your child's swim suit. Please bring a thin towel to donate. Meadow Oaks do not administer ear drops.

Following safety precautions will be followed when students are using swimming pool:

- Certified Lifeguard that is WSI certified must be in water or in pool area at all times when students are present in pool.
- Texas minimum standard swimming caregiver ratio must be maintained at all times.
- Caregivers that are part of ratio must know how to swim.
- All safety requirements mentioned in Texas minimum standard §746.5001must be met.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Note:Texas minimum standard can be viewed at http://www.dfps.state.tx.us/documents/Child\_Care/Child\_Care\_Standards\_and\_Regulations/746\_Centers.pdf

# **Transportation Procedures**

Transportation at Meadow Oaks is provided to all private grade students (Kindergarten to 5<sup>th</sup> Grade) and After/Before school students (Kindergarten to 5<sup>th</sup> Grade).

Very rarely pre-k students will be transported for a field trips and extra documentation will be sent to parents when that happens.

Meadow Oaks uses combination of school buses and van to transport students. All our drivers must maintain a clean record and have to go through annual Vehicle safety training.

Students who are Four years through seven years of age and four feet, nine inches in height or taller must sit in a booster seat during transportation. School provides booster seat to our enrolled students.

Drivers are responsible for following Transportation procedures:

- Ensure that all students are wearing seatbelts and are using correct safety seats.
- Maintain bus rosters for field trips and after/before school pickup.
- Do roster count before boarding and before leaving the bus.
- After the bus is empty every driver must go all the way to back of the bus and touch the last seat to ensure no child or belonging are left in the bus.
- Have current first aid and CPR training.

# Arrival and Departure Procedures

When you arrive at school please park in the designated spaces. If you wish to take advantage of our valet service you may stop in front of the door and someone will come to your car to receive your child.

Valet service is offered in the morning between 6:30am and 8:30am, and 3:30pm to 6:00pm. If you arrive at school at any other time during the day please park in a designated parking place and escort your child inside the building or come inside to pick up your child. Always remember to hold your child's hand while in the parking lot for his/her safety.

If your child is to be picked up by anyone other than a parent, he/she must come in and show ID. Your child will not be released to anyone except those listed on your registration card. These cards **MUST** be kept up to date. If you need someone whose name is not listed to pick up your child you must call the office and let us know.

#### Meals and Snacks

#### **General Food Policies**

If you must send food to school with your child please make sure it is wrapped in a sack clearly labeled with your child's name.

Wrapped food will be placed on the teacher's counter to be eaten at the appropriate time.

Candy, gum, sodas, chocolate milk, fast food and donuts are not allowed at school. Excessive sweets such as cookies and cupcakes are discouraged.

Food from home may **NOT** be refrigerated or warmed for your child due to staffing and refrigeration limitations.

Arrangements may be made with the office to provide a special snack for birthdays.

#### Breakfast

A breakfast snack of fresh fruit and/or fruit juice and toast or muffin is given to all children between 7:30 -7:50 for private school, 8:00 and 8:30am for private kindergarten and preschool.

#### Lunch

Lunches are well balanced to meet the nutritional requirements of young children. Menus are posted in the office and a monthly menu is available for you to take home. Children are allowed to bring a lunch but we follow strict guidelines about appropriate foods to send with your child. Sodas, chocolate milk, candy and gum are **NOT** allowed at school. We encourage you to pack a nutritionally sound lunch for your children keeping in mind that your little ones need premium fuel for their bodies. Lunches may not be refrigerated or warmed.

#### Snacks

A snack is given to all children in the afternoon between 2:30 and 3:30pm.

# Health/ Immunization Requirement

You are the best judge of your child's health and we trust you will not bring a sick child to the center. However, if in the opinion of the administrative staff your child is sick we will call you to come and pick up your child. The following criteria will be considered in determining if your child must go home:

\*fever if 100 degrees or more \*inflammation of the eyes

\*vomiting \*more than one incidence of diarrhea

\*communicable disease \*unknown rash

\*frequent coughing \*excessive nasal discharge

If your child is sent home due to illness he/she cannot return to childcare until he/she has been free of symptoms for 24 hours or a doctor's note. This is to allow your child ample time t recover and to help to stop the spread of illness to the other children.

Your child must have updated Shot records before they can be enrolled with us: Shot Records Requirement:

Birth	НерВ
2 Months	HepB, DTap, Hib, IPV, PCV, RV
4 Months	DTap, Hib, IPV, PCV RV
6 Months	HepB, DTap, Hib, IPV, PCV, RV Influenza
12 Months	Hib, PCV, MMR, Varicella, HepA
15-18 Months	DTaP, HepA
4-6 Years	Dtap, IPV, MMR, Varicella
11-12 Years	Tdap, MCV4, HPV

In addition, every enrolled child must get Vision/Hearing test yearly between the ages of 3-6 years

#### Illness / Medication Policies

When your child is ill or absent for any reason please call the office and notify us of the illness or reason for the absence. This courtesy keeps us informed of anything contagious to which our children might be exposed to.

If your child becomes ill at school, we isolate your child and call you immediately. Arrangements must be made to pick up your child as soon as possible.

If public school has sent your child home we cannot keep the child until he/she is able to return to public school.

If your child is out because of a contagious illness please be sure the child is no longer contagious before returning to school.

If you are going to be out of reach for the day, or for any part of the day you must give us a phone number where you can be reached or give us alternate emergency contacts.

If your child develops a temperature of 100\* or more or has two or more episodes of uncontrollable diarrhea or vomiting you will be called to pick your child up from school. You should make arrangements to pick your child up immediately. After an illness a child must be free of fever, diarrhea or vomiting for 24 hours with no assistance from fever reducing, diarrhea controlling medications (Tylenol, Kaopectate, etc.) before returning to Meadow Oaks academy. If you feel that your child is not contagious yet still has a fever or loose stool your child may return to school only with a doctor's note of release that states the non-contagious cause of the symptom.

If your child wakes in the morning with a temperature and you give the child medication to bring the fever down, YOUR CHILD IS STILL CONSIDERED TO HAVE A TEMPERATURE, and may still infect other children in the center. We cannot keep a child in this situation. If you have any doubts, please call before bringing your child to school.

# Medical Emergencies

In case of any medical emergency following procedures will be followed:

1. We will dial 911 or take the child to nearest medical facility listed below.

Dallas Regional 1011 N. Galloway Ave. Mesquite, TX 75149 214-320-7000

OR Alternate Hospital:

Children's Medical Center 1935 Motor Street Dallas, Texas 75207 214-456-7000

- 2. Your child will be administered CPR or first aid if necessary.
- **3.** You (Parent) will be contacted as soon as possible.
- **4.** School will ensure the safety and supervision of other children in care.

#### Medication

Please read this section very carefully. All laws are set forth by the Texas Department of Human Services.

Do not put medicine in your child's bag. If no one knows it is there your child or another child could get a hold of it which could prove catastrophic. Hand all medications salves and drops to the office personnel.

Medication administration times are 11am and 3pm.

We can give medication only if the parent signs the medical authorization sheets daily. Office personnel cannot sign in medicine for you. You may sign each day's medicine sheet on Monday in advance for the week. Please use a separate line for each medication. Do not sign two medications in the same line.

Prescription medication must be in the original container labeled with the child's name, date, directions, and physician's name. The office must administer the medication according to the label directions and cannot administer the medication after the expiration date. Doses must be spaced appropriately. **If the directions say give twice a day, we can only give it once.** 

Non-prescription medications must be labeled with the child's name, the date the medication is brought to school, and must be in the original container. We must adhere to label directions. If a parent requests that a non-prescription medication be given to a child of 4 years and the label states "Consult physician for children under six" we can not give the medication unless we have a written authorization from the physician stating the child's name, age, medication and dosage.

# Toys / Items Brought From Home

Children should not bring toys to school. Toys from home cause problems in the classroom. Children fight, argue and exhibit jealousies when another child brings a toy from home. The toy may get lost or broken which can be devastating to the child.

Books and videos may be brought if they are clearly labeled with the child's name. Videos will only be shown if they have a direct correlation with the curriculum unit of study and if they are appropriate in content for young children. Videos will only be shown at school if they are rated G and contain no offensive language.

Sheets are provided and laundered in-house. Unless your child must have his/her own article to sleep with please don't let your child bring these to school. This is to help them down head lice. If your child has a security item, we must allow for this. If you slowly discourage this dependency at home you and the office will not have to keep up with the items. It can be a hassle for you and us and frustrating for your child. If lost, it can be traumatic.

We can not emphasize enough the importance of labeling your child's items. Shoes, socks, underwear, pants, shirts, hats, jackets, sweaters, blankets, toddler cups, diapers, wipes, ointment,

etc. should all come to school labeled with your child's name. We are structured but with over 100 children in a school items can get mixed up and duplicate items are common. If an item ever gets misplaced we can find it easier if it is labeled with your child's name. It may even be returned to you before you noticed it was missing. When you notify us of a misplaced item our first question to you will be "Does it have your child's name on it?" Please be able to always answer "Yes!"

# Nap time

After lunch, children in Pre-K and younger have a nap period, and are awakened at 2:30pm.

The school provides a mat and sheet. Sheets are laundered in-house.

Unless pillows, blankets, etc. are necessary security items please do not bring them. If you decide to send a pillow or blanket please make sure it is small as our cubbies are about 12"x12".

#### What to Wear to School

Private school children must wear school uniform. Preschool and Afterschool Children should wear comfortable play clothes that can get dirty. We use paint smocks but that is no guarantee that paint will not get on clothes. We also mix paint with soap for ease in laundering. If paint gets on clothes we recommend using a stain remover such as Spray & Wash or Shout. Please remember that early childhood is all about exploring our world. We plan many exciting, stimulating, educational, messy activities. Please do not send your child in a valued outfit. T-shirts, shorts, sweat pants, sweat shirts, etc. is appropriate.

Please send clothes that are easy to get in and out of to encourage independence in dressing: elastic waists instead of buttons, pants and tops instead of rompers. We discourage tights for little girls. If you send your daughter in a dress please have her wear shorts underneath for modesty during active play.

Footwear is important. Children should always wear sneakers. Cowboy boots are *not allowed*. They bruise when a child is kicked; they slip easily and are awkward on our play equipment. Sandals and jellies expose little toes to stubbing and getting stepped upon.

# Discipline Policy

At Meadow Oaks Academy, we view discipline *not* as a means of punishing a child who as acted inappropriately, but rather as a means of teaching a child. Positive discipline teaches children where limits are set, how to maintain control over their bodies and how to problem solve in the event of conflict.

Discipline is most effective when it follows logical consequences. The consequences for behavior have to make sense to the child. If a child is throwing sand outdoors, it is logical to tell the child that the sand stays in the sandbox and that if it gets thrown again the child will have to find somewhere to play. We won't leave it at that though. We will get the child involved in a discussion about what would happen if all the sand was thrown out of the box. If the child was simply told to leave the sandbox, he/she would not have learned much about the experience.

We work with the child to develop internal control of his/her behavior. Our goal is to encourage the children to become creative, independent, responsible and socially mature human beings. This involves learning to make responsible choices and accepting the consequences of such choices.

Since the purpose of discipline is to teach, more verbal children will be encouraged to talk to their peers when a conflict arises (i.e. a child who was struck by a peer should be encouraged to tell the peer that he/she does not like to be hit and that it hurts). We will encourage the child to "Use your words" to get these feelings across. This helps children develop empathy for one another's feelings and really see the results of their actions. We do not ask a child to apologize for his/her actions. Generally, they are not sorry for what they did. If they are truly sorry they will apologize on their own.

The use of time-out shall be limited. A time-out is an opportunity for child who is out of control and at risk of hurting him/herself or others, to calm down and gain control once again. A time-out shall never be demeaning (forcing a child to sit in a corner and put his head down). Again it is an opportunity to gain control over oneself so that the child can discuss the situation and a more appropriate action may be taken.

Any on-going situations will be discussed with the parents to ensure a cooperative approach. Please feel free to discuss any questions or concerns.

No corporal punishment will be allowed. This is defined as the use of negative physical touching (spanking, slapping, pinching, etc.). No unusual punishment will be allowed, such as humiliation, ridicule or threat.

Inappropriate behavior shall be viewed as exactly that. Children shall NEVER be referred to as naughty or bad. We always address the behavior as the problem not the child. A teacher is expected to give unconditional acceptance of the child as a good person trying to learn about life.

# Chronic Disruptive Behavior

We will make every effort to work the parents of children having difficulties in child care. We are here to serve and protect all of our children. Children displaying chronic disruptive behavior which has been determined to be upsetting to the physical or emotional well being of another child may require the following actions:

#### Initial Conference

The director may require the parent(s) of any child who attends Meadow Oaks Academy to meet for a conference. The problem will be defined on paper. Goals will be established and the parent will be involved in creating approaches towards solving the problem.

#### Second Conference

If the initial plan for helping the child fails, the parent(s) will again be required to meet with the director. Another attempt will be made to identify the problem, outline ne approaches to the problem, and discuss the consequences if progress is not apparent.

#### Suspension

When the previous attempts have been followed and no progress has been made towards solving the problem, the child may be suspended from child care indefinitely. The director may immediately suspend a child any time the child exhibits behavior which is harmful to him/herself

or others. A parent may be called from work any time the child exhibits uncontrollable behavior that cannot be modified by the child care staff. That parent may be asked to take the child home immediately. Suspension from the child care program may vary from a few hours to an indefinite period.

# Discharge Policy

Meadow Oaks Academy reserves the right to cancel the enrollment of a child for the following reasons:

- \*non-payment or excessive late payment of fees
- \*not observing the rules of the center as outlined in the parent handbook
- \*child has special needs which we cannot adequately meet with our current staffing patterns
- \*physical and/or verbal abuse of staff or children by a parent or child

# Extra Clothing

An extra set of clothing (well labeled) including underwear, socks, pants, and shirt must be left at school permanently in case of accidents. An extra sweater or jacket at school is also recommended since the temperature often changes noticeably.

#### Conferences

All parent conferences are welcome. Please schedule a teacher-parent conference through the office. Feel free to call and discuss ANY questions that might arise. Please call immediately, not weeks later.

Since it is necessary for the teachers to devote their time during the school day to the children, we ask that you please do not spend more than a moment speaking with your child's teacher in the classroom. Little children have "big ears" and discussions of the child should be held in the office not in front of the child. You may have a conference with your child's teacher at any time. Please ask the office.

Please direct all notes of concern to the director not the teacher. That way the director will be aware of those requests or concerns and will be able to make sure they are handled properly.

Parent visits during the school hours are welcomed and encouraged. There are many opportunities during the year for parent help in projects and field trips. Sometimes it can be very helpful to plan your classroom visit with the teachers but of course you are welcome to visit any time you wish.

# Child Development Planning Reports

Private school send report cards every 9 weeks. Developmental reports for 18 months through pre-kindergarten are sent out in January and again in May.

# Children with Special Needs

Our center will try to accommodate children with special needs (physical, behavioral, cognitive, etc.). Close communication with the parents is essential to providing quality care. Meadow Oaks

Academy will not discriminate against children with special needs. We will admit any child with special needs on a trail basis of one to two weeks, after which we will require a conference with the parent(s). At this conference, we will assess whether we are able to adequately care for the child within our current staffing patterns, If we are not able to meet the child's needs within our current staffing patterns, we will give parents the time and assistance needed to find more appropriate care.

# Withdrawal from School

A two-week advance notice in writing should be given to the school if it is necessary to withdraw your child. You will be held responsible for weekly tuition up to the written expiration date.

#### Referral Credit

Word of mouth is the best advertisement! If you refer another family to our school and they enroll their children we will in appreciation give you a referral credit of \$25 NOW and 3 months later you will get the other \$25.00. Be sure the new family points out that they were referred by you.

#### Parent/Teacher Bulletin Board

A bulletin board is available with announcements for you to view and read. Please take time to scan the parent/teacher board regularly to keep informed of the center happenings and announcements. Here are few things that can be found at Parent/Teacher Bulletin Board:

- Home Connections,
- Menus
- Updates on Texas Minimum Standards.
  - Note: Parents have access to updated copy of Minimum Standards through Main office. Parents can request a copy to review anytime during school hours. You can also view the current copy at dfps website at <a href="http://www.dfps.state.tx.us/Child\_Care/Child\_Care\_Standards\_and\_Regulations/default.asp">http://www.dfps.state.tx.us/Child\_Care/Child\_Care\_Standards\_and\_Regulations/default.asp</a>
- Updates on Texas Licensing contact information.
  - O Note: Parents can contact:
    - *Texas Licensing at 21-583-4253*
    - Abuse Hotline at 1800-252-5400

Parents can also get additional information at:

- www.dfps.state.tx.us
- www.txchldcaresearch.org
- Copy of most recent licensing inspection report.
- Copy of Gang Free Zones.
- Procedures for reporting Abuse/Neglect.
- Schools Emergency Preparedness Plan.
- Updates on Breastfeeding Areas
  - Notes: Room in Main office is available for parents who wish to breastfeed.

# Thank you for sharing your children with us!

# Meadow Oaks Academy 2016 School Holidays

Memorial Day - Monday May 30<sup>th</sup> 2016

Independence Day – Monday July 4<sup>th</sup> 2016

Labor Day – Monday September 5<sup>th</sup> 2016

Thanksgiving Day – Thursday/Friday November 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> 2016

Christmas Holiday – Friday/Monday December 23<sup>rd</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> 2016

**Early Release** – New Years Eve Friday December 30<sup>th</sup> 2016 12:00 PM

# I HAVE READ THE PARENT POLICY HANDBOOK FOR MEADOW OAKS ACADEMY. I AGREE TO ABIDE BY SUCH POLICIES AND RULES

	Child's Nar	ne	
Mother's Signature		Father's Signature	_
	Date		

Please sign and return the above statement. The statement must go on file at Meadow Oaks Academy upon enrollment of your child.