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What is a Co-op Preschool?

Cooperative preschools are terrific places to share firsthand in your child's initial school experience!

Cooperatives offer a safe, secure and gradual transition from home to school for your child. Co-ops offer to parents a sense of community, camaraderie and parent/teacher partnership unlike any other preschool experience.

A Co-op preschool is owned and maintained by the parents of the children enrolled on a non-profit, nonsectarian basis. Parents assist teachers in the classroom on a rotating basis and share in the business operation of the school - thus making it truly a cooperative venture. The cooperative philosophy is based on these very important components: parental involvement, developmentally appropriate programs, and social, emotional, and cognitive skill building by learning through play.

Preschool programs are more successful when parents participate. This remains true throughout a child's education and is one of the most consistent predictors of school success and achievement.

Ours is a
child-sized world
based on a
freedom to
talk, sing, dance, paint,
play and explore
independently and
COOPERATIVELY.



Located in
Northeast
Community Church
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Fishers Pointe Cooperative Preschool has undergone two relocations and is now facing its third. The school's lease with Northeast Community Church will end in May of 2011. Therefore, Fishers Pointe is seeking space in an affordable location that will meet the needs of our families.

As with many nonprofit organizations, we are finding it increasingly difficult to rely solely on our own fundraising efforts and still operate our quality program. The stress of funding our relocation has only added to the difficulty.

If Fishers Pointe is going to survive, we must relocate in the next several months. This relocation is going to take funds we do not have at this time, despite increased efforts in our fundraising. In order to continue our school we are reaching out and asking for help from the community, local businesses, and our alumni.

Any financial support would be helpful and greatly appreciated. By contributing to Fishers Pointe Cooperative Preschool, you are showing your support for our school and its quality program. Financial donations can be easily made on our school website www.fisherspointecoop.org/Donation.aspx

Any funds collected will be used to cover moving costs, increased rent expenses, replacing any supplies and furniture previously provided by the church. Gifts of supplies or services needed to complete our relocation would also be welcome.

Benefits of supporting Fishers Pointe Cooperative Preschool include:

Recognition on fisherspointecoop.org

Donations will be acknowledged at Fishers Pointe Cooperative Preschool and in *Pointing the Way*, a newsletter received monthly by all FPCP school members

Tax-deductible

Members and alumni are committed to supporting local businesses that support Fishers Pointe

Learning Through Play

In the cooperative preschool, a focus is placed on developmentally appropriate learning through play strategies with an emphasis on cooperative play (as age appropriate) where two or more children learn how to interact, problem-solve, and make decisions together.

Children in cooperatively structured, learning through play environments exhibit higher levels of pro-social behavior (sharing, dramatic play, cooperation, positive interactions) than children in traditional-structured classrooms.

In Pre-planned, “Learning Through Play Environments”:

Language Skills are developed as children discuss issues of play with each other or discuss their drawing, paintings, craft projects, or experiments with adults and each other.

Math Skills are practiced in the play “store”, “restaurant”, or “office” and through games, projects, blocks and other manipulatives.

Science is learned through natural curiosity and experiments- with snow, dirt, sand, water, etc. in the sensory table or leaves, nest, insects, magnets, magnifying glasses, and picture books strategically placed on the science table and discussed throughout the day.

Developmentally Appropriate Programs

Cooperative programs are developmentally appropriate programs that focus on allowing children to learn, grow and experience in their own way and in their own time through play.

Developmentally appropriate programs consider the “stages” and needs of child development:

Two-year-olds need large muscle development and love to run, jump, climb and explore widely and wildly.

Three-year-olds have a rich fantasy life—a dress up area is a must! They begin mastering small hand movements, following directions, talking in full sentences, playing more sociably, exhibiting longer attention spans, and need more independence.

By age four, curiosity and enthusiasm about everything blossoms with an increased interest in sorting, matching, classifying, hands-on experiments, songs, games, Circle Time and openly sharing ideas and expressing opinions.

Fishers Pointe Cooperative Preschool does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national & ethnic origin.

Affiliations

- Indiana Council of Preschool Cooperatives
- Parent Cooperative Preschools International