



Little Northmen Preschool Frequently Asked Questions

General Information

- ★ Where will Little Northmen Preschool be held for the 2025/2026 school year?
 - Ottawa Elementary School, 871 Kalamazoo Ave, Petoskey, MI 49770
- ★ On what dates does Little Northmen Preschool start and end?
 - Little Northmen Preschool will start on Monday, September 8, 2025 and end on Friday, June 5, 2026.
- ★ What are the days/hours of operation?
 - Little Northmen Preschool operates Monday - Friday from 8:10 AM - 3:05 PM.
- ★ Is childcare available before/after school, or on school holidays/snow days?
 - There will be an option for before and/or after school care. There is currently no childcare available during times/days when the Public Schools of Petoskey is not in session. Space is limited and availability is on a first come, first served basis.
- ★ Is transportation available for Little Northmen Preschool students? Can preschool students ride the bus home with older siblings?
 - Transportation is not available for preschool students. Students must be dropped off and picked up at Ottawa Elementary School.
- ★ How many spaces are available?
 - We have two classrooms. The maximum number of students in each is 16.
- ★ What is the tuition rate for Little Northmen Preschool?
 - Tuition is free.
- ★ Can my child attend for a half day instead of a full day?
 - It is important for the classroom community and consistency of curriculum that all students attend all five full days so only full day students will be accepted.

- ★ Are snacks/lunch included?
 - Students may bring a snack from home. A snack is provided to students who do not bring their own snack. Hot lunch is available for purchase at the same rate as school-aged students. Students are also welcome to bring a sack lunch.

Registration

- ★ How old does my child have to be to attend Little Northmen Preschool?
 - Children attending Little Northmen Preschool must turn 4 by September 1.
- ★ Does my child have to be able to use the restroom on his/her own to attend?
 - **It is the expectation that all children enrolled are daytime toilet trained.** Children will be able to use the restrooms, as needed, to handle their own toileting needs. Under adult supervision, the child will be responsible for cleaning themselves and pulling their pants up and down. Extra clothing is to be left at school.
- ★ Do I have to be a resident of Petoskey to enroll my child?
 - Anyone is welcome to register. Enrollment preference will be given to Petoskey residents and staff but out of district students will be accepted pending availability.
- ★ How are students selected? What if there are more applicants than slots available?
 - Applications will be prioritized in the following order:
 - Petoskey Schools staff
 - Petoskey residents
 - Students with siblings in the district
 - Non-Petoskey residents
 - Once slots are full, additional applications will be put on a "wait list" for openings.
- ★ When/how will I know if my child is accepted?

Students are accepted upon completion of enrollment information and confirmation of acceptance by the district registrar.
- ★ How do I complete an application for my child?
 - Download the application found on the Petoskey Schools website.
 - Send the completed application to morrow.nm.y@northmen.org or drop it off at the Spitler Administration building: 1130 Howard Street, Petoskey, MI 49770.

A Day in the Life

- ★ How many teachers will my child have? When can I meet my child's teachers?
 - Each classroom will have one Lead Teacher, one Teacher's Assistant, and one to two part time Teacher's Aides. There will be an open house held before school starts to meet the teachers and visit the classroom.
- ★ What does a typical day's schedule consist of?
 - Greeting/Large-Group
 - Choice Time
 - Snack
 - Small Group
 - Outside
 - Lunch
 - Quiet/Rest Time
 - Choice Time

- Outside/Dismissal
- ★ Will my child eat lunch or share playground time with the elementary students?
 - Lunch is served in the cafeteria and recess times are staggered so preschool students will have their own scheduled time on the playground.
- ★ What are some of the activities my child will engage in?
 - Petoskey Preschool uses a curriculum which includes the following:
 - Block play
 - Dramatic play
 - Toys and games
 - Art
 - Library
 - Discovery
 - Sensory
 - Music and movement
 - Outdoor play

For additional questions, please email morrow.nm.y@northmen.org