



"Your child's home away from home"

## 2019-2020 Preschool & Nursery Care

### Information & Application

September 3<sup>rd</sup> - May 22<sup>nd</sup> ☀️ Ages 3 months - 7 years

Monday ~ Friday ☀️ 8:30-5pm ☀️ Full & Half Day Options

Dear Interested Families,

At Mountain Bluebells our goal is to protect the simplicity of childhood and create a haven for children where they are nurtured, loved and allowed to be themselves in an often too busy world. Much like the "slow" food movement that is gaining popularity, we consider ourselves part of a "slow" childcare movement, returning to the basics of "play-based ~ imagination-powered" child development for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers. Our program has a warm, home-like feel with our nursery students mingled among our preschoolers. During the bulk of the day the mixed-age group plays together; however, each day also allows time for preschoolers and nursery students to break off into their own groups for developmentally appropriate curriculum. We strive to serve organic and locally produced foods as often as possible. The children participate in gardening, harvesting, and preparing what we eat as much as possible to foster a positive relationship with healthy foods and an awareness of where their food comes from. All of our food is made from scratch, with love. We honor special diets and will work with parents to establish appropriate dietary plans for each child, however parents are responsible for providing any foods outside of our normal meal plans.

Our well-trained staff consists of one lead teacher and four aides who work as a team daily. Our small child to staff ratio allows us to build strong relationships with the children in our care. These relationships along with the consistent rhythm of our days give the children the security to flourish. It's from this place of security and comfort that the child begins his journey of learning discovery. And what a journey it is! At Mountain Bluebells, we know that children learn best from real-life experiences. Just what is a child learning as he helps his teacher bake muffins or fold the laundry? Measuring, counting, following directions, nutrition, sorting, color recognition, the process of following a task through to completion, and language skills, to name a few! We will spend our days playing, learning songs and stories, working and practicing healthy self-care. We believe that it is in this environment that children truly thrive.

Mountain Bluebells is a fully-licensed facility. Our rich whole-child curriculum is inspired by Waldorf education and rooted in the principles and practices of LifeWays North America. As such, care is based on human interaction and developmentally appropriate activities that foster healthy development and a passion for learning. All staff are certified in child & infant CPR and first aid and partake in ongoing early childhood education & development through LifeWays North America as well as local HRDC trainings.

It is important to us that, together with you, we form a partnership of care for your child. Our goal is to be your child's home away from home. We invite you to contact us anytime for a school tour or to answer any questions you may have. Please read on for a brief description of our daily and yearly rhythm, our tuition schedule, and application for this coming school year.

Warmly, Miss Lista

## Daily & Weekly Rhythm

### Morning Care

- 8:30am Welcome & Outside Play
- 8:50am Come inside for circle
- 9:15am Days activity/ project & Free Play
- 10:15 Cleanup, Hand washing, potty breaks
- 10:30 Morning snack
- 11am Outside time
- 12pm Cleanup & Storytime
- 12:30 Lunch

### Afternoon Care

- 1pm Transition time – farewell to morning students hello to afternoon arrivals
- 1:15 Settling into rest (teeth brushing, stories)
- After rest free play & crafts
- 3pm Afternoon snack
- 3:30 Free play outside or inside – depending on weather
- 5pm Farewell to afternoon students

### Morning Care ~ Weekly Activity & Snack Rhythm

**Mondays:** Seasonal Crafts, Snack: fresh baked muffins & fruit

**Tuesdays:** Stone soup (children bring a veggie from home to chop for lunch) \* Snack: brown rice & fruit

**Wednesdays:** Bread Making \* Snack

: Bread w/ fresh churned butter

**Thursdays:** Seasonal Crafts \* Snack: Millet Cakes & Apple Sauce

**Fridays:** Watercolor painting & yoga \* Snack: Oatmeal

### Afternoon Care

The afternoon care rhythm allows time for rest & naps, simple seasonal projects, simple snacks, & ample indoor and outdoor free play after a busy morning. This is a lovely time for Shooting Stars who have been with us for the morning program and for Snapdragons & Sweet Peas who may just be joining us for a half day. *It is not recommended for Shooting Stars to start the day in the afternoon as it can be a difficult transition to arrive and be expected to rest right away.*

### Yearly Rhythm

At Mountain Bluebells we strive to build strong relationships with our families and the community through festivals, fundraisers, field trips, & parent evenings throughout the school year in tune with the seasons and holidays. Parents are expected to participate in the school community as much as possible ~ it takes a village to build great things.

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At Mountain Bluebells, Space is limited and is determined on a first-come, first-served basis

Please note that current immunization records are required for acceptance in our programs.

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to enroll my child in:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Full Day (8:30-5)					
Half Day AM (8:30-1)					
Half Day PM (1-5)					

Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

2019-20 Tuition Schedule			
	Sweet Peas Ages 3m-12m	Snapdragons Ages 1-3years	Shooting Stars Ages 3-7years
Full Day	\$61.63	\$57.38	\$53.13
Half Day AM	\$33.75	\$31.50	\$29.25
Half Day PM	\$30	\$28	\$26

## Enrollment & Waiting List Procedures

Applications are considered on a first come first served basis, however, current families have priority. **Once this application is submitted your child(ren) will be added to our waiting list.** Once space becomes available, we will contact you so that we may schedule a school visit to meet with you in person, meet your child and discuss the program. If it is determined through review of application and discussion that we can meet the needs of your child & family then you will receive a stack of enrollment documents. When we have received all of your paperwork, made financial arrangements, and scheduled a home visit your child will be considered enrolled.

### Program Payment Information\*

Tuition will be due by the first of each month.

Invoices are sent via email and may be paid by check or cash.

**There is a one-time materials fee that will be due along with your first payment**

Materials Fees are collected at the beginning of each school year for each student so that we can stock up on much needed school supplies, groceries, and craft materials.

The one-time fee for children attending 14 hours or less is \$50, for children attending 14-28 hours the fee is \$100, and for children attending 28+ hours the fee is \$150.

\* We have done everything in our power to make tuition & material fees as reasonable as we can while sustaining the school. We are dedicated to making our programs available to all interested families regardless of financial circumstance. With that in mind, there are a few financial aid & scholarship options available and we are happy to explore these with you.

Check here if you would like more information about available financial aid & scholarship options. \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send application to:  
Mountain Bluebells Preschool  
Po Box 1065  
Red Lodge, MT 59068

For questions or more information please contact Miss Lista @ (406)290-4391  
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