



PEOPLEPLACE

Cooperative Preschool

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The foundation of Peopleplace Cooperative Preschool is our families. Relationships are built between teachers, parents, students, and staff to create the most amazing and unique benefit of this school: a community. It is our intention that every family participate in the needs of Peopleplace Cooperative Preschool for two reasons. The first reason is functional: to support the staff, to enable the school to be able to offer scholarships, and to maintain the building and grounds.

The second reason is that your presence at the school allows the students to see the network of caring families, to observe the helpful actions of others, and to practice interacting socially within the safe space of the school. Each family member thus becomes an integral part of the learning environment just by being present.

A quick overview of how current families participate and the time commitment involved:

Classroom helper/snack (1 to 2 times per month, 2 hours per time)

This activity involves preparing a simple wholesome snack for the class followed by interactions with the students such as reading books, sharing a skill or talent, or playing outside.

Completing the classroom laundry (1 to 2 times per year, 30 minutes per time)

This activity includes bringing home roughly one basketful of classroom laundry at the end of the week and returning the next week clean and folded.

Joining a work day (At least 1 work day per year, 3 hours)

There are 3 work days per year with outdoor work sessions in the fall and spring which include raking leaves, light construction/building repair, playground clean-up and improvements. There is one indoor session in the winter, which is a "deep clean" of each classroom.

Participating on a committee (1 to 2 meetings per year, 1 hour per meeting)

Each family is asked to join either the Building and Grounds committee or the Fundraising committee. Special skills (web design, plowing, handyman) are always welcomed.

Assisting with fundraising (3 - 4 fundraising events per year, 2 hours per event)

Peopleplace typically holds 3-4 fundraising events per year, during which all families are required to participate in fundraising for the scholarship fund.

Peopleplace Cooperative Preschool is propelled by our families. Many of our teachers, staff members and even our director are former parents. As such, we encourage families to step in with questions, ideas and initiative to further benefit and enjoy the benefits of our community. We can't wait to hear from you!