Welcome! Below is a brief history on the school so many are proud to have been a part of for over 60 years...

The Grand Island Cooperative Nursery School was founded in 1948 by a group of 9 families. Since 1953, the school has been operating at Trinity Methodist Church with a staff including certified teachers who teach up to 18 students per class.

The GICNS or Co-op, as it is commonly referred, believes in a hands on learning environment. Children are encouraged to learn, discover and grow at their own pace. Socialization is very important at these tender young ages. Guided by these beliefs, our students ultimately benefit from participating in our successful readiness program geared towards preparing them for entering Kindergarten.

Parent Cooperative Commitments and Parent Participation in the classroom are an integral part of our school. By it's very nature, a cooperative school is one where parents work together to run the program. At the Co-op there are many tasks in and outside of the classroom that need to be done to keep the school running smoothly. The teachers and parents act as a team working together for the benefit of all the children. Please visit ww.gicns.com to learn more exciting things about the GICNS!

CLASSES AVAILABLE:

MWF Morning: 9:00 a.m. -11:30 a.m. Child must be 4 years old by 12/1/10

T-Th Morning: 9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Child must be 3 years old by 12/1/10

Learn more about our school by visiting us on the web at www.gicns.com

2010-11 GICNS Financial Information

TUITION:

MWF Classes.....**\$915.00**T-TH or M-W Classes.....**\$650.00**

APPLICATION FEE:

\$35.00 - New Families \$25.00 - Returning Students/Siblings (payable with application, non-refundable)

FUNDRAISING:

There is only <u>one</u> mandatory fundraiser. Either make a \$100 tax deductible direct donation <u>or</u> sell candy bars to yield a \$100 profit. Any other fundraising throughout the year is completely optional.

TUITION PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

After acceptance and to secure your child's placement, an initial \$100.00 tuition payment is due by May 15th. (this is non-refundable)

Tuition balance can be paid as follows:

- 1. Balance due in FULL on October 15th.
- 2. Two future payments on Oct 15 and Feb 15th.
- 3. Seven equal payments due the 15th of each month from September 15th thru March 15th.

**Late fees will apply if payment is received after due dates.

NOTE: Full tuition information, including selecting tuition balance options will accompany your acceptance letter in early Spring.

SUPPLIES NEEDED:

- 1. Tote Bag or Backpack
- MWF AM class: 2 rolls of paper towels, 1 Clorox Clean-ups container and 1 box of baby wipes.
 T-TH AM class: 1 box of baby wipes, 1 Scotch tape roll and 1 box of Ziploc Quart-size bags.
 - **All new students receive a GICNS T-Shirt!

NOTE: Enrolled students will receive an August newsletter detailing all necessary information and reminders for the upcoming school year.

2010-11 Grand Island Co-op Application Indicate as appropriate: _____New Student __Returning Family Child's Name Sex_____ Birth Date_____ Address Phone: _____ Cell____ E-Mail: _____ Mother:_____ Father: Please check class applying for:

Return this 1/3 portion of the form with your application fee (check/money order) made payable to the GICNS:

__MWF Morning (4 years old by 12/1/10)

T-TH Morning (3 years old by 12/1/10)

Grand Island Cooperative Nursery School
Attn: Registration
P.O. Box 608
Grand Island, NY 14072

Applications accepted <u>only</u> via mail and recorded as received by postmark date.

A lottery ,based on postmark, will occur if there are more applications than openings.

We welcome new faces and need your help as many Board positions have opened up this year....

The Co-op relies upon it's board of directors (made up of the parent of currently enrolled students and the teachers) to administer the affairs of the school. Below you will find a listing of all of the positions that comprise the board. Please consider volunteering your time in one of the following areas to ensure the success of a great school year:

President: Coordinates and prepares agenda for monthly meetings, supervises board positions, teacher contracts and any issues/problems that arise at the nursery school.

Vice President: Registration and enrollment, collect applications and coordinate class lists

Recording Secretary: Write minutes at each monthly meeting

Corresponding Secretary: Responsible for advertising school openings and any school publicity

Treasurer: Keep record of receipts and expenditures, pay all bills approved by the board, teacher paychecks-deal with accounting and budget. (Accounting experience and/ or knowledge of Quicken helpful for position)

Financial Secretary: Collect, record and deposit all tuition and related fees, & receive all monies of the group.

Equipment: Responsible for playground maintenance.

Communications: Updating handbook and preparing school newsletters

Participation: Preparing all of in-class participation schedules and setting up co-op commitment policy.

Social: Responsible for preparing major school and board functions.

Ways and Means: Responsible for coordinating and implementing school fundraisers.

Would you consider or are you interested in becoming a Board Member? Yes/No

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