

MIZIWEGIN

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welcome to our

CCS NEWSLETTER

◆ MIZIWEGIN SPOTLIGHT



The Maajiigin Child care center is located in Cass Lake and has four classrooms with a focus on language and culture. This program is fee based and serves children ranging from 6 weeks to 3 years old.

Vision: "An Ojibwe language speaking community built around resilient, healthy, Anishinaabe families and children."

Mission: "We are an Ojibwe-land based childcare partnering with families to build a teaching and learning community dedicated to speaking Ojibwe and carrying it out into the community. Our dedication to Ojibwe-Anishinaabe ways and language drives our decisions."

↓ IN THIS NEWSLETTER YOU WILL FIND:

Program services, Trainings, Helpful tips, staff directory, and Job opportunities

Tips for Behavior Management Strategies in the classroom

In theory, your role as a teacher is to plan and deliver your lessons, and everything will fall into place. Unfortunately, theory doesn't always apply in the real world. Truth be told, getting children to settle down and behave as expected is often a job and a half. Let's talk about some behavior management strategies you can use to enhance student behavior and allow teaching and learning to proceed as planned.

1. Maintain a routine
 - a. Create a visual schedule for the classroom with pictures of the students actively doing a task. Include pictures of children at Arrival & departure, meals, and/or creative art.
 - b. A routine ensures that students know what's coming next. You'll spend less time giving out instructions—freeing up time to do the real work.
2. Give the children a Sense of Responsibility
 - a. Provide clear expectations and Praise their efforts
 - b. Allowing opportunities for students to contribute to classroom tasks such as picking up toys or put away books in the library
3. Set Rules together with students
 - a. Ask, "What rules do you think we will need so that everyone can learn and be safe in our classroom?"
 - b. Rephrase negative ideas/rules such as; "Don't Push" into "Keep your hands to yourself"
4. Create Stimulating lesson plans and activities
 - a. Ask; "What do you want to learn about?"
 - b. Take time to find out their interests and dislikes. Lessons that are centered around what the learners like, you will find it easier to keep them engaged.
5. Use positive language
 - a. Positive language will encourage the students to speaking positively. Instead of saying, "This work is too hard for me or I can't do this", Try to say, "I WILL/CAN try my best."
 - b. It's also important to keep your body language positive. Smile more and frown less often. Model the behavior you want to see in your students.

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DEVELOP TRAININGS

- Supervising for Safety for FCC 3/22/25
2 hours Free
- Active Supervising: A developmental Perspective 3/25/35 Bemidji \$10
- SUID/AHT 4/2/25 Park Rapids Free
- SUID?AHT 4/2/25 Bemidji Free
- Nature based Learning 5/10/25 Grand rapids free
- Social & emotional development 5/10/25 Grand Rapids Free
- Story Time Explorers 5/10/25 Grand Rapids free

REGISTER ONLINE



LICENSING, COMPLIANCE COORDINATOR

Are you thinking about becoming a child care provider? There is 3 to choose from Licensed child care center, Family child care, and Legal non licensed. When applying through us we offer start up grants, health & safety items, and other great grant opportunities so you feel supported. If that is something you are interested in reach out to
Rebecca "Becca" Tibbetts
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Language: do you know what this says?

Aaniin ezhiwebak agwajiing?
Onaabanad.
Bagakaagonagaa.
Ishpaagonagaa.
Goonikaa!
Ani-aabawaamagad ina?
Da-mino-giizhigad. Agwajiing
izhaadaa.

How's the weather?
There is a hard crust on the snow.
There is bright snow.
There is deep snow.
There is a lot of snow.
Is it getting to be warm out?
It's going to be a good day. Let's go outside.

Words of encouragement

Gigizhewaadiz: You are kind
Ginibwaakaa: You are Smart
Gidapootendaagoz: You are important

Tip: If you are having trouble saying
a word start from the end

LEECH LAKE SUBSIDY PROGRAM

Does your family need assistance helping pay for childcare? Our Leech Lake Subsidy Program is taking applications for families with children who meet our eligibility requirements. Our eligibility requirements are:

- * Your family must live on the Leech Lake Reservation or within 10 miles of the boundaries
- * Have a child age 0-12 years old
- * Be employed or attending job training
- * Meet income eligibility based on your household size
- * Yourself or child must be enrolled in a federally recognized tribe

If you have any questions or are interested in an application please reach out to me.

Rosella Headbird (218)335-4431 or Rosella.Headbird@llojibwe.net



Tonya's Tips

Spring Is Coming!

Spring is almost here and that means that soon your outdoor garden will be abundantly growing. In the meantime, there are some tasks to be done to ensure your garden is ready to grow.

- v Start your seeds inside. Do a little research to ensure you are starting at the appropriate time.
 - v Balance your soil.
 - v Check your gardening zone and wait to transplant until after the last frost.
 - v Map out your garden and see which plants grow well next to each other.
- Happy Planting!



EARLY LEARNING SCHOLARSHIP

Leech Lake can serve Leech Lake affiliated children throughout the entire state of Minnesota and can serve all children with in our service area.

- Your child must be between the ages of 0-5 and not kindergarten eligible.
- Eligibility is based on income, or if you are receiving any public assistance like Snap, Headstart, MFIP, CCAP, ETC
- Online applications are available at: Earlylearningscholarshipshub.mn.gov

For more information contact:

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES



- Gekinwaa'amaaged/teacher 24-173
- Naagaanizid Gekinwaa'amaaged 24-044

We are looking for individuals that are dedicated to speaking and learning Ojibwe and providing opportunities for our children to learn in there natural environment.

For information visit the LLBO employment page or call the front desk 218-335-4568

FROM THE DESK OF THE MAAJIIGIN CENTER MANAGER

As an outdoor based center your child will be spending more time outdoors as weather permits. Please ensure they have proper outdoor gear for the seasons weather.(Jackets, gloves, rainboots, hats, extra clothes)

I hope that the classrooms get outside and spot the Migizii from the nearby Migizii wadiswan.

Maajiigin drop hours are 7:45 am through 9:00am and pick up by 4:45.

Your child's enrichment activities include culture and Ojibwemowin daily:

Maanoo - It's okay

Gwekabin – turn around

Gimino ayaa na? – Are you ok?

Gidaa-gagwe bazigwii - You should try to stand up

Gibaka de naa? Are you hungry?

Each classroom is equipped with sage and smudge bowls for daily use.

Classrooms:

Zaagikii- *it buds*, infants continue to work on sticking to a daily schedule and eating solid foods. Babies love to sing and dance as apart of their daily routine. Perfect attendance for teacher Michelle, Azais, and Eliza!

Nitaawigin- *It grows*, Mobile infants are working on social emotional skills and communicating our needs without words to our Gekinawaa'amaaged.

Minogin- *it grows well*, Toddlers are working on our boundaries and being good friends. We love exploring outdoors! Perfect attendance Adelso!

Zaagibagaa- *It sprouts*, Miigwech for understanding that out self control will not develop until around 4 years old. We require active supervision and a lot of patience from our grown ups. Perfect Attendance for teacher Kyla, Lawrence, and Asher!

Upcoming Events

- No school March 7th and 21st.
- Parents and families are welcome to join us for Monday drum at 9:45 every Monday.
- March 20th join us for Crafts and snack for St Patty's day from 3-4 in your Childs classroom.

For more information contact: Sarah Jones (218) 335-3640 or Sarah.jones@llojibwe.net



MEET OUR TEACHERS

NAAGAANIZIDGEGINWAA'AMAAGED

MICHELLE JOURDAIN

She been working at Maajiigin for almost a year and became a lead teacher this past December. She enjoys spending time with family & friends, traveling , and playing darts.

ALEXIS GONZALES

Alexis has been working here for 2 1/2 years and has helped in all the rooms but she is currently in Nitaawigin. Her hobbies are playing basketball or taking a ride with friends.

ROSE KOSLOWSKI

She has been here for one month in the Minogin room. She enjoys camping and going to powwows.

ALYSSA LARSEN

"I've been working here a year as a teacher! My fav things are reading, binging shows, and a fun fact is that I share a B-day with Big Shar"

GEKINWAA'AMAAGED

WINNIE GOGGLEYE

She has been working at Maajiigin for two months in the Minogin room. She will be going for her CDA in the fall at LLTC. She enjoys traveling and seeing different places.

JEREMY GOGGLEYE

Jeremy has been working at Maajiigin since summer 2024 in the Nitaawigin room. He enjoys listening to music, podcasts, playing video games, and watching Star Wars.

HAILEY WHITE

She just recently moved in the Zaagakii room but has been working here for 7 months. She loves to play basketball and spend time with her family.

KYLA JOURDAIN

Kyla has been working at maajiigin for four months as a teacher in Zaagibagaa. A fun fact about Kyla is that she likes to do make-up

DANAE WILSON

"I'am a teacher in the Nitaawigin classroom and have been working here since May 2024. Fun Fact I have 6 month old daughter named Ahzia."

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