

GUMP Leadership Team Update
May 23, 2021

Hello everyone,

It has been very busy at GUMP. WE passed Department of Social Services licencing and are licenced for another year, until May 2022. The health department and fire department did not find any violations. The fire department did ask me to place smoke detectors in each classroom rather than rely on the ones outside their rooms as was required in the past. I placed those in the classrooms that week. Peter Griffin generously donated carbon monoxide detectors for each classroom and the nursery because they will be mandatory by law soon.

There are only a couple of slots available for the fall at GUMP. I believe we will start full in the fall, I completed 3 tours this week before school started and have had several inquiries in the past two weeks. I have a waitlist for a couple of classes. We will have a lot of new families.

We were given a second CARES Grant. Since I applied for the last one and we met licensing requirements and have stayed open we automatically received the grant. I have not actually received the check as of yet but the letter indicated we would receive \$22,953.00 I was hoping we would receive the PPE loan as well and I could use the CARES Grant to pay the church the rest of our contribution. We have been paying our monthly reimbursements. I will know at the end of June when all our teachers are paid and the last tuition is in how much we have to start next year and make a payment to the church.

This summer the playground will need to be worked on. There are a lot of holes where dirt needs to be replaced and grass grown. The playhouse roof has started to leak and the shingles need to be replaced with a piece of plywood that has gotten wet. The sandbox also needs to be taken out. It is a breeding ground for ants and last year a black widow spider. Because of COVID we have kept it unopened this year. Getem had been spraying and told us it really needs to just be taken out. It is also too deep for some of the smaller children and some of the wood is splintering. It would be much easier to keep a plastic sandbox that has an easy cover to take on and off. The old cover has been an issue since I started here. They do not last, get heavy and are unsafe. Because of COVID we have kept it unopened this year

I hired a new assistant for the Busy Bees Classroom for next year. Erin Todd, a present PreK parent with 2 children that graduated GUMP. She has been filling in since late January four days a week. She is also a Speech Pathologist. She and Ellen Sacks work very well together.

Knock on wood, we still have not had a COVID case in the school and have not had to shut down as of yet, We have a few weeks left but I feel very blessed we were open this year and things went well and I thank you all for your support and for allowing us to open. You all are the best!!!!

Respectfully Submitted,
Ann Robertson