



# WELCOME TO SMALL SET

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Spring/Summer 2024

## **Dear Parent/Guardian:**

Thank you for considering Small Set Cooperative Nursery School for your child and your family. I have been a Small Set parent for the past 5 years and it has been a wonderful way to meet new friends and see my children thrive and grow. I was also a Small Set child in the early years of the cooperative in the '80s. When you join the cooperative, you join a 40 plus year history of families in Midland working together to create valuable and memorable early childhood experiences. As I bid a teary farewell to our wonderful educators, it is my pleasure to welcome you to our community.

## **What Makes Us Different?**

A cooperative brings together families who value quality early childhood education and want to help make it succeed. We are a not-for-profit meaning that costs are kept low and all funds go towards ensuring a worthwhile experience for you and your child. Our skilled and caring educators provide opportunities for children to learn and play just as they are while building skills in cooperation to set a strong foundation for later education.

## **New for 2024-2025**

We are pleased to announce we will be implementing full-service system called *Lillio* (formally *HiMama*) to improve registration, communication, financial management, billing and policy adherence for the nursery school.

You may also notice a fee structure change. After a comprehensive review of the fee structure of cooperative nursery schools across Ontario we have made a few changes. These include:

- minor increase in registration fee to cover the new system and ongoing insurance costs
- Mandatory fundraising; we found that this wasn't an opportunity that we could consistently offer with volunteer capacity. As a result, the fees have been increased. The fees work out to approximately \$7/hour. This is well in keeping with cooperative nursery schools across Ontario and a great value when compared to some opportunities in the area.
- Late payment fees; we rely on the promptness of our families for financial reliability.

For more information and how to apply for September 2024:

[https://himama.com/online\\_registration/apply/midland-small-set-nursery-school](https://himama.com/online_registration/apply/midland-small-set-nursery-school)

Yours in community,

*Heather*

Parent Volunteer and Board Member