Dear Families,

Out of necessity, we are increasing tuition for the 2024-25 school year. This is a long over-due change. We haven’t raised tuition since the Dollar Store still charged a dollar. Over 90% of our administrative work has been a labor of love all the way up to this point. We want to make our quality programming sustainable. We have built an incredible program that we’re extremely proud of and our desire is to continue offering Chickadee Hollow Preschool for years to come.

We understand how hard it is for many families to afford quality early childhood education programs, and we’re actively exploring ways to reduce the financial burden for families who need assistance. One of the first things we’re implementing is sliding scale tuition. A sliding scale offers a way for families who can afford to spend more on tuition to assist families who can’t spend as much. In addition, we’re exploring all the avenues available to us for government and private funding to help families directly with the cost of tuition. If you hear of any grant or scholarship opportunities, please let our director know.

In the meantime, please know that we don’t take this step lightly. We’re not unaware of the challenges that families face in these times and want to do everything we possibly can to make our preschool accessible to all the families who want to enroll. Please, don’t hesitate to reach out to me personally with your questions, concerns, and ideas. If finances are an obstacle to your child’s enrollment, I want to know and I want to help as much as I possibly can.

Ultimately, this change represents an increased capacity to meet our students’ needs with improved opportunities for staff trainings, curriculum development, and new classroom materials. It is an exhilarating time for our preschool as we enhance and expand our program in ways that we’re so excited about. I can’t wait to enjoy and exhibit these improvements in the coming year, and I hope that you’ll be energized with me as we take this step forward.

In warmth and sincerity,

Janelle Sawyer

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Director