

# Family Commitment

*Cornerstone is administered and maintained by the parents on a non-profit, non-sectarian basis. The parents assist the teacher in the classroom on a rotating basis and participate in the educational program of all children. Each family also shares in the business operation of the school, thus making it truly a cooperative venture. Parents, preschool children, and their teachers all go to school together and learn together. As we like to say, "we are a part-time preschool with a full-time commitment". Listed below are the commitments required from each Cornerstone family.*

Every Cornerstone Family is Required to:

- Log a minimum of 10 hours of sweat equity *per semester* by carrying out jobs such as helping teachers with special projects, doing maintenance or clerical work, attending parent board meetings, etc.
- Attend 1 cleaning day *per semester*. Cleaning days do not count towards sweat equity hours.
- Volunteer as Parent Helper in your child's class on a rotating basis. Parent Helper consists of spending the day in your child's classroom assisting the teacher, providing snack, and performing morning and afternoon cleaning duties. The amount of times one is required to be a parent helper is determined by how many families are volunteering in your child's class. In general, Parent Helper days do not count towards sweat equity unless they are out of the context of your required days. PDO parents are not required to volunteer as parent helpers.
- Participate in Fundraising activities either by running or assisting in events. For example, every family is obliged to donate an item for our Spring Pancake Supper and Silent Auction.
- Attend one designated mandatory parent meeting at the beginning of each semester. This meeting does not count towards sweat equity.
- Attend orientation at the beginning of the fall semester.

*Failure to meet the minimum requirements, or abide by school policy will result in monetary fines. These are discussed in detail during orientation. For further information please contact the Director.*