

Groton Community School

Afternoon Program Testimonials



Our son has thrived in the afternoon program at GCS. While initially not our first preference, we would have no hesitation in registering our younger child for the afternoon programs when she starts school. Without a hectic rush in the mornings, I was able to better set the tone for the day for both my children and also accommodate my younger child's nap times. We are able to take advantage of other programs that are only offered in the morning, such as music classes and Story Times at the public library. My son had ample free playtime in the mornings and I felt he was ready to be more focused in the afternoons. He could still visit the Big Room either for a special lunch or after school as needed. And the time between pick-up and dinner, bath and bedtime flew by, so we were often able to avoid the dreaded witching hour!

Andy and Jenny Cathrow

We love GCS at any time of day! We are a returning family to GCS and the Purple Room. Two of our children have had the afternoon time slot and one had the morning time slot. Our children have all thrived in kindergarten regardless of the time of day they attended.

One of the many reasons we like the afternoon time slot is because our town has all day kindergarten. The afternoon program is great for creating stamina in young children to learn during the afternoon hours. Traditionally, the first year of full day schooling can be quite difficult on young learners. Our children have enjoyed easy transitions to kindergarten after attending the afternoon program. Our children in the afternoon program have had smaller classroom sizes in the past. They have enjoyed morning activities such as dance, gymnastics, library time, town playgroups and swim lessons.

It is hard to balance the schedules of four children and we have thoroughly enjoyed our morning times with our children because we can focus more on our Pre-K child before older siblings return from school. Honestly, you cannot go wrong with GCS Pre-K program! We look forward to sending our fourth child in 2015!

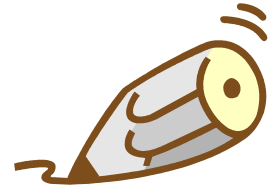
Micaela Caiozzo

We have had two children enrolled in afternoon programs and have loved it! At first we were nervous because we thought our children would be too tired in the afternoon but that was not the case at all. Both children loved the afternoon because it gave them time to work into the day and then have fun with friends in the afternoon. We loved it because we did not feel the "rush" to get out the door in the morning, especially on snowy days!

Holly Kuzdzal

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The afternoon program is truly the best of both worlds. At first, when I heard that my son's name had come up on the wait list, I was thrilled! But, when I was told it was an afternoon slot, I was a little reluctant because I kept thinking about what an adjustment it would be for my son in terms of stamina.

I decided to sign him up anyway for the afternoon program because I knew that GCS had an excellent program and that he would eventually adjust. This decision was indeed the right one! My whole family loves the afternoon program and our son really looks forward to school. It allows for my son to still have play dates, downtime, or activities in the morning. Plus, there is NO morning rush! Plenty of time for that later in life! And it allows my younger child to nap in the afternoon while my son gets the social, emotional and intellectual stimulation at GCS!

Kristyn MacInnis

I am a huge advocate of afternoons! I just think we are going to rush every morning to get out of the house when they start elementary school so why start now? Also, after I dropped my child off I loved coming home and putting my feet up when I was pregnant and on the flip side I got a break when the baby napped in the afternoon. I am also better in the morning and feel like we can do so much more together, so it works for both of us.

Afternoons worked particularly well for our family this year as it drastically reduced the amount of time our daughter spends in the car in the mornings taking her sisters to school. I am able to have lunch with my daughter without rushing, before take her to GCS and then picking up her sisters in the afternoon.

Rhea O'Brien