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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Mini Masterpieces Preschool Inc

Provider No.: 18211

Address: 1205 Cleveland Ave, Dubuque, IA, 52003

County: Dubuque

Director's Name: Marie Colin

On-Site Supervisor: none

Phone Number: 5635431106

E-Mail: marieandherboys@hotmail.com

HHS Visit Date: 02/27/2026

Licensing Period: 05/01/2026 to 05/01/2028

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 01/09/2026

Comments:

Report Visit Type:

- [ ] PTO
- [X] Licensing Visit
- [ ] Drop In
- [ ] Administrative Change

License Type:

- [X] Full
- [ ] Provisional

Quality initiative:

- [ ] Accrediation

Program Duration:

- [ ] Year-Round
- [X] School Year
- [ ] Summer Only

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HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*
Sunday			
Monday			
Tuesday		9:00 AM to 12:00 PM	
Wednesday		9:00 AM to 12:00 PM	
Thursday		9:00 AM to 12:00 PM	
Friday		9:00 AM to 12:00 PM	
Saturday			

Program Population Served:

- [ ] Infant(0-<24 Months)
- [ ] Toddler
- [X] PreSchool
- [ ] School Age
- [ ] All Ages

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
Summer					0
General			20		20

1. Basic Overview

An unannounced licensing visit was completed at this preschool on 2/27/26. This is a for-profit preschool owned and directed by Marie Colin. Marie is a qualified director with experience in the field of early childhood development and education and a degree in teaching this population. Marie is now the only staff at the program, and she states she never has more than eight children present at the center. The program operates a morning preschool Tuesday through Friday for children age three to five. The program no longer participates in the Iowa Voluntary Preschool Grant program.

The center operates only on the main level of a two story building that also includes a basement. Program space is separate and secure from the other levels of the building. There are four program rooms/areas as well as two restroom areas that are adjacent to two of these rooms/areas. The program space is very well stocked with accessible materials to support program needs. All program areas were observed.

The center does not have a kitchen but has a counter top/cabinet area in the middle/loft room area where a sink and microwave are located. The program serves snack provided by the preschool, however, parents do pay a fee for snack. The program does not participate in the CACFP.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

The director/owner's enthusiasm in operating the preschool continues to be obvious. Marie is very encouraging to the children, and it is obvious she knows the children very well. Program space is bright and colorfully decorated including with the children's projects and creations. The director's creativity and natural artistic ability show through in the programming offered to the children. The program has an art show for the families to display the children's work at the end

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of each school year. The director makes a conscious effort to allow the children some self-guidance and direction in their own preschool experience to use their imagination and creativity rather than focusing on teacher directed activities. The director reports having a good relationship with the families the program serves, often having siblings who have attended the program over the years. Staff and child files and other required licensing documentation continue to be highly organized.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

N/A

4. Any corrective action plans, provisional license, and safety plans-steps to get into compliance

N/A

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

1. Ensure all staff file requirements are completed timely.
2. Table surfaces are wearing and should be replaced in the near future so that they can be properly cleaned and sanitized.

The center is reminded to have a closed container that can be properly cleaned and sanitized (or go through the dishwasher itself) to transport clean items and any open food for food service since dishes and food service items are washed off site.

The center is reminded, regarding the use of the loft area, it is highly recommended that whenever a child is on the loft that a staff person is at the ladder.

The preschool will continue with a full license. Please address the concern(s) noted above so that corrections are obvious and are maintained. This report will not require a written response. Thank you.

Date: 03/03/2026

HHS Licensing Consultant: Heidi Hungate

Non-compliance with any of the mandated regulatory requirements listed above may lead to the cancellation or revocation of your Child Care License. Please take steps necessary to completely address each of the violations noted above.

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