

Parkside Pre-School Program Description



*Helping children develop
to their full potential.*

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Informational Booklet

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Philosophy

We feel that children develop to their full potential when they are given the opportunity and environment that allows them to "want to know". In a nutshell that is what we are all about - helping a child explore the start of the roadway leading to knowledge, awareness, and self-expression. Given the proper care, attention, and surroundings, combined with an encouragement to learn, we help a child to gain the confidence and desire to progress at their own pace.

Approach to Child Development

Each and every child is special in ways that we strive to recognize. These special qualities are the ones that must be allowed to flourish. Every child will be given the opportunity to develop in a creative and social environment within a safe and attentive atmosphere. Our curriculum is geared towards the achievement of self-expression in creative activities and will concentrate on cognitive, emotional, social, and physical development while allowing the child to have fun as they explore the exciting world around them.

Program of Development

Recognizing the necessity to balance a child's developmental progress, we concentrate on the social, intellectual, emotional, and physical growth of the child through introducing creative ways to explore and learn. Activities and experiences are structured to promote the cognitive and motor development in a non-threatening environment. Each child is encouraged to grow and learn through the use of a variety of media and materials, and always at the individual child's own pace.

Age Groups

The minimum age for our school is 2 years and nine months as of the enrollment date. Maximum age is 5 years.

Facilities

The school consists of five large and sunny classrooms, rest rooms, an administrative office and outside play areas. Abutting the school grounds is a public park that provides us with plenty of room for nature walks and a public library. An off-street parking lot provides for the safe and convenient drop-off and pick-up of children. The school is not affiliated with Eliot Church, its landlord, but is grateful for the encouragement and cooperation that the church community extends to it.

Faculty

The teaching staff is made up of professionals who provide both experience and expertise in the field of early childhood development. In addition to the primary staff, visiting teachers in such areas as art, music, and dance, visit us on a regular basis.

Parent Involvement

Parents are invited to visit anytime. Close and consistent dialogue between teachers and parents are a way of identifying the child's progress and every opportunity will be taken to ensure such communication. Conferences will be scheduled anytime a parent or teacher feels one is necessary.

Summer Program

We offer a special summer program that runs from the end of school through the month of July. The program focuses on both indoor and outdoor learning enjoyment. A separate brochure details the curriculum, schedule and fees for this program.

Tuition

In order to guarantee your child a space in the upcoming school year, a non-refundable Enrollment Deposit equal to one (1) month's tuition is required upon confirmation that your child's application for enrollment has been accepted. The Enrollment Deposit will be applied to your child's last month tuition of the last year at the school. Tuition payments may be made in monthly, semi-annual, or annual increments. A discount of approximately 2.5% is applied to semi-yearly payments and approximately 5% is applied to yearly payments. Once your child has been accepted for enrollment, an enrollment agreement, which outlines our tuition policy in detail, will be completed and the initial payments will accompany the return of the form. The current Tuition schedule is attached.

Application

Upon completion of the Enrollment Application, a non-refundable application fee of \$35.00 must accompany the application's return.

School Schedule and Enrollment Options

The school day begins at 9:00 AM. During the initial drop-off time, children, parents and teachers have an opportunity to discuss matters of interest and settle in to the day's learning plan that commences at 9:10 AM. The regular school session ends at 12:00 noon after which the Lunch period begins. At 1:00 PM the afternoon, extended day, session starts and ends at 3:00 PM. Enrollment options available to parents are either a five day, four day, three day, or two day week during which time a child can take the Morning, Morning and Lunch, or Full Day schedule. Parents must provide lunches. An 8:00 AM early drop-off option is also available.

The normal school year consists of a ten-month period closely coinciding with the Newton School system calendar. During the summer, a special program is offered for a six (6) week period running from the last 2 weeks in June through July. The summer program has separate enrollment forms and procedures that will be explained to parents in January of each year.

Non-Discrimination Statement

Parkside Pre-School believes in equal opportunity for both its students and its staff. The school admits children of any race, color, and national or ethnic origin. The school will not discriminate the staff or the students on the basis of race, religion, cultural heritage, political belief or marital status or disability.