

Requirements for Admission

Children must meet the age requirements for the class and must be completely toilet-trained. No diapers or pull-ups are allowed. For class availability call 847.991.1960. For more information or to schedule a visit, please call 847.496.6239.

Staff

Each class is taught by two experienced teachers who work together planning and implementing the curriculum. They must meet DCFS requirements for college training in early childhood education or child development. An assistant helps in the classroom with preparation, supervision, and routines.



PRESCHOOL LOCATIONS



Birchwood Preschool
435 W. Illinois Avenue
(between Quentin & Plum Grove)



Maple Park Preschool
316 N. Winston Drive
(Winston & Anderson)



Eagle Park Preschool
1425 N. Oak Street
(near Dundee & Hicks)



Parkside Preschool
262 E. Palatine Road
(in Community Park)

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PALATINE PARK DISTRICT

PRESCHOOL

Learning, Caring, Growing, Sharing



General Information

Palatine Park District holds preschool classes for 3-5 year olds at four locations. We have chosen to be licensed by the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, which assures parents that our facilities, teachers, and curriculum meet state standards. Classes are limited to 20 children with two teachers and an assistant.

Daily Activities

The school day includes teacher-directed large group activities including stories, games, fingerplays, music, creative movement and drama. There is also a portion of the school day when children are able to work and play individually or in small groups. Activity choices during this time include art, science, cooking, blocks, constructive materials, books, puzzles, manipulatives, sand, water, and imaginative play. The children have a snack each day and also participate in outdoor play as often as possible.



Classes for Three Year Olds

For most children this will be their first school experience. They will learn to be away from their family, to make friends, and to be a part of a group. In addition they learn to work and play cooperatively with other children, to make choices, to follow simple directions, and to become more independent. They will be exposed to many developmentally appropriate activities where they can learn by doing.



Philosophy

Our goal is to provide a warm, accepting environment where learning is fun. Experienced teachers offer a variety of developmentally appropriate activities designed to help children learn and grow socially, emotionally, physically, and intellectually. We recognize that children come to us with differing abilities, interests and needs, and we provide opportunities for each child to reach their potential. We encourage creativity and curiosity, and we hope to foster a love for learning that will continue through the years.



Class Schedule

Preschool starts the Monday after Labor Day and continues through the Friday before Memorial Day. We observe the same days off as School District #15. Three year olds attend 2 days a week for 2 or 2 1/2 hours. Four year olds attend 3 days a week for 2 1/2 hours. There are mixed age classes for children who will be at least four by January 1. We also offer a young three year old class, and a pre-Kindergarten class for older four year olds.



Classes for Four Year Olds

We continue to encourage curiosity, creativity, self-discipline, independence, working and playing cooperatively, and making choices. In addition, we offer activities and experiences to help prepare the children for kindergarten. This includes exposure to colors, shapes, letters, and numbers. It also includes following directions, self-help skills, keeping track of belongings, and treating others with respect.