

# 12 \* EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION



Partnering with parents to provide children with a solid social, emotional, and academic foundation as they start down the path to becoming life-long learners.

## Illinois Early Learning Standards Illinois State Board of Education

In 2000, the Illinois State Board of Education worked with educators to create the Illinois Early Childhood Learning Standards. The standards are organized to parallel in content the Illinois Learning Standard for grades K-12.

## The Learning Nest Preschool

It is the objective of the Learning Nest Preschool to deliver a program that reflects the philosophy of the Early Learning Standards, while maintaining high learner expectations and an environment rich in hands on, age appropriate, child-centered activities.

## Dedicated to the Development of Early Childhood Literacy

Early childhood professionals have long recognized the importance of language and literacy in preparing children to succeed in school. Early literacy plays a key role in enabling the kind of early learning experiences that research shows are linked with academic achievement and success. The Learning Nest puts in place the necessary skills for young children to become eager, enthusiastic, successful learners.

## A 3-Year Preschool Program

The Learning Nest Preschool Program has been expanded to incorporate the Illinois State Board of Education Early Childhood Learning Standards. In addition to nurturing the development of your child's social and emotional growth, we have put in place a program that builds the foundation necessary to support your child's future academic challenges.

## ToddlerTime – Level 1

2-3 year-olds

This class provides a warm, nurturing environment and is designed for children ages 2-3. Emphasis is on developing social skills and transitioning from home to school. Language development is supported through daily activities that include ABC's, counting, calendar time, story time, games, and arts and crafts.

### 2-Day Options

Days	Times	\$R/NR	Min/Max
Mon-Tue	9-10:30am	\$70/\$78	4/6
Mon-Tue	11am-12:30pm	\$70/\$78	4/6
Thu-Fri	9-10:30am	\$70/\$78	4/6
Thu-Fri	11am-12:30pm	\$70/\$78	4/6

### 1-Day Options

Days	Times	\$R/NR	Min/Max
Wed	9-10:30am	\$45/\$50	4/6
Wed	11am-12:30pm	\$45/\$50	4/6

### 3-Day Option

Days	Times	\$R/NR	Min/Max
M,T,W	9-10:30am	\$115/128	4/6
M,T,W	11am-12:30pm	\$115/128	4/6
W,Th,F	9-10:30am	\$115/128	4/6
W,Th,F	11am-12:30pm	\$115/128	4/6

**Mon-Tue-Wed:** This option is available by enrolling in the 2-day Monday-Tuesday program, and the corresponding 1-day Wednesday program. (Only one Administrative Fee will be charged with this option.) Your monthly total will be \$115R/\$128NR

**Wed-Thu-Fri:** This option is available by enrolling in the 2-day Thursday-Friday program, and the corresponding 1-day Wednesday program. (Only one Administrative Fee will be charged with this option.) Your monthly total will be \$115R/\$128NR



**September Tuition is due  
July 15, 2010**

## PlaySchoolers – Level 2

3-4 year-olds

This classroom provides the opportunity for exploration and hands-on learning. Through the use of stories, centers, and teacher guided instruction, children begin to learn simple shapes, colors, numbers, as well as upper and lower case letters. Daily activities include story time, exploratory play, art, math, and science activities.

Days	Times	\$R/NR	Min/Max
M,T,W	9:00-11:00am	\$150/165	4/10
Th, F	9:00am-12:00pm	\$150/165	4/10



## KinderCorral – Level 3

4-5 year-olds

Our pre-kindergarten program offers a developmentally appropriate, skill-based program designed to meet the needs of children as they transition from preschool to kindergarten. Classroom activities support pre-math, pre-reading, and language arts skills.

Days	Times	\$R/NR	Min/Max
M,T,W,Th	9:00-11:00am	\$185/204	4/10
M,T,W,Th	12:00-2:00pm	\$185/204	4/10

*Our preschool program runs continuously throughout the school year, observing the same holidays and no school day schedule as District 44. Children must be the appropriate age by September 1st and potty trained to be in our 3-5 year-old classrooms. There is a \$50 non-refundable administrative fee to register and a copy of a birth certificate is required. Preschool tuition is paid in equal monthly payments, based on the total number of attendance days within the entire school year. To find out more, contact the Park District office at 630-858-2229.*