

Community Cooperative Preschool...

Provides an environment designed to foster the total development of young children. Each child is free to choose various activities within the preschool. Our teachers are resource people who set up the environment and plan the preschool program with the children in mind. They are there to help acquire new skills, to help them handle their feelings and to meet the needs of each child.

The school runs programs for children 2 1/2 to 4 years of age.

Our goals are:

- To increase the self-confidence and independence of each child;
- To develop in each child initiative and the ability to solve problems;
- To provide an environment where the children can:



- express themselves
- be curious



- play and interact with other children and adults



- discover
- manipulate things

Background

Our Preschool was established in 1962 and is licensed by the Ministry of Education, which sets standards for health, staff training and school premises.

Environment:

Playroom

Located on the main floor with large south facing windows, our playroom is truly unique. It is designed with the preschooler in mind and gives opportunities for activities with:

- paint and collage
- puzzles and books
- dramatic play
- science
- blocks, water, sand and play dough

Playground

Outdoor play is an essential part of the children's daily activities. A well equipped outdoor playground is part of our facility:

- earth mound for tobogganing
- large sand area
- climbers
- playhouse
- outdoor blocks and toys

Group Experience

Where the children:

- learn to listen and practice speaking
- hear and tell stories
- play games
- enjoy physical activities

Social Development

Each child has:

- a choice of friends
- an opportunity to know a variety of adults including trained staff and parent assists.

Ratio of children to adults is about seven to one. Each group of 20 children has two teachers and one parent assist.

Staff

The Director and teachers are hired by the Executive and are responsible for the pre-school program. All have training in either Early Childhood Education or hold a Bachelor of Education degree.

Parents

There are opportunities to participate in the preschool program:

- They can visit the school to view their child in a group experience and see other children of the same age.
- They are also encouraged to share such special talents and hobbies as music, carpentry, storytelling, etc.

Cooperative

As a cooperative, the Preschool is organized, owned and administered by an elected parent executive, Parents contribute to various pre-school committees and also enrich the pre-school program by their participation as parent assists.

Parent assisting is not required for the JK group.

Special Needs

We accept children with special needs. Please discuss your child's needs with the Director.

... 52 Years of fun and learning! ...