



Class Information for Lafayette Park Preschool

*a family centered co-operative preschool centered on
developing a love of learning in every child*

2/3 year olds-

Class is Tuesday/Thursday meeting at 9:00 until pickup at 11:30 for children that turn 2 before August 15th of the school year. This class focuses on social development and engaging play. They have plenty of play time with manipulatives for fine motor development, and educational games and puzzles for their age. Playtime in the gym builds gross motor while climbing and riding push vehicles. On Tuesdays children do a small art project, while Thursday focuses on fun with music and instruments. Everyday is finished with learning names and letters and sharing in book-time. Children do not need to be potty trained...if you are working on this skill with your toddler we will continue your practices at school. *Tuition is 100.00 per month*

PRES 3.5/4 year olds-

Class is MWF mornings at 9:30 until pickup at 12pm for children in that age range at the beginning of school. This class focuses on "school skills" such as taking turns, standing in lines, and even more fine motor development such as holding a pencil. The day is started with circle time introducing the letter of the week and a themed learning idea. They meet for calendar time and talk time to encourage speaking in groups. Many songs and music are shared throughout the year. We count and learn our numbers and letters through engaging ways. Every day we visit the gym and build our gross motor skills running, playing games, and riding tricycles. After sharing a healthy snack, the children have a lesson time to learn how to spell names, use manipulatives, beginning written work in creative ways. The day is shared with the older children for free play, gym, circle time, and ending the day with book time. The younger children learn a lot from sharing their time with the 4-5yr olds. Being a small school we can tailor to individual needs and capabilities, encouraging all children to do their best is our goal. *Children need to be on their way to potty trained if not completely trained.*

Tuition is 125.00 per month

PREK 4/5 year olds-

Class is MWF mornings meeting at 9 am until pickup at 12pm for children age 4 before August 15th of the school year. This class focuses on kindergarten readiness. They meet with a lesson in the morning focusing on recognizing letters, numbers, patterns, and shapes. Many fine motor and engaging learning games are played. They meet up with the PRES kids for circle time introducing/reinforcing letter names and sounds through various activities. This class builds on many things learned in the younger classes and what is expected of older children. Imagination runs wild with these "big" kids and you can see it in the gym or when participating in group activities. They can't wait to get called on or share a story about something interesting they've done. They have a snack and get to work on more fun with learning science, math, phonics, and writing. We help form future successful readers and children engaged in school. At least once a week, the children do art during the lesson time sharpening their fine motor skills while making and creating. Every school day is ended with songs and book time to encourage the love of reading. *Tuition is \$145.00 per month*

We have fun learning. We make friends. We miss our mommies and daddies, but we enjoy the day. We make mistakes and understand new rules of play. We make-believe. We get boo-boos temporarily healed by teacher but eagerly awaiting your kiss. We sing songs and do silly dances. We get serious and get down to work. We have parties and invite our families to celebrate several holidays with those we love and to get to know each other better.

We have special days such as Pirate day, Super-Hero day, Pajama Day, or learn about Dinosaurs or Halloween fun, or US History or Insects or Plants or Snowmen..... We go on field trips to the park or apple picking or the teeth museum. We love preschool!



Parent Cooperative Preschools

A parent cooperative preschool is organized by a group of families with similar philosophies who hire a trained teacher to provide their children with a quality preschool experience. The preschool is administered and maintained by the parents on a non-profit, non-sectarian basis. The parents assist the professional teachers in the classroom on a rotating basis and participate in the educational program of all the children. Each family shares in the business operation of the school, thus making it truly a cooperative venture. Parents, preschool children and their teachers all go to school together and learn together.

For Parents

Parents gain insight into child behavior by observing other children. They observe how other parents and the professional teachers handle various situations and gain greater understanding and enjoyment of their own children through active participation in their education. They have the opportunity to share their experiences and expertise with others while working together in a cooperative setting. Through serving on the Board, parents learn about administration, running meetings and other skills useful to them in other areas and states of their lives. They also learn useful ideas for helping their children at home and in the world around them.

For Children

Children participate in a supervised play and learning experience with children of their own age. Equipment, materials and physical facilities are scaled to child size. An opportunity is provided to interact with adults other than their own parents. The children are able to find security and a feeling of belonging in a world which is non-threatening and interested in them. Learning to respect and accept the rights and differences of others is emphasized. Children have hands-on experiences in creative arts, music, science, literature, and language geared to their needs and developmental level.

For the Community

Parents and children develop an extended family with friendships they carry through their lives. Parents gain a strong sense of responsibility and develop positive self worth which carries over into every aspect of community life. The cooperative organization provides preschool experiences within the financial means of most families.

<http://www.preschools.coop/v/cooperative-preschools/>

FOR LAFAYETTE PARK PRESCHOOL:

We are a small school, founded in 1976 by a group of stay-at-home moms wanting to get their young children a taste of school. Mrs. Edna, the founding mother taught here for 35 years, building the school from this small start. Over the years, it grew with the need of neighborhood children. Ms. Amanda began teaching here in 2008 when a second class was added to accommodate more families, and took over as director/teacher in 2014 adding a second teacher's aid when the school needs. While in a church basement we are not a religious school, but an out-reach program of the United Methodist Church.

The school has been a co-operative program since its beginning. For parents like you, this means you become an integral part of your child's education right from the start. The children get the best of both worlds. They gain independence outside of your home & what may be his/her first time away from mom and dad, but then also when you spend the day with us, they love being the leader and sharing their experience with you.

They get to know you care and value the time they have in the classroom. The child gets to experience what being in school is like, without the pressure of spending all day away from home. We work on school skills, social play, and exercise; together we will work on doing what is best for each child. Being a co-op also gives you time to get to know the teacher, ask questions about child development, and get insight on child behavior with other adults. Due to our small size families really get to know one another and many become life-long friends.

Becoming part of our co-op means becoming part of our preschool family.