



Early Childhood Center

2022-23 Preschool Program Information

EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

Skokie School District 68 Early Childhood Center has offered preschool services for children 3-5 years of age since 1973. The Early Childhood Center is located in the south wing of Old Orchard Jr. High School. Parents are able to select from a five-day morning or afternoon program.

The preschool program provides a rich learning environment that supports students' interests and social interaction skills for preschool-aged children. The objectives of the program are to assist children in making gains in all developmental areas and to prepare students for a successful kindergarten experience. Activities emphasize early literacy skills and support student discovery and exploration in a variety of center activities. Staff ratios are approximately 1:10 and there are many parent involvement opportunities. Children must reside in District 68 boundaries to enroll. We encourage parents to visit our program to see the fun and learning in action!

CREATIVE CURRICULUM

The Creative Curriculum for preschoolers is a comprehensive curriculum that is supported by research with a focus on teaching literacy, math, and science to prepare students for a successful kindergarten school year. It is a developmentally effective curriculum implemented for children ages 3-5 years old in multi-age classrooms.

The Creative Curriculum has a clear organizational structure that focuses on routines and experiences and balances teacher-directed and child-initiated learning activities. The curriculum recognizes the vital role of the teacher in connecting content and learning for preschool children and is aligned with state standards. Student progress is monitored during the school year through observations in the classroom, samples of their work, and portfolio assessments. Classroom environments support student discovery and exploration through a variety of center activities focused on literacy and student interest. The Creative Curriculum is a very engaging, child-focused, and high-energy curriculum that will motivate and excite children to learn more about the world around them.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Our teachers are committed to supporting young children with a variety of age-appropriate activities in friendly, spacious, and well-supplied classrooms. Teachers provide a variety of classroom mediums on a consistent basis for young children to explore and use creatively. Children’s work is appreciated and proudly displayed. District 68 staff incorporates early literacy activities throughout the day which includes reading stories, focusing on language concepts, music/songs, and retelling events of the day. Newsletters featuring pictures of the children are emailed.

PRESCHOOL FEE SCHEDULE

PROGRAMS	AM Session		PM Session	FEE
5 DAY PROGRAM	9:00-11:30AM	OR	12:15-2:45PM	\$328.00 Monthly

OTHER FEES	AMOUNT
REGISTRATION	\$50.00 Non-Refundable

Program options include five days per week 9:00-11:30am or 12:15-2:45pm. Our Early Childhood Program follows the school district calendar.

MEDICAL EXAM: A current medical examination is required for all preschool children. The examination report must be on file before students can participate.

APPLICATION PROCESS: Applications for the 2022-23 school year are being accepted. Parents must reside within District 68 boundaries and provide current lease or mortgage information along with an I.D. and gas or electric bill.

Check the program session you prefer to enroll your child in

	Hours	Days/Week	Operating Days
	9:00 am-11:30 am	5	Monday-Friday Mornings
	12:15 pm-2:45 pm	5	Monday-Friday Afternoons

TUITION AGREEMENT

This application must be accompanied by a non-refundable check for \$50.00. State law requires an original birth certificate (or a valid passport if the birth certificate is not available) for enrollment.

- Tuition is due on the 1st of every month. No reminders will be sent
- If the account is not current by the 10th of the month, the student will not be allowed to return to the program.
- **ABSENCES:** Children are enrolled for the entire academic year. Fees are not subject to adjustments, refunds, or reductions due to illness, vacations, holidays, or partial attendance months.
- **WITHDRAWAL:** 30 days' written notice is required. You will be charged for the ENTIRE month’s balance.

Student Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Parent or Guardian: _____ Date: _____