

Our Program

At Children's House Preschool, our program is designed to engage and inspire children to develop a life-long love of learning. Since 1989, our curriculum approach has utilized the Storybook Journey developed by local early childhood expert Sue McCord. Each month we highlight one children's storybook and create a classroom environment and activities that embrace the main theme of the story.

Our preschoolers explore themes from children's literature through dramatic play, art projects, science experiments, and musical experiences. As a result of this experiential approach, books and learning come to life for these young children in a most meaningful way. This allows each child to capitalize on their natural strengths and learning styles. Dramatic play is a centerpiece for children to enjoy friendships and learn social skills.

Elaine McCarthy, the head teacher and director since 1992, leads our teaching team. The team includes three full-time staff who care for our classes of up to 20 children.



“There’s a place where I love to be,
Happy faces smiling at me.

There I know I can always find
Someone who loves me,
Someone who’s kind.”

—Excerpt from our *Welcome Song*,
Written by Autumn Palmer, CHP alumna

Our Mission:

A High-Quality, Inclusive Preschool Program

Children's House Preschool believes that all children—of every race, ability, native language, culture and socio-economic status—are entitled to thrive in an inclusive preschool program. *Children's House Preschool, Inc. is a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) organization*

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Learn . Explore . Love . Create . Play . Share



Children's
HOUSE
Preschool



Schedule + Eligibility

Morning Session
8:30 - 11:00

**Optional Lunch +
Small Group Time**
11:00 - 12:00

Afternoon Session
(except Fridays)
12:30 - 3:00

To enroll in the program children must be at least 2.5 years of age. Toilet training is **not** a prerequisite. Parents who wish to hold a spot for their child can fill out a registration form and submit it with a non-refundable deposit of \$45. For more information about fees, please visit our Web site: www.childrenshousepreschool.org.

We encourage prospective families to call or e-mail to schedule an informational tour. Your child is welcome to visit with you.



Our Day

Each session begins with open choice between art, dramatic play, block building, puzzles and tactile play. Children are drawn towards activities that appeal to their innate interests. Teachers guide and encourage them to experience all areas of the classroom. This is followed by group circle time, where we count, sing and play name games before washing hands and going to snack. The school provides nutritious fresh food and caters to all dietary requirements. We then enjoy the outdoors to strengthen our muscles and stamina on the playground before returning inside for story time.

Our story time includes traditional books, puppet accompaniments, books with CD's and children's dictated stories, during which they sit in the author's chair and field questions from their peers. Throughout the year we keep a collection of sample work of each individual child to evaluate ongoing progress and to share with parents.



Our Children

A Microcosm of Our World

We are honored to serve a very diverse population of students at Children's House. Our children come from all socio-economic backgrounds, speak several different native languages, have differing abilities/special needs, and are nurtured in many different kinds of family settings.

As a result, our preschoolers learn to value multiculturalism and Peace, Love and Respect for all people. They learn about the world not only from books and from their teachers but also from each other. Mixed age groups simulate a natural environment and give children opportunities both to mentor and be mentored by other children.

