

Ready, Set...
Grow!



Why Preschool Matters

Three to five year olds are naturally very curious about the world around them, and are capable of learning a great deal about its workings. Preschool teachers provide developmentally-appropriate education that can open an exciting new world for your child.

In addition to strengthening socialization skills - how to compromise, how to be respectful of others, and problem-solve - preschool provides a place where your child can gain a sense of self, explore, play with his or her peers, and build confidence!

Quality preschool education balances structured learning time in literacy, math and science with other activities such as arts and crafts, singing, and free play. Preschool gives your child an opportunity to learn an approach to education that can last a lifetime.

Preschool: A Nurturing Environment

Our caring and committed instructors provide a safe, comforting and positive classroom environment for your child. The Park District of Oak Park's preschool programs focus on preparing your child for kindergarten and beyond, introducing them to an approach to learning that they can carry with them throughout their schooling years.

About our Caring, Qualified & Certified Preschool Staff

The Preschool staff at the Park District of Oak Park are highly qualified teachers who love what they do. All of our teachers possess college level credit hours in early childhood education and are also required to take 15 hours of continuing education in early childhood each year through the Park District. Each of our teachers have successfully completed a background check and are required to have active First Aid and CPR certifications. We pride ourselves on the quality of our staff, and many of our teachers have been with us for years and possess their own certifications in education.

Plan Your Preschooler's Day with the Park District

Preschool program listings are on the next page, and early childhood listings follow. See how to enrich your preschoolers and extend their day below by signing up for a preschool and then Lunch Bunch, followed by art, science, or movement courses!

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Mondays @ Barrie Center		
Ages 3-5	Barrie Preschool 9am-Noon	27
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Tuesdays @ Carroll Center		
Ages 3-5	Mi Escuela Preschool 9:30-11:30am	27
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Wednesdays @ Barrie Center		
Ages 3-5	Barrie Preschool 9am-Noon	27
Ages 3-5	Lunch Bunch Noon-12:45pm	29
Ages 3 1/2-5	Young Rembrandts Art Classes 12:45-1:45pm	31
Thursdays @ Carroll Center		
Ages 3-5	Mi Escuela Preschool 9:30-11:30am	27
Ages 3-5	Lunch Bunch 11:30am-12:15pm	29
Ages 3-5	Mad Science Class 12:15-1:15pm	29
Fridays @ Barrie Center		
Ages 3-5	Barrie Preschool 9am-Noon	27
Ages 3-5	Lunch Bunch Noon-12:45pm	29
Ages 3-5	Move & Groove 12:45-1:45pm	31

Preschool Program 2011-2012 Openings

2011-2012 Preschool Openings remain in the following classes:

Mi Escuela

Carroll Center
2 hour class, 2 days a week
T/Th, 9:30-11:30am
\$106/\$159

NEW in January 2012

Mi Escuela Kinder PM

Barrie Center
2 hour class, 2 days a week
T/TH, 12:45-2:45pm
\$106/\$159

DCFS Preschools

Andersen Center
2 hour class, 4 days a week
Tu-F, 8:45-10:45am
\$160/\$240

Andersen Center
2 hour class, 2 days a week
W/F, 11:30-1:30pm
\$80/\$120



Preschool Program 2012-2013

Preschool (Ages 3-5)

EC

Non-lottery program
DCFS-Licensed

Children are involved in a variety of activities including social interaction, free play, creative arts and crafts, singing and rhythm activities, stories, fingerplay, role playing, large and small motor skills activities, and activities related to everyday math and science discovery. Students will be exposed to colors, numbers, letters, and shapes. Children must be 3 years old before entering school. Registration for the 2012-2013 school year begins January 3, 2012, in-person at our Administrative Center, 218 Madison. **A birth certificate, an updated immunization form, and \$25 non-refundable registration fee plus first month's tuition is required for registration. Program begins end of August and follows Oak Park District 97's school calendar. Participants in preschool MUST be toilet-trained.**

Min 10/Max 18

Location	Class Length	Days/Times	Tuition Per Month
Andersen Center	2 hour class, 4 days a week	Tu-F, 8:45-10:45am	\$166/\$249
Andersen Center	2 hour class, 2 days a week	Tu/Th 11:30-1:30pm	\$83/\$125
Barrie Center	3 hour class, 3 days a week	M, W, & F, 9am-Noon	\$185/\$278
Carroll Center	3 hour class, 3 days a week	M, W, & F, 9am-Noon	\$185/\$278

Mi Escuela (My School) Spanish Preschool Program

Mi Escuela Preschool (Ages 3-5)

EC

Non-lottery program

Expose your child to a second language: Spanish! This is a unique opportunity to prepare your child for a multi-lingual future. Lessons will be theme based and taught in both Spanish and English each class. Through repetition of preciously learned concepts and exposure to new, the amount of Spanish in the classroom will progress throughout the year! During free play, group activities, story time, large and gross motor movement, and transitions your child will develop a love for the Spanish language and culture. Registration for 2012-2013 school year begins January 3, 2012, in person at our Administrative Center at 218 Madison. **A birth certificate, an updated immunization form, and a \$25 non-refundable registration fee plus first months tuition is required for registration. Program begins the end of August and follows Oak Park District 97's school calendar.**

Location: Carroll Center

Tu/Th, 9:30-11:30am

\$110/\$165 per month

Min 6/Max 14

New in January! Mi Escuela (My School) Kinder PM

Mi Escuela Kinder PM (Ages 4-5)

EC

Non-lottery program

Mi Escuela Kinder will expand upon the child's past Spanish learning experiences. Spanish will be the primary language of instruction. Children will be exposed to general themes or activities related to math, language arts, simple science, small motor skills, art and music. Free time will encourage learning in all aspects of the classroom. During this time, children will play with puzzles and a variety of toys and games. Group time and music will be full of language arts activities, such as puppets, flannel board stories, books, guessing games, songs, movement activities and fingerplay. Children will have work time to complete their arts and crafts activities individually. Program begins on January 10 and follows Oak Park District 97's school calendar. Register in person today!

Location: Barrie Center

Tu/Th, 12:45-2:45pm

\$106/\$159

Jan 10 - May 24

Min 6/Max 14