

## Class Schedule for 2009-2010

### 2-3 YEAR OLD CLASSES - Rainbow Room

*Children are 2 on or before August 31, 2009, and turn 3 during the school year.*

Each class has a maximum class size of 12 children, with one teacher and three family helpers.

Three Classes meet ONE MORNING each week - 9:00 - 11:15 AM - Tuition is \$50/month

**\*Tuesday AM or \*Thursday AM or \*Wednesday AM**

Family members help about once every three to four weeks.

One Class meets TWO MORNINGS each week - 9:00-11:15AM - Tuition is \$90/month.

**\*Monday AM and Friday AM**

Family members help in their child's class about every two to three weeks, approx. 15 times a year.

### 3-4 YEARS OLD CLASSES - Butterfly Room

*Children are 3 on or before August 31, 2009 and turn 4 during the school year.*

Each class has a maximum class size of twenty children.

Four Classes meet for TWO SESSIONS each week - Tuition is \$90 /month

MORNING CLASSES - 9:00-11:30 AM

**\*Monday AND Wednesday AM 3-4s**

**\*Tuesday AND Thursday AM 3-4s**

Family members help in their child's class about once every three weeks, or 11-12 times a year.

AFTERNOON CLASS - 12:30-3:00 PM

**\*Monday AND Wednesday PM 3-4s**

**\*Tuesday AND Thursday PM 3-4s**

You may add a THIRD SESSION to one of the above classes. Your child may attend each week on Friday Mornings in addition to one of the two session a week classes listed above.

Tuition for these THREE SESSIONS each week is \$120 /month.

Family members will help in the three session a week classes about 15 times a year or once every 2-3 weeks.

### PRE-K CLASSES (4-5 YEARS OLD) - Sunshine Room

*Children are 4 on or before August 31, 2009, turning 5 during the school year, or are already 5 as school begins.* Each class has a maximum class size of twenty children.

Three Classes meet for TWO SESSIONS Each Week - Tuition is \$90 /month

**\* Monday AND Wednesday Afternoon PreK - 12:30-3:00PM**

**\* Tuesday AND Thursday Morning PreK - 9:00-11:30 AM**

**\* Tuesday AND Thursday Afternoon PreK - 12:30-3:00PM**

You may add a THIRD SESSION to one of the above classes. Your child may attend each week on \*Friday Afternoons in addition to one of the two session a week classes listed above. This class will not meet on 7-8 Fridays afternoons during the entire school year when teachers attend a monthly staff meeting and curriculum planning time.

THREE SESSIONS Each Week including Friday Afternoon PreK- Tuition is \$110 /month

One Class meets for THREE Morning SESSIONS Each Week - Tuition is \$120 /month

**\*Monday AND Wednesday AND Friday Morning PreK**

Family members will help in the three session a week classes about 15 times a year or once every 2-3 weeks.

**Why will WEST SIDE PRESCHOOL provide your child with the best foundation for a lifetime of learning? Please continue reading for more information about our program.**

**West Side Preschool is a Co-op.** Yes, *all of our classes are co-op* with a strong philosophy of nurturing the whole child through a wide variety of activities and a play based curriculum. Family members help in their child's classroom on a regular basis. On your helping days, you arrive at school ten minutes ahead of class time and help in *your child's classroom* for the full class period. However, if circumstances prevent you or another family member from participating on your assigned day, you may trade your helping day with another family in your class. Or you may cover a few or all your assigned helping days with a Paid Parent Helper which you arrange for from a select list. The cost is **\$25** for each time a Paid Parent Helper works for you.

**What are the benefits of a CO-OP?** We believe that *you and your child* benefit greatly from the time you spend together in class. You will have the opportunity to see your child in a setting different from most others. You will *both* learn from the teacher, the curriculum and the experience, and make friends. We appreciate the variety of helpers our families provide - Moms and Dads, Grandparents, Aunts and Uncles. They all enrich your child's experience.

***Because we are a co-op,*** our classes have a *higher adult to child ratio* than most early childhood programs. Each class session will have our lead teacher and 3-4 helping family members. This makes it possible for us to offer your child a *wide variety of activities and experiences with adult guidance.* One of the most important pre reading activities for a child is *conversation.* When adults talk with children, their vocabulary and verbal skills increase, as well as their understanding of ideas and concepts.

***Our high adult to child ratio*** also allows for *more frequent and positive social interactions and growth.* Brain research shows that how children learn to get along with others and control their feelings is greatly influenced by their earliest experiences. A recent report by the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services concluded that children who begin kindergarten without social and emotional competence are often not successful in the early years of school and can be plagued by behavioral, emotional, academic, and social development problems that follow them into adulthood.

**West Side Preschool encourages** the *development of positive social skills.* Children learn to be successful in a group setting and become motivated lifelong learners.

**Yes, all of our classes use an activity based curriculum** because that is *how preschool children learn best.* Each year, as your child moves from the 2-3 class to 3-4s and then PreK, you will see *growth in the curriculum* which respects the developmental needs and abilities of each individual child. Your child will have an opportunity to develop creativity, independence, imagination, early math and reading skills, positive social skills and appropriate group behavior to name just a few!

**A nonrefundable Registration fee of \$55 per child** is due at the time of registration. However, your *first month's tuition is NOT due until your child begins their first day of school,* at which time you will also be asked to pay a **\$25 Clean-up Night Deposit.** The Clean Up Night deposit will then be refunded when a family member attends ONE of the designated clean-up nights scheduled throughout the year. Participation in a CleanUp Night is part of your CO-OP agreement.

**If you have further questions** about curriculum content, daily schedules, or any other aspect of our program or **would like to come by, tour our facilities, and talk with a staff person,** please call the **Preschool Office, at 946-4656.** If we are not in, leave a message and we will return your call. Thank you for your interest in our program, Cathy Jones, Director.