

EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

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Pre-K Level

(Must be 4 by December 1, 2009)

Our oldest children explore the world through our hands-on, developmentally appropriate approach to learning. We include both child initiated play and teacher-directed academic experiences on a daily basis. Planned lessons and activities allow teachers to informally and continually assess each child in order to effectively modify and individualize instruction.

In this age group, studies have shown that children learn new languages with ease and the learning of new languages promotes brain development. We embrace this research at the Early Childhood Development Program and offer Spanish and Hebrew to our Pre-K children.

Children at the Pre-K level attend many theme related field trips. In the fall our classes will visit the apple farm and the pumpkin farm. Later on in the school year, children will visit the Syracuse Symphony as well as attend Suessical and the Fayetteville Public Library.

At the Pre-K level, we concentrate on exposing children to the skills and concepts needed to succeed in kindergarten. Creative expression, math and reading readiness, and fine and gross motor skill development are just a few of the areas in which we strive to help each child learn, grow and succeed. In addition to our music curriculum, on Wednesdays, ECDP brings in "Milk & Cookies" as part of our enhanced music curriculum.



Our Mission

Our mission is to develop the social, emotional, physical and intellectual well-being of each child. Accepting each child at his or her own developmental level enhances the individual child's self-concept and feeling of self-worth. Our program will create a safe and nurturing environment which offers opportunities for exploration and discovery. The emphasis is on developing curiosity, imagination, independence, self-esteem, caring for others, and the ability to play both cooperatively and independently.

Three Year-Old Level

(Must be 3 by December 1, 2009)

With Kindergarten just two years away, this is an important time for every child to learn that the world is bigger than imagined. Children learn new skills and concepts through our thematic, hands on, approach to learning.

Daily activities are carefully planned to promote children's social, emotional, and cognitive development. Our teachers are trained to recognize differences in rates of development within this age group, and individualize instruction to meet every child's needs. Materials and activities are appropriately tailored in an effort to challenge children's abilities while building their self-confidence.

Throughout the year, children will discover the wonder of the world they live in. All of our three-year olds are actively engaged in circle-time, discussing the weather, the days of the week and much more. Our three-year olds are reading stories, singing songs and playing their way through the day. We also tailor gym time with our specialized gym instructor to the needs of our three-year-olds. We play outside every day; weather permitting on our beautiful fenced-in playgrounds. In addition to our music curriculum, on Wednesdays, ECDP brings in "Milk & Cookies" as part of our enhanced music curriculum.

With all of these wonderful activities happening in our three year old classrooms, the Early Childhood Development Program provides a well rounded and positive learning experience for your child.



Toddler Level

(Must be 18 months by September 8, 2009)

From colors to stories, this is an exciting time of discovery for your child. Creative play and socialization with peers help our youngest ones enhance their speech and language skills; learn to share and play with others, and to develop self-confidence and independence.

We provide a positive and balanced experience for your child through a variety of classroom activities, including flannel board stories, sensory exploration, songs and stories, gym time, and time spent on our beautiful, fenced-in playgrounds. In addition to our music curriculum, on Wednesdays, ECDP brings in "Milk & Cookies" as part of our enhanced music curriculum.

Our experienced and nurturing staff helps your child to feel secure while learning and refining their social, emotional, fine and gross motor skills. We support the value of child-directed play while promoting positive relationships with peers and adults.

Toddlers are placed into classrooms according to their chronological age. Children do not need to be toilet trained. When appropriate, toilet training will be incorporated into one of the goals for your child.

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Infant Level

(Must be 6 weeks old by the time of enrollment.)

The ECDP provides infants with an environment rich in language, high touch and active play. We provide a positive and balanced experience for your infant through a variety of activities, including stories, sensory exploration, songs, tummy-time, and time spent exploring their world.

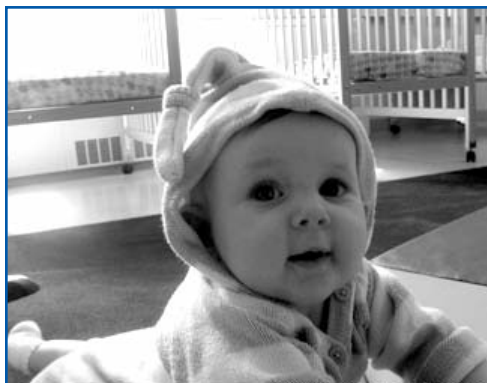
Infants need a secure loving environment as well as form healthy attachments to their caregivers in order to thrive. Our experienced and nurturing staff strives to create a secure attachment with each individual infant. We support the value of child-directed play while promoting positive relationships with peers and adults.

We understand the importance of establishing a good rapport between caregiver and parents. Therefore, we encourage parent involvement and open communication. We also encourage breastfeeding and parent visits throughout the day, whenever possible.

INFANT SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

7:30 AM	Arrival/Drop Off
7:45 AM	Free Play, Tummy Time, Naps as Needed, Books
9:00 AM	Snack/Feeding as Needed
10:00 AM	Morning Stroll/Playground Time
11:00 AM	Feeding Time as needed/Naps as Needed
12:00 PM	Tummy Time/Music
1:00 PM	Free Play/Naps/Snacks
3:00 PM	Feeding as Needed
3:30 PM	Afternoon Stroll/Playground
4:00 PM	Free Play/Music/Books
6:00 PM	Departure/Pick Up

**Schedule will change as needed for each individual infant.*



Registration

Registration for the 2009-2010 school year will open for current ECDP and JCC families on February 22, 2010. The necessary forms will be sent home via "kid mail" with children who are already enrolled. To ensure your child's placement in a classroom please return your registration form by March 12, 2010. Open enrollment to the public begins on March 15, 2010. For other center members, contact Bretagne or Sarah at the ECDP office (445-2040 ext 120), and your name will be added to our mailing list.

Happy Chanukah

December brings with it Chanukah, the "Festival of Lights" ...and our Classroom Chanukah Parties that have become a favorite ECDP tradition! Rooms 3 & 5 will be celebrating on December 15, Rooms 6, 7 & 8 will be celebrating on December 16, and Rooms A, B & 2 will be celebrating on December 17. The boys and girls in all of our classes will be involved in making and eating potato lakes and Chanukah cookies. Songs will be sung, dreidels will be spun, candles on the menorah will be lit, and stories of brave Macabees told. Each child will also receive a specially decorated goodie bag filled with a dreidel, Chanukah stickers, and chocolate gelt to take home.

Winter Vacation Camp

The Early Childhood Development Program will be closed for winter break from Monday, December 25 through Friday, January 1. There will be a vacation camp offered for our working parents who need extended-day child care during this week from December 28 – 31. There will be a registration form on microSteps that you can download and forms will be available in the office. To avoid late fees, please register by December 14 at the ECDP office. The fee is \$50 per day.

Microsteps

The Early Childhood Development Program has "Gone Green" with the new microSteps software that allows parents to log in with a password to get updates on their child's classroom, school information, upcoming events, cute quotes, and even pictures of your child throughout the school day. These pictures are available to purchase. If you have not yet registered to use microSteps and need assistance, you can stop in the Early Childhood office anytime!

Preschool Book Fair

You're invited! We look forward to seeing you at our annual Scholastic Preschool Book Fair which will be held January 18 – 29 from 7:30 AM – 6:00 PM in the Early Childhood wing of the JCC. New this year, we will be having a "Case Fair". Our book fairs in the past have done so well that we have upgraded our selection to include a bigger selection of books with a wide variety of topics to choose from. Please look for the special baskets containing your child's classroom wish list. Fostering a love for reading

Thank You... the JCC's Early Childhood Development Program is offering a NEW Referral Program!

The JCC's Early Childhood Development Program wishes to extend you a very heartfelt thank you for your continued loyalty to our program. Many of our new families have been referred to us by you. We want to give back to you by offering \$100 off your membership!

When you refer a friend to our program and they register their child you will receive \$100 off the cost of your membership!

early on helps create lifelong learners. Reading with your preschooler is one of the best gifts that you can give your child. Reading stimulates imagination and creativity, and provides life lessons from your child's greatest teacher – you!

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Communication between parents and teachers is an important part of our program. Your child's development is very important to us and we look forward to sharing things with you during this week pertaining to your child's developmental milestones. Parent/Teacher conferences will be held the week of January 18 – 22. Please look for the sign-up sheet outside your child's classroom and information on microSteps. Each child will get a Developmental Checklist at the Parent Teacher Conference. A second conference will be scheduled in May.

FUNDRAISERS

The Early Childhood Department continues to participate in the following ongoing fundraisers:

Bottle/Can Drive: You can support our ongoing Bottle and Can Drive of all plastic, aluminum and glass beverage containers that are returnable for a 5-cent deposit. Two large collection boxes are located in the ECDP entryway, making drop-off of bottles and cans that we can return for the deposit very easy.

Delta Sonic Car Wash: With our winter months upon us, you can keep your car looking shiny and clean while supporting the Early Childhood Department: Save money and purchase your Delta Sonic Car Wash tickets at the ECDP office or at the JCC's main office.

Wall Of Hands:

Your child can become a permanent part of ECDP history with their handprint on a kiln-fired tile, placed on our ECDP Wall of Hands, located in the ECDP entrance. Log on to the activit-e webpage to download the form.

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(Subject to Change)

ECDP Winter Enrichment Classes

Please Note: Classes and mini-classes require pre-registration and will be cancelled if minimum enrollment is not met prior to the class start date.

Little Scientists

Age: Pre-K
Day: Tuesdays
Dates: January 5, 12, 19
Time: 1:00 – 1:45 PM
Fee: M - \$30, NM - \$36
Limit: Maximum of 8 children
Teacher: Ms. Kristi
Location: Children's Room

Does your child ask why or how about everything? Then this class is for them! Join Kristi as they explore, hypothesize, experiment, create and discover their world. This class is very hands-on! We make messes and learn all at the same time. If you thought the balloon rockets were cool, wait until this semester of Little Scientists!

Glitz & Glam

Age: Pre-K
Day: Mondays
Dates: January 4, 11, 18, 25, February 1, 8
Time: 1:00 – 1:45 PM
Fee: M - \$50, NM - \$59
Limit: Maximum of 8 children
Teacher: Ms. Liz
Location: Room 2

Calling all princes and princesses! Come and join the creative fun and glam it up with Ms. Liz! During each class we will talk about colors, shapes and patterns that go into the decision making process of creating our own jewelry. Our jewelry will be glitzy, glamorous and kid-created.

Creative Cupcakes

Age: 3 Year Olds and Pre-K
Day: Wednesdays
Dates: February 3, 10, 17
Time: 1:00 – 1:45 PM
Fee: M - \$30, NM - \$36
Limit: Maximum of 8 children
Teacher: Ms. Amber
Location: Room 6

For our budding bakers this class is perfect! Come and have fun creating fabulous looking and tasting treats. We will be using our fine motor skills and our creativity while mixing all of the yummy ingredients and choosing just the right color frosting for our cupcakes.



African Music & Dance

Age: 3 Year Olds and Pre-K
Day: Fridays
Dates: January 29, February 5, & 12
Time: 1:00 – 1:45 PM
Fee: M - \$30, NM - \$36
Limit: Maximum of 8 children
Teacher: Ms. Darmil
Location: Children's Room

Does your child love to move and make loud noise? Now they can beat to the sounds of the African drums! Come and join Ms. D while she teaches the history and the moves of Africa through music and dance!

3-D Artwork Extravaganza

Age: 3 Year Olds and Pre-K
Day: Mondays
Dates: March 1, 8, 15
Time: 1:00 – 1:45 PM
Fee: M - \$30, NM - \$36
Limit: Maximum of 8 children
Teacher: Ms. Kristina
Location: Children's Room

Get your creative juices flowing! Come and join Miss Kristina as we build, sculpt, and create different work of art. We will be using clay, paper-mache, and other 3-D mediums. Please make sure to bring a smock or a change of clothes.

YOGA KIDS

NEW!

Yoga Kids

Ages: Ages 4 and Up
Days: Mondays
Dates: December 14 – January 25
 (no class December 28 and January 4)
Times: 1:00 – 1:45 PM
Cost: \$60 for JCC Members
 \$75 for Non-Members

YogaKids® activities build concentration, strength, flexibility and balance, blending fun and lively games and exercises with those that call for quiet and stillness. YogaKids® participants begin to learn a new and healthful way of staying fit, gaining perspective and finding contentment.

Mary Hagemann is a Certified YogaKids® Facilitator. She has taught yoga to children in the Syracuse area for six years, developing programs for numerous schools, libraries and other venues.

ECDP SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2009-2010

November

18Open House

December

3Pre-K Field Trip to Fayetteville Library
 15.....Chanukah Party Rooms 3 & 5
 16..... Chanukah Party Rooms 6, 7, 8
 17.....Chanukah Party Rooms A, B, 2
 25..... ECDP Closed
 28-31 Vacation Camp

January

1 ECDP Closed
 6Pre-K Field Trip to the MOST
 18 – 22 Scholastic Book Fair
 18 – 22..... Parent Teacher Conferences

February

9Pre-K Field Trip to Theatre Works;
 Click Clack Moo
 22.....Early Registration for
 School Year 2010-2011
 28..... Purim Carnival

March

1 – 5 Early Bird Registration
 for Summer Camp
 8.....Pre-K Field Trip to the Airport
 15.. Community School Registration Begins
 29 ...ECDP Closes at 5:00 PM for Passover
 30 & 31 ..JCC & ECDP Closed for Passover

April

5 & 6JCC & ECDP Closed for Passover
 12Spring Science Project TBA

May

5.....WMF Group Class Pictures
 6.....WMF Group Class Pictures
 10 – 14Parent Teacher Conferences
 19 & 20ECDP Closed Shavout
 24 – 28 Camp Week
 31ECDP Closed Memorial Day

June

1 – 10Basket Raffle
 9Moving Up Night Rooms 6, 7, 8
 10End of the Year Performance A, B, 2
 11 Basket Raffle Drawing
 15Songs & Sundaes Room 4
 16Songs & Sundaes Rooms 3 & 5
 17.....Teacher Appreciation Luncheon
 21Pre-K Field Trip Mill Run Park
 23..... Last Day of School
 28Summer Camp Begins