

Creative Children's Center

Class Offerings for 2011-2012

Our School:

Founded in 1990, CCC offers programs for children ages 2 through 3rd grade. Our school encourages the development of the whole child. Our goal is to inspire learning by providing excellence in teaching, creative activities, and enriching environments. Our approach is grounded in experience and supported by brain research.

Parent Helping — CCC operates as a parent/child school. Each day we are honored to have parent involvement in our classrooms. We welcome families as assistants in the classroom, yet realize that will not work for everyone. Families may select to work as helpers and pay a reduced tuition or select the regular tuition rate. How often a parent helps is established by the age of the children and class sessions. The difference in tuition prices are determined by the cost of bringing in additional support. It creates a community where children, parents, and teachers work as one! Other cooperative responsibilities will still apply, please see the CCC Policies form.

Teachers — CCC is proud to have a superb teaching staff. Each member of our professional teaching team has a college degree in Education or a related field. Years of classroom teaching round out their experiences, creating a teaching team that works together for the betterment of each child. Meeting weekly and planning together, we work closely as a team. We consider ourselves professionals and take ongoing classes challenging our thinking and keeping us abreast of new research and curriculum instruction. Teaching assignments for the following year are left open until the spring. It is the desire of the current staff that families select classes based on our program's philosophy and the appropriate time placement for your child.

Preschool & Toddler Programs:

Two and Three Year Olds – Play Pals is for our youngest learners. While playing and learning, this class introduces students to working with others. Sessions average twice a week, with daily circle time, art explorations, sensory play, blocks, pretend play, mini meal, and outside adventures. This class focuses on building a foundation of a love of learning, socialization, relationships with others and materials, and story building through playful experiences. Parents bond together and form valuable support systems. Play Pals children transition into the next year of preschool with confidence and high self-esteem.

Multi-age Preschool Classes – Our Multi-age classrooms register half of the class with children **ages 3 turning 4**, while the other half are children **ages 4 turning 5**. This is important as it creates a *balanced mixed age group*. Multi-age education enriches the total learning environment, encouraging all the children to achieve

their best regardless of age. Like the “one room schoolhouse”, or “family approach”, children are able to share their experiences and knowledge with compassion for each other as co-learners. They learn to support the community while reaching individual developmental goals. In a multi-age class, students can stay together for more than one year, often with the same teacher. Research has found that language and social skills improve more rapidly and discipline problems diminish in a mixed age classroom. Our preschool curriculum is filled with a wide range of projects insuring the introduction of academic knowledge in fun and meaningful ways.

Pre-K/High Five Kids –Two day or three day used to be the norm, however research shows that children want more! Throughout the world, it is common for preschoolers to attend school five days a week. For “enthusiastic learners,” we suggest the high five class. Our Pre-k/High Five Kids option allows children to attend both Rainbow Rascals and Teddy Bears at a discounted rate. We now offer this opportunity to three year olds as well! It’s been shown that children who attend five days in a row grow by leaps and bounds, naturally building on the previous day’s experiences. **This option is open to children who turn three or four by September 1st. * Priority placement is given for this class.**

Elementary Programs:

Kindergarten – Believing all children are gifted, the CCC Kindergarten program supports both individual and group goals for our budding geniuses. Learning is not narrowed down to a standardized curriculum of “one size fits all,” but instead challenges the group to move forward with purpose. Mathematical thinking, literacy development, music and song, dance and drama, science and art, nature and community outings interweave.... creating a program that truly gives joy to learning and challenges all. **Full day Kindergarten** meets 6 hours a day, with a half day 3.5 hour option. We have an early entrance date for fall birthdates who are ready to roll.

First through Third Grade – Our first through third grade program guides children forward into the realm of primary education. The program merges the best in elementary practices with “project work.” Our reading, writing, and math units build on curriculum from the Wright Group, with Everyday math, Guided reading, and the highly successful model of Differentiated Instruction. Science, social studies, health, history, art, music, dance, games, and environmental studies weave together throughout the year. Assessments are ongoing with fall and spring conferences, and quarterly updates.