

# Creative Children's Center

## Class Offerings for 2010-2011

### **Preschool & Toddler Programs:**

**Tiny Tots** – Some children just can't wait to get into school! They are ready to paint, dance, sing, and play with parents and teachers together. The Tiny Tots class is a parent participation program, where parents and children stay together as a community. With music, art, and new friends, this class is all about new explorations.

**Two and Three Year Olds** – Play Pals is a beginning class for our small 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 explorations. Parents bond together and form valuable support systems. Play Pals children transition into the next year of preschool with a 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. This year, we are opening this opportunity up 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 1<sup>st</sup>. \* Priority placement is given for this class.**

### **Elementary Programs:**

**Kindergarten** – Believing all children are gifted, 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 fieldtrips, 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 new first through second grade program guides children forward into the realm of primary education, (third grade to be added the Fall of 2011). 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.

## **Our School:**

**Parent Helping** – CCC operates as a parent/child school. Each day we are blessed to have parent involvement in our classrooms. It creates a community where children, parents, and teachers work as one! The joy of being part of your child’s early years is a special time for sure! However, if you are unable to participate we welcome you to our community. It’s not how many parents, but rather the fact that PARENTS are always here! We offer two options—parents may select to work as parent assistants and receive a reduced tuition, or pay the regular tuition. Other cooperative responsibilities will still apply, please see the CCC Policies form.

**Teachers** – CCC is committed to providing experienced and educated teachers. We work closely as a team meeting weekly and planning together. We consider ourselves professionals and take ongoing classes challenging our thinking and keeping us abreast of new research and curriculum instruction. Teaching assignments for 2010-2011 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.