



# Creative Kids Preschool

**FALL 2024/25 ADMISSION OPEN**

**AGES 2-3YR OLD MORNING CLASS**  
**AGES 3-5YR OLD AFTERNOON CLASS**



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# OUR CURRICULUM

The Park's Creative Kids Preschool programs are a place where children gain rich experiences in all areas of early development in a safe, loving environment. Our program is based on a balance of: big muscle play and fine motor skills, group participation and individual activities, self directed and teacher-guided activities, indoor and outdoor activities. We offer many opportunities for creating, exploring, experimenting and social experiences. Our goal is to help children blossom socially, emotionally and intellectually.

We believe that playing is a critical part of early childhood development and should be used as the medium to develop pre kindergarten skills. Our program is flexible based on the needs and interest of individual children and as a group. Our teachers plan activities, as well as facilitate spontaneous learning through play so that the children may validate new ideas, expand their knowledge, and encourage problem solving. An idea or theme can capture their curiosity for a few days or sometimes extend over the course of a month. Our curriculum is constantly evolving, building on children's interests, strengths and needs, helping them become more effective learners. We are a unique preschool with regard to space, teaching philosophy, and our purpose.

The Park is a very large, bright, and happy place, filled with fun, learning, and imagination! Each day, different activities encourage exploration, socialization, fine/gross motor skills, creativity, and friendship. The Park's Creative Kids Preschool programs offer many opportunities for children to explore their creativity. During free play time, the children are free to move about the space as they wish and choose the activities that interest them. They can enjoy spending their time in the play area which offers two dramatic playhouses, a treehouse with a slide, interactive play stations, rock wall, fireman pole, and constantly changing gross motor activities. They can also choose various table activities, sensory play, and endless building materials. In addition to that, teachers set up art activities for children to explore and pre printing and printing practice. Centres and activities continue to evolve throughout the year to promote learning and reflect the children's interests.

We also frequently enjoy the use of a fully fenced and secure backyard space that is directly attached to our building. Filled with lots of loose parts to build imagination, plenty of opportunities for gross-motor development, and the ideal place for friendships to be formed and endless fun to be had. Outdoor play is fundamental to the health and well-being of children, and we make good use of this amazing space!

We also offer many special events through out the year including: Halloween costume party, Christmas concert, Easter egg hunt, Mothers Day Tea, Fathers Day party, Year end celebration, Community visitors, hatching butterflies, and many more!



# Our Teaching Philosophy

We encourage self awareness, imagination, self respect, and being open. We do this so that each child may enjoy and understand their surroundings and peers, allowing them to flourish as individuals. We offer an open creative environment to encourage the growth of the whole child, including their physical, emotional, intellectual, and social development

We share our years of experience and knowledge with the children and the children share their learning with us. We seize upon endless teachable moments and so provide a full flexible program for each child to enjoy and use at their own pace. With our guidance and encouragement, each day is a new day and every day is a day for learning in these early years.

At The Park, we play to learn and learn through play. In surroundings that are bright and spacious with multiple areas set up to encourage all types of play. We are a busy and active group, with a focus not just on fun and learning, but also on building a community of connection. In this way, we teach the social and emotional intelligence skills that are fundamental to success in kindergarten and beyond.

Our program encourages each child to grow and become aware of others. Emphasis is placed on being considerate and learning that each child has an important place in the group. We promote and expand on children's self awareness, self confidence, inquisitiveness, socialisation, and fitness.



# The Park's Creative Kids are encouraged and supported:

- To pursue a love of learning
- To explore divergent thinking
- To ask questions and learn problem solving strategies
- To develop age appropriate literacy and numeracy skills
- To have opportunities for success, self confidence and independence
- To feel good about themselves and their community
- To explore creative self expression through language, art and movement
- To learn positive social and communication skills
- To be respectful, inclusive and inquisitive
- To master fine motor skills necessary for kindergarten
- To develop gross motor skills through active play
- To nurture their whole selves

***“Play is the child’s work! It is what they do best and the most natural way for children to learn” - Maria Montessori***



# TINY CREATIVE KIDS

## KIDS AGES 2-3YRS

Each school day Tiny Creative Kids starts with free play. This allows the children to move through the space freely, engaging in what interests them. Free play is followed by circle time, snack, story, and sensory/art play. Key development themes for this class include developing self-regulation and peer social competence.

Our program is specifically tailored for two to three year olds by emphasizing some key areas of focus: Trusting, sharing, discovering, exploring, practicing and more!

### Tiny Creative Kids at Play

Our tiny program is designed to use play to develop the skills that 2-3 year olds are working on:

- Learning to separate from their caregivers while developing trusting relationships with teachers
- Learning to use words to express the range of emotions they are feeling
- Learning to recognize the needs and feelings of their peers and to respect them
- Learning to take turns, wait patiently, follow directions, sit quietly when the situation calls for it
- But most importantly, learning that school is an amazing, fun, creative, wonderful place to be!
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We have two qualified ECE teachers specifically trained to ensure your child will be immersed in the best environment for their development, learning and growth.



# CREATIVE KIDS

## KIDS AGES 4-5YRS

Our school days includes free play, circle time, group play/game, snack, printing, numeracy and literacy and sensory/art play. Our class activities emphasize building relationships, and developing emotional intelligence, self-sufficiency, self-regulation and listening skills needed in Kindergarten.

Our program is specifically tailored for four-year-olds by emphasizing some key areas of focus: Caring, empathy, friendship, collaboration, imagination, creativity and more!

### Creative Kids at Play

Our 4-5 year old program is designed to use play to reinforce kindergarten readiness skills

- Developing emotional regulation and using words to express concepts and ideas
- Solidifying individual friendships while still respecting the needs of others and the group as a whole;
- Extending the amount of time that children can be expected to focus on one thing;
- Exploring a wide range of academic topics and ideas
- Most importantly, reinforcing the feeling that school is a wonderful place to be and creating excitement for the next stage in the educational journey!

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