



Program Descriptions

Chelsea Children's Cooperative Preschool offers classes for 3 year olds, 4 year olds, and 5 year olds. All of our preschoolers spend their time exploring, creating, playing, and imagining in our engaging classrooms. There are endless possibilities in our dynamic **Dramatic Play Area** and our **Large Motor Activity Area**, which has a slide and fort. Each day we spend time in the **Art Area**, creating unique, fun projects. Children may be drawn into the **Activity Area** to do a puzzle, work with playdough, or help make muffins. Sometimes we want to just grab a book from our **Library** and flop into a comfy bean bag chair for some down time. Our **Gathering Area** is where we come together to do guided activities, Magic Science, sing, and play whole group games. A favorite place is the **Playground**, of course, where we can run, ride tricycles, sled, play in the sandbox, swing, and slide. At the Co-op, we respect each child's individual developmental timetable. Together with you, our teachers will meet your child where they are developmentally and nurture their growth in a warm, comfortable environment.

Three Year Old Program

Our three year olds attend 2 days per week. The 3s program is designed to help children transition comfortably and safely into a school environment while developing a love for school and learning. Throughout the year we will work through units that allow children to experience new things, ask questions, explore, and create. Some of the school readiness skills that we work on extensively include transitioning, self-control, attention span, self-help skills, literacy, cooperation, confidence, and following directions. We work to develop fine motor muscles and provide experiences that become building blocks for academic subject areas. As children leave the 3-year-old program, they are ready to come back as confident, engaged learners in the 4-year-old year.

Four Year Old Program

Our four year olds in the Four Year Old Program attend 3 days per week. The 4s program continues the gentle transition from a home environment to a school environment, while also emphasizing those skills needed for future learning. Academics are introduced naturally and subtly in a meaningful manner -- many of our 4 year olds are ready for more complex literacy and listening activities, often requiring a greater attention span, multiple step directions, and refined fine motor skills. Children are encouraged to be more independent with problem solving and self-help skills. "Letter Days" are introduced in the 4s class, which focus on exploring letter sounds, letter recognition, writing, and other literacy activities. As children leave the four year old program, they are ready to engage emotionally, socially, and academically in the next level of learning.

AM Multi-age Program

Our multi-age class provides a flexible and unique preschool option which incorporates aspects of multiple programs. All ages attend class sessions together on Tuesday and Thursday, and only 4 and 5 year olds attend Monday and Wednesday sessions, which focus on topics and activities more appropriate for older preschoolers. Families with more than one child in preschool often like this option because it consolidates their schedules, while others choose this option based on the readiness of their 4 or 5 year old to attend preschool four days per week. The multi-age class provides an environment where not all children are the same age, allowing some to emerge as leaders and role models for others – a mutually beneficial situation. Multi-aged grouping is like a smaller version of what the real world is like. Children in this setting will learn as much from their peers as from their teachers, which is a skill that will carry over into the rest of their lives.

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