



***Come see what makes us special at
Gates of Learning Preschool***

- ***Integrated developmental preschool and Judaic curriculum***
- ***Teaching philosophy that encourages children to develop at their own rate and according to their own style***
- ***Small class sizes with two teachers per class***
- ***Monthly family education and special events***
- ***Experienced, established staff with long-term commitment to our families***
- ***Rabbinic involvement***



NAEYC and Jewish Accreditation

Gates of Learning is Accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children and by the Early Childhood Kehillah of the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago

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Preschool*

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Promoting early childhood education and Jewish living

*North Shore Congregation Israel
Gates of Learning Preschool*





Gates of Learning Preschool unites Jewish tradition with conventional preschool curriculum, creating a warm, nurturing environment. Our selection of exceptional morning programs for children aged 15 months to 4 years old integrate Jewish customs with daily school activities including:

- ***Process-oriented arts***
- ***Science & cooking activities***
- ***Story time and creative dramatics***
- ***Language enrichment***
- ***Music, movement and fitness***
- ***Outdoor play on our Carol Sue Gould Playground***

We offer an intimate environment in which our greatest asset, our teachers, foster each child's social, emotional, intellectual and physical development. Teacher student ratios are low, allowing each child to receive the attention they need to realize their full potential and function confidently. NSCI rabbis routinely visit in an effort to build early relationships with the children. Frequent visits to the sanctuary and synagogue are an integral part of the program.

Energy and warmth make this early childhood program more than an education as we embrace the entire family through Family Education Programs and Shabbat Yeladim Services. We keep parents actively involved in their child's experience at Gates of Learning with our e-mail postings and special events.

PROGRAMS

New!!! Longer Days for Threes and Fours!

Three year olds stay until 12:30 and four year olds stay till 1:30. Children eat a lunch brought from home. With the longer day children will have time to explore the curriculum areas in more depth and activities can be extended. The rhythm of the day can be more responsive to the interests of the children. Special offerings that were formerly called enrichment are embedded in the curriculum.

5 Day Four Year Olds (4 years old by September 1st)

Exploration is encouraged as children interact with one another and their environment. Our teachers encourage cognitive development by asking open-ended questions and allowing children to contemplate more than one right answer. Increased development of social skills as well as further internalization of Jewish values and traditions are also emphasized.

Monday through Friday, 9:00-1:30

4 Day Three Year Olds (3 years old by September 1st)

Children in these classes receive individualized attention to help them interact and develop their social skills. This class is characterized by learning through play and early problem-solving activities. Our weekly rabbi led celebration of Shabbat in the Kersten Children's Sanctuary encourages children to delight in Jewish traditions.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, 9:00-12:30

2 or 3 Day Transitional Twos (24-36 months by September 1st)

Designed to make a child's preschool experience a positive one, a parent or caregiver attends the class until that child is comfortable enough to attend alone. The program focuses on separation and building trusting relationships while engaging in creative activities and exploring early friendships. Through fun, stories, and excitement; we introduce children to Shabbat and the Jewish holidays. Singing and personal attention help each child feel confident in this preschool setting. The number of days a child attends is a matter of parental preference.

*Tuesday & Thursday or Monday, Wednesday, & Friday:
9:15-10:45 1st quarter, 9:15-11:15 2nd quarter, 9-11:30 3rd & 4th quarters*

Parent and Toddler (15-24 months by September 1st)

Children and their parent or caregiver will engage in simple art projects, songs, and stories in our warm, Jewish environment. This program encourages comfort in preparation for our other programs.

Thursday, 9:00-10:15

Our school is open to members and nonmembers of North Shore Congregation Israel. We invite you to experience the magic of our world at Gates of Learning Preschool.

Questions? Call Director Marsha Richman at 847.835.0724.



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