



Hilltop Preschool

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Blooms and Blossoms Program for September 2011-June 2012

Days and Hours:

Blooms – 9:30am to 1:00pm, Monday – Thursday (4 day program)

Blossoms – 9:30am to 1:00pm, Tuesday – Friday (4 day program)

Entry Age Requirements:

Blooms – 4 years old by September of current school year through 6 years of age

Blossoms – 4.9 years old by September of current school year through 6 years of age

Programs:

Blooms - This program is intended for children who are developmentally ready to work in a more collaborative group-based environment.

Blossoms - This program is for children who maybe age eligible for public school but who desire an extra year of growth, development and readiness prior to entering a school system.

Fees:

Registration - \$175 new students, \$150 returning students (non refundable)

Tuition - \$415 per month (classroom parent participation not required)

*upon availability you may arrange to co-op (work in the classroom) for tuition reduction purposes.

Responsibilities:

- **Ways & Means (Fundraising) Obligations:** Parents are required to participate in major fundraising events a total of 5 hours per school year. [buyout available: \$300]
- **Auction Obligation:** The auction is the school's main fundraiser for the year. Each family is required to collect goods of a set minimum value to be auctioned off as well as sell a minimum number of event and raffle tickets. [buyout available: \$300]
- **Job Obligation:** Parents are required to maintain a job or a committee position for the school year, i.e. librarian, secretary, fundraising committee. [buyout available: \$300]
- **Maintenance Obligations:** Parents are required to perform 2 maintenance duties per school year, 1 of which must be a Clean-Up Day. [buyout available: \$250]
- **General Meetings:** Parents working in the classroom are required to attend monthly general meetings held the third Wednesday evening of each month from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. All families are required to attend three mandatory meetings held the third Wednesday evening of September, January and April from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

- Orientation and Philosophy: All parents are required to attend the one-day Philosophy and Parent In-Service Day held before the start of the academic year. Parents planning to work in the classroom must also attend the one-day Orientation and Classroom Mechanics Day (also held prior to the start of the academic year) before they are scheduled to work in the classroom.

Program Philosophy:

We strongly believe that children learn through active exploration of their environment. Optimal learning takes place when we provide learning opportunities that build on the children's existing knowledge and prior experiences. Children first learn simple, concrete concepts and then use these concepts to understand more complex ideas. Through the interaction with peers, adults and various materials, children strengthen social skills and continue to learn about the world around them. In both programs learning opportunities offered are based on the developing interests of children meeting their age appropriate social-emotional, cognitive and physical needs. As children initiate play, Hilltop teachers are able to help them learn by becoming investigators and co-collaborators in their play and by asking questions that encouraging them to think and discover more about their world. The teachers closely observe, photograph and document the processes that unfold, the interests, investigation and explorations, as a way to assist children in the opportunity to recall, plan and investigate further. Children then learn to express or work through new concepts and further their understanding by recreating what they have learned in multiple ways such as: painting, drawing, music, dramatic play, clay, building, constructing, woodworking, writing, etc. Our open-door policy invites and encourages participation from parents and family members to further enrich the Hilltop curriculum.

Daily activities may include:

- Group activities (stories, songs, sharing, planning, etc.)
- Creative art (painting, drawing, construction)
- Language and literacy enrichment (journal and creative writing, etc.)
- Science experiments and cooking
- Outdoor play, exploration and gardening
- Field trips and much, much more!
- Music through Music Together