

The Lawrence Arts Center Arts-Based Preschool

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your interest in the Lawrence Arts Center Preschool. We know that choosing a preschool is hard, as you want to start your child's education on the right track. Don't panic. It is not a Harvard versus Yale decision. The fact that you are concerned means your child will be in good hands no matter which preschool you choose. Here is some information to make your choice easier.

The Lawrence Arts Center Preschool uses a creative, arts-based teaching structure to bring out a child's natural interest in learning. The Arts allow children to think creatively, to build their own ideas, to solve problems in more than one way, and to try new things.

In addition to the full-time teaching staff, children have the opportunity to have live experiences with professional artists in a variety of fields. Preschool students attend some performances and rehearsals with professional dancers and actors, and work with artists in the visual arts like ceramics. Professionally trained artists and performers help children feel positively about themselves and their experiences with the arts, whether it is ceramics, sculpture, painting, drawing, music, drama, creative movement, or dance.

A nurturing, creative environment instills self-confidence and positive feelings about school which last a lifetime. Field trips, walking trips in the downtown area and to the parks and playgrounds, indoor and outdoor giant parachute play, and many varied classroom choices are part of the preschool program. At this age, children don't like to sit too long. *Physical* and *mental* freedom influence a child's ability to grow and learn.

The Lawrence Arts Center Preschool will be celebrating its 25th Anniversary during the 2010-2011 school year--Sept-May. Additional special events and activities are being planned throughout the year.

Children must be three years of age before September 1, 2010. We offer several other classes each semester for 2 & 3 year olds. **We will accept a limited number of children who turn 3 years of age in September or October 2010 for our Tuesday/Thursday morning class only.**

At the Lawrence Arts Center we know children learn more and learn faster when they develop their skills in a creative environment. This creative environment and age appropriate activities, encourages development and prepares children for academics in elementary school. Our approach to preschool education promotes free expression, is an outlet for creativity, and encourages creative thinking and problem-solving. The Lawrence Arts Center Preschool is nationally recognized as a leader in Arts-Based Education.

Thank you, Linda

For more information,
Call Bonnie Cherry or Linda Reimond, Preschool Director, at 843-2787.