





Class Sessions

We offer class options to meet the unique developmental needs of EACH child. Class placements are made by the Administrative staff in close collaboration with parents.

Class Name	 Cocoons	 Caterpillars	 Ladybugs	 Dragonflies Group I or Group II
Definition	Early Preschool	Transitional Preschool	Morning Preschool	Expanded-Day Preschool and Pre-K
Age <i>(as of Sept. 1st)</i>	2 years	2-3 years	3-4 years	3½-4 years or 4-5 years
Toilet Trained	No	No	Yes	Yes
Teacher-Child Ratio	4 : 1	5 : 1	8 : 1	8 : 1
Class Description	<p>A highly nurturing beginning class for toddlers with a focus on mastering separation, early socialization, and language acquisition. Music, movement, and floor time play are strongly emphasized. Activities are simple and fun. Transitions are limited. Children are learning turn-taking, how to listen, how to use gentle hands, and to let adults comfort them. Toilet-teaching is offered as a natural part of the day. Teachers follow the lead of individual children. Some children start with a shorter day to facilitate their adjustment to school.</p>	<p>An introductory preschool class for the young preschooler who will benefit from a smaller environment with closer teacher attention. The classroom is enriched with hands-on learning activities, as well as age-appropriate Montessori materials that encourage curiosity and creativity with many opportunities for interactive play. Much focus is given to enhancing communication. Children are learning to share, follow rules, participate in a group, build self-control, establish relationships, communicate their needs, and strengthen their independence.</p>	<p>A traditional Montessori preschool class for the child who is ready to handle more choice, additional classmates, and more transitions in a larger learning environment. Children are learning academics through self-organizing Montessori materials that teach math, language, reading/writing with whole-body experiences. They are also learning the social-regulation skills necessary for school success: how to take initiative with peers, engage in cooperative play, manage emotions, follow directions, share thoughts/ feelings & negotiate conflict. Character-building is a key feature.</p>	<p>A perfect class for the child who is ready for a longer school day. It includes two groups: (1) a group for mature preschool children who are eager to explore the classroom more fully and are able to handle an extended day, and (2) a Pre-K group for children going on to kindergarten in the fall. The class builds on the social, emotional, and academic skills that children are acquiring in the Ladybug classes. The afternoon portion of the day provides an opportunity for expanded activities, teacher-led presentations, and additional time for working with the advanced Montessori materials.</p>
Times	T/TH 8:45-11:45 am 3 hours	MWF 8:45-11:45 am 3 hours	T/TH, MWF & M-F 8:45-11:45 am 3 hours	T/TH, MWF & M-F 8:45-2:30 pm 5 ¾ hours

Special Enrichment Classes

<i>Class Name</i>	 Social Butterflies	 Squiggles & Wiggles	 Scissors & Scribbles	
<i>Definition</i>	Social Skills Friendship Class	Sensory Exploration and Play	Fine Motor and Writing Class	
<i>Recommended Age</i> <small>(as of Sept. 1st)</small>	3-5 years	3-5 years	4-5 years	
<i>Toilet Trained</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes	
<i>Teacher-Child Ratio</i>	2 Teachers w/ 4-6 Children	1 Occupational Therapist w/ 4 Children	1 Occupational Therapist w/ 4 Children	
<i>Class Description</i>	A special enrichment class for children who can benefit from extra support in making connections with peers and establishing friendship skills. Teachers coach children to play collaboratively and cooperatively. Children relate to one another through interactive play activities. Children are learning about their thoughts and feelings and working as part of a group. Teachers promote mental flexibility, conversational turn-taking, problem-solving, “body-reading” awareness, and emotional regulation. This is a great class for building play skills and confidence in the social realm.	A kid-friendly time filled with active fun that is building important brain skills. This is especially helpful for children needing to learn self-regulation. Activities guided by our OT consultant teach kids to use their whole body and become comfortable with new and different sensory experiences. Activities include trampoline jumping, obstacle courses, scooter boards, ball pits, swings and more! Children are enhancing their body awareness, listening skills, turn taking skills, and impulse control while also building core strength to develop their fine & gross motor skills and overall coordination.	This class supports children who are struggling with age appropriate handwriting, drawing, and/or cutting skills or for those who simply need extra encouragement and extra practice working on these skills, especially before going on to Kindergarten. The class will be led by our OT Consultant who uses a multi-sensory approach to teach these skills while incorporating concepts and activities from the <i>Handwriting Without Tears</i> curriculum.	
<i>Times</i>	TBA 12:15-1:15 Weekly sessions - 1 hour	TBA 12:15-1:15 Weekly sessions - 1 hour	TBA 12:15-1:15 Weekly sessions - 1 hour	