

MULBERRY SCHOOL

A PARENT PARTICIPATION PRESCHOOL AND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

PRESCHOOL CLASSES

Mulberry's Preschool is a fun, nurturing environment that provides a wide variety of sensory experiences. Activities are designed to develop fine and gross motor skills, foster language development, self-esteem, independence, and problem solving abilities.

Children attend tasks of their choice and are given the opportunity to participate in structured and unstructured, small and large group activities. Preschoolers learn to listen to and accept instruction from other adults and appropriate interaction with peers. Our preschool is the first step of the Mulberry education, where children play, grow and learn together in an atmosphere of acceptance, patience and mutual respect.

TODDLER CLASS:

Mulberry's youngest students attend class one afternoon a week to experience playing alongside other children their own age while accompanied by a parent (or designated adult such as a grandparent or nanny). They receive lots of support in verbalizing their needs and problem solving while experiencing a variety of activities: easel painting, play dough, sensory trays, and large motor games.

2-DAY CLASS:

Each morning in 2 Day is an adventure filled with opportunities for play, exploration and social experiences. A primary focus for children in the 2 day class is social and emotional development, problem solving and language development. Each day, activities are available inside and outside and include choices in art, music, cooking, science, dramatic play, block play, music and movement.

3-DAY CLASS

The 3 Day class offers children an opportunity to play and learn in a relaxed, safe (emotionally and physically) and child-centered environment. Social skills are emphasized to allow children plenty of practice solving problems with their peers and giving them an opportunity to confidently voice their needs and begin to feel empathy for others. The emotional, physical (large and small motor), creative and cognitive areas are supported as well. Activities include large motor experiences, play dough, manipulatives and other small motor activities, pre-math and pre-reading with cooking, blocks, carpentry, books, phonemic awareness activities, science, free and directed art, and painting, among others. Lots of free play time where children make their own choices, small and large group times, music and movement occur during a typical day.

4-DAY CLASS

The 4 Day program offers a balance of free choice and structure that the older 3's, 4's and 5's are often ready for. Children participate in opening and closing circle times. The class sessions are divided between inside and outside time, giving children a chance to focus separately on the varied activities each environment offers. Children are asked to visit developmentally appropriate language arts activities and math stations as well as the music and movement group times. On the fourth class session, community field trips or walking excursions alternate with sensory science days.