

WHAT ARE THE PROGRAM GOALS?

The philosophy of our program is built around the belief that when children learn how to make choices for themselves, their ability for further independent learning and problem solving is increased. We provide a nurturing and stimulating environment to enhance children's emotional, intellectual, social and physical development. Children are encouraged to form friendships, express feelings, identify interests, play imaginatively and develop autonomy. These skills enable children to build satisfying relationships and foster the love of learning.



WHAT DOES THE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT OFFER?

Dedicated, nurturing teachers, innovative classroom materials and outdoor play space provide a learning environment designed to meet the variety of young children's individual needs and interests. Classrooms are organized into learning centers which encourage social interaction and include materials for fantasy and block play, science, art, sand and water play, manipulatives, puzzles and games. The extensive library of stimulating children's literature promotes a love of books and reading. Our outdoor playground provides for more physical play with challenging equipment to develop gross motor skills. The daily schedule provides a balance of active and quiet experiences.



HOW CAN PARENTS PARTICIPATE?

In addition to regularly scheduled parent/teachers conferences, many parents and care givers enjoy reading a story, playing a musical instrument, sharing special skills or assisting with activities such as cooking projects or story dictations. Others may enjoy participating in a school day or birthday party with their child. In addition we schedule several family get-togethers throughout the year.



IS THIS A RELIGIOUS PROGRAM?

Our classes are ethnically diverse with several nationalities represented in a given year. Our Reform Jewish orientation is reflected in our celebration of the Sabbath and Jewish holidays. Parents are invited to participate in holiday events and join their children in helping to prepare ritual foods and to share the stories of the holiday with the Rabbi. Our celebrations emphasize the historical traditions and humanistic values that are universal for all our families.



WHAT DO I DO NEXT?

Call the Director to set up an appointment to observe a class. After you and your child have visited the school, fill out your application form and leave the required deposit. When your child has been accepted, further information will be mailed to you.

SINAI PRESCHOOL—WHO ARE WE?

We are a neighborhood preschool in a Jewish setting. Our families come from a variety of religious and cultural backgrounds. We pride ourselves on introducing children to Judaism within a broader context of acceptance and respect for a multiplicity of religious and diverse cultural experiences.

Our preschool serves children from two through five years old. We offer two, three and five day a week classes based on the child's age.

Chicago Sinai Congregation was founded in 1861. Sinai Preschool has served the community for over 50 years, first in Hyde park and since 1999 at 15 West Delaware Place.



Sinai Preschool is licensed by the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, the Chicago Department of Human Services, and is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC).



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