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Core Programs:

Two's

Recommended for children who turn two years of age by 12/31/24*

Teacher:Child Ratio = 1:4

Choice of a two- or three-day program (9:00 am–12:30 pm)

Two-day class: Tuesday and Thursday

Three-day class: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday

This program is designed to provide a gentle introduction to separating from caregivers, and for children to socialize with peers and gain a sense of self within a classroom setting. Consistent classroom routines are followed to allow children to practice transitions and develop self-help skills. Daily activities include free play, music, art projects, blocks, puzzles, sensory play, outdoor play, circle and story time.

Three's

Recommended for children who turn three years of age by 12/31/24*

Teacher:Child Ratio = 1:6

Three-day program (9:00 am–12:30 pm), with option to attend five days

Three-day class: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday

Optional:** Addition of Tuesday AND Thursday

Our Three's program fosters independence, and encourages creative problem solving and working cooperatively, all while promoting the fun and enjoyment inherent in learning. Classroom experiences are planned to further develop attention span, language skills and coordination. Children participate in activities such as dramatic play, music, sensory explorations, and art projects, as well as outdoor play.

Four's & Five's

Due to Connecticut's change in age eligibility for Kindergarten entry (children must now be 5 years of age by 9/1 rather than 12/31), we offer three programs to meet the developmental needs of children impacted by this transition.

Friendly Frogs

Recommended for children with birth dates between 8/31/2020 and 1/31/2021*

Teacher:Child Ratio = 1:8

Four-day program (9:00 am-12:30 pm), with option to attend five days

Four-day class: Tuesday through Friday

Optional:** Addition of "Magical Mondays"****

This program is specifically designed to meet the needs of children who have completed a Three's preschool program during the 2023-2024 school year but are not eligible for Kindergarten until the fall of 2026. The curriculum expands



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children's exposure to literacy and numeracy, and facilitates the advancement of problem-solving and social skills, all through a play-based approach. Children participate in activities including sensory experiences, music, science, art, and outdoor play.

Helpful Hedgehogs

Recommended for children with birth dates between 6/1/2020 and 9/1/2020*

Teacher:Child Ratio = 1:8

Four-day program (9:00 am-12:30 pm), with option to attend five days

Four-day class: Monday through Thursday

Optional:** Addition of "Fantastic Fridays"***

This program is designed for children who may have completed a Three's preschool program during the 2023-2024 school year and are eligible for entry into Kindergarten in the fall of 2025 (i.e., five years of age by 9/1/2025). The curriculum emphasizes kindergarten preparedness through a play-based approach to letter recognition, numeracy and science, while supporting the growth of social skills. Children attend to both teacher-directed and student-driven activities that foster creativity and self-expression.

Fearless Flamingos

Recommended for children with birth dates between 9/1/2019 and 5/31/2020*

Teacher:Child Ratio = 1:8

Five-day program: Monday, Wednesday and Friday (9:00 am-12:30 pm)

Tuesday and Thursday (9:00 am-3:00 pm)

This program is designed for children who completed a Four's preschool program during the 2023-2024 school year and/or may be eligible to enter Kindergarten in the fall of 2024. This class provides an additional year of growth before entering Kindergarten, and allows teachers to design an individualized learning plan for each child based on their strengths, areas of growth, and interests. The play-based curriculum provides a solid social, emotional and academic foundation that allows each child to stretch creatively and cognitively, all while gaining confidence and problem-solving skills.

**Exceptions to age recommendations may be made upon request and approval from the Director and Board of Directors.*

***Optional offerings are not available on a drop-in basis and must be selected for the entirety of the school year.*

**** "Magical Mondays" and "Fantastic Friends" include more time allotted to free play, art projects, and literacy.*



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Afternoon Adventures and Two's Extensions: 12:30 pm–3:00 pm

Afternoon Adventures for three-, four-, and five-year-olds and Extensions for the Two's are available Monday through Friday. Afternoon Adventures and Extensions may be contracted annually or are available for drop-in, depending on enrollment and staff availability.

Afternoon Adventures, our wonderful extended day program for children in the Three's, Four's, and Five's, are designed so your child can learn, play, and explore a new skill in a caring and nurturing environment. Choose the day or days that appeal to your budding adventurer. The program runs from 12:30 pm–3:00 pm Mondays through Fridays and offers a quiet period, focused instruction, snack, and playground time. Please note program themes may be subject to change.

Monday: *Stay for STEM*

Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math, oh my! Your child's mind will be enriched through games, puzzles, activities, and observations, all geared toward a playful exploration of science and math.

Tuesday: *Building and Design*

Watch your child's imagination soar while using a wide range of materials to build, shape, and form new projects. Please note this Afternoon Adventure is not available for children enrolled in the Five's.

Wednesday: *Spanish Language*

With the incorporation of songs, music, body movement, stories, and games, learning Spanish is loads of fun for your preschooler—the prime age for language acquisition.

Thursday: *Kids' Kitchen*

Children will explore all things kitchen-related: measuring and mixing, preparing and sampling new foods, setting a table, and playing “restaurant.” Throughout it all, children learn about food and nutrition. Please note this Afternoon Adventure is not available for children enrolled in the Five's.

Friday: *Games Galore*

Your child will further develop critical thinking, logic and reasoning, language and social skills, while playing board games. Gross motor skills will also be practiced through playground games and Movement Room fun.

Drop-In Afternoon Adventures

Afternoon Adventures are offered on a contractual basis for the year, or whenever they suit your schedule. Drop-ins are welcome based on availability, but require 24-hour notice. Charges for drop-in extensions are billed at a rate of \$50/day.

Extensions (Two's): For the Two's, we offer an Extended Day, with less emphasis on focused instruction, from 12:30 pm–3:00 pm. Children rest on an individual cot (and often sleep), and then may enjoy snack, free play and/or playground time.