





# THE WINTER CLUB EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS 2024-2025





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We are pleased to announce the opening of registration for the Winter Club Early Childhood Programs. The Preschool has been a very important part of the Winter Club tradition for over fifty years. All of our classes offer children an environment in which they can grow and thrive. Our philosophy embraces the idea that children learn by doing. We present opportunities and materials that are fun and interesting for our youngest students, yet challenging and stimulating for our older students. Our goals support this philosophy:

- 1. To provide a safe, warm, positive environment in which a child can develop a strong and healthy self-concept.
- 2. To provide a social environment in which a child can learn to interact with other children in a positive, caring way.
- 3. To develop the ability to observe, explore and problem solve.
- 4. To provide a learning environment in which a child can learn basic readiness skills and concepts.
- 5. To build on a child's natural curiosity of the living world around them.
- 6. To ensure that a child is ready intellectually, socially and emotionally to begin a kindergarten program.

Jillian Floriani and Cindy Niesman have been with The Winter Club for over twenty years. They both have a Master's Degree in Early Childhood Education from National-Louis University. If you are interested in learning more about the Early Childhood Programs, please send an email to jfloriani@thewinterclub.com.

## **PRESCHOOL**

Sept. 4, 2024 through May 22, 2025 Monday through Friday (5 days); 8:30am to 11:30am **OR** 

Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday (3 days); 8:30am to 11:30am \*3-day option is only available for first year 3 year-olds\*

- 2 year program with mixed-age class of 3, 4, and 5 year-olds
- Must be 3 by September 1st and potty-trained
- Project-based learning approach
- Explore with hands-on activities outdoors
- Skating and sledding during the winter season

#### KIDS CORNER

Session I: Sept. 16- Dec. 16, 2024 Session II: Jan. 6- May 7, 2025 Monday and Wednesday; 11:30am to 1:30pm

- For all Winter Club Preschool participants
- Practice the rules of cooperative play and build friendships
- Demonstrate good sportsmanship
- Gain independence and learn self-help skills
- Skating and sledding during the winter season

### PRE-KINDERGARTEN

Sept. 17, 2024 through May 8, 2025 Tuesday and Thursday; 11:30am to 1:30pm

- For WC Preschoolers entering kindergarten the following year
- Opportunities to develop pre-reading skills and to investigate number concepts
- Lessons to practice handwriting and strengthen small motor skills
- Individual and small group projects provided