



# **WINTER CLUB EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS 2022-2023**





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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.

## ***About our teachers...***

Jillian Floriani and Cindy Niesman both have a Master's Degree in Early Childhood Education from National-Louis University. Together they have over 40 years of experience in the classroom; 35 of which have been with the Winter Club Early Childhood Programs. Jillian and Cindy believe that children need time and space in which to develop their uniqueness and abilities.

## **PRESCHOOL**

5-day option M-F; 8:30am to 11:30am  
3-day option M, T, & Th; 8:30am to 11:30am  
\*3-day option is only available for 3 year-olds\*  
Sept. 7, 2022 through May 25, 2023

- 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

**PRE-KINDERGARTEN** Tuesday and Thursday; 11:30am to 1:30pm  
Sept. 20, 2022 through May 11, 2023

- For 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
- Space is limited

## **KIDS CORNER**

Monday and Wednesday; 11:30am to 1:30pm  
Session I: Sept. 19- Dec. 12, 2022  
Session II: Jan. 4- May 10, 2023

- For all preschool participants ages 3-6
- 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

**FRIDAY EXTENDED DAY** Friday; 11:30am—end times vary

- Sports
- Baking and cooking
- Acting
- Crafts