

After School Care

Cozy Afternoons

After a busy morning of work and play in the preschool and kindergarten, children are happy to spend a restful afternoon in our aftercare program. A family-style lunch, a short rest and lots of time for free-play combine to create a cozy atmosphere that's almost as good as home. A natural extension of the kindergarten and preschool morning, aftercare is a place where children can happily explore and imaginatively create their world.

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Parent & Child Playgroups

In the playgroup, you and your little one will spend an enjoyable time together, with other children and parents, in an enriching and supportive setting.

Mother / Baby Group

Thursdays 9 - 10:30 AM

Ages 6 weeks - 20 months

Parent / Child Playgroup

Fridays 9 - 11 AM

Ages 20 months - 3 years old

Classes include:

- Play time
- Circle time
- Crafts for parents
- Child development study
- Homemade snack



Preschool

Gentle Beginnings

Waldorf preschool teachers strive to create a warm and lovingly simple environment that provides a gentle transition from home to the world of school. With the understanding that young children learn most about the world by imitating the adults and the environment around them, teachers strive to create a program worthy of this imitation. Soft colors and beautiful spaces

provide a calm and nurturing background for daily activities. Through free play, indoors and out, children develop the social and emotional

skills, verbal capacities, and natural curiosity that set the stage for future learning. By working together in an imaginative way children begin to cultivate their skills in the social arts while maintaining their individual uniqueness. In the Waldorf preschool each child's gifts are recognized with an appreciation for how those gifts contribute to the well-being of the social whole.

A typical day includes:

- Free play
- Artistic Activities
- Circle games
- Songs and rhymes
- Outdoor play
- Puppet plays & stories



Kindergarten

Across the Rainbow Bridge

The world of a Kindergarten child continues much as in the preschool in its connection to rhythm, nature and the beauty of the seasons. An innate curiosity and wonder for the world is fostered within this warm, loving and comfortable atmosphere. Children happy and at ease within secure boundaries will naturally develop self-confidence, expand their social skills and thrive upon creative thinking as they enter deeply into their limitless imaginative play.

There is a carefully developed program of activities to allow the children to progress at their individual pace. They are engaged both inwardly and outwardly through creative free play, practical and artistic activities, and their imagination is nurtured through stories and puppet plays from around the world.

Language skills, the spoken word and the listening ear are strengthened and enhanced through songs, rhymes and sounding games while consistent daily and weekly rhythms bring harmony on many levels. An environment is created where truly alive and mobile thinking and problem solving can emerge which will serve the children well into the future.



We are preparing them to cross the bridge to their grade school experience with strong self-esteem, a rich curiosity and a true desire for learning.