

San Mateo Foster City School District

Preschool Program Flyers

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Montessori Blended Preschools...

North Shoreview and Parkside

**Where children develop an enthusiasm for learning,
Respect living things and appreciate all cultures,
Develop self-discipline and independence,
And become cooperative, articulate and
lifelong problem solvers.**

Our *Montessori Preschools* are founded on the fundamental tenet that a child learns best within a social environment that supports each individual's unique development.

We believe that:

- All children have absorbent minds
- All children pass through sensitive periods
- All children can learn
- All children learn through work and play
- All children pass through several stages of development
- All children want to be independent

Our *Montessori Preschools* provide a high quality preschool program designed to help each child reach full potential in all areas of life. Activities promote the development of social skills, emotional growth, physical coordination, as well as cognitive skills. The holistic curriculum allows the child to experience the joy of learning while acquiring knowledge and skills.

"There is nothing in the mind that was not first in the senses." Maria Montessori

In order for self-directed learning to be effective, we carefully prepare our preschool environment. The whole learning environment includes the room, materials and a social climate that is supportive of the learner. The multi-sensory and sequential Montessori materials provide for independent and self-correcting learning. These beautiful materials facilitate the learning of skills and lead to learning of abstract ideas.

The specially trained and caring Montessori preschool teacher serve as facilitators of learning with the support from the preschool assistants. The teacher is the designer of the environment, resource person, role model, demonstrator and observer of each child's growth and development. Curriculum and instruction are individualized and are based on the interests, needs and developmental level of each child.

"The secret of good teaching is to regard the child's intelligence as a fertile field in which seeds may be sown." Maria Montessori



Mandarin Immersion Preschool ...

Turnbull Child Development Center

Where children acquire fluency in Mandarin,
Learn to read and write traditional Chinese characters,
Gain an appreciation of the Chinese culture,
Develop self-discipline and independence,
And become curious and lifelong learners.

Our *Mandarin Immersion Preschool* located at the Turnbull Child Development Center provides a high quality Mandarin immersion preschool program designed to develop each child's cognitive, physical, social, and emotional skills. We recognize that language is best learned through social interactions and meaningful activities. Our highly trained, caring teachers provide a stimulating, enriching environment and curriculum that immerses the children in Mandarin and Chinese culture.

A child's life is like a piece of paper on which every passerby leaves a mark. Chinese Proverb

Our curriculum is culturally and linguistically appropriate and is based on children's interests and proven child development practices. The children learn to speak Mandarin and are introduced to reading and writing traditional Chinese characters through music, art, math, science and literacy activities. Our program blends teacher directed and child-initiated activities; quiet and active projects; large group, small group and individual activities, and indoor and outdoor time.

Teachers open the door, but you must enter by yourself. Chinese Proverb

Throughout the day, our preschool program supports the acquisition of Mandarin language and literacy skills through songs, poems, chants and stories. In addition, the children develop Mandarin while exploring, observing and experimenting in science, math, and art activities. Through meaningful and relevant cultural content and engaging activities, children acquire Mandarin fluency and the disposition to be life-long learners.

*Learning without thinking begets ignorance.
Thinking without learning is dangerous.* Chinese Prover

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Spanish Immersion Preschool ...

Fiesta Gardens

**Where children acquire fluency in Spanish,
Gain an appreciation of Latin cultures,
Develop self-discipline and independence,
And become curious and lifelong learners.**

Our *Spanish Immersion Preschool* located at Fiesta Gardens International School provides a high quality preschool program designed to develop each child's cognitive, physical, social, and emotional skills. We recognize that language is best learned through social interactions and meaningful activities. Our highly trained, caring teachers provide an enriching environment and engaging curriculum that immerses the children in Spanish language and Latin culture.

Our curriculum is culturally and linguistically appropriate and is based on children's interests and proven child development practices. The children learn to speak Spanish and are introduced to reading and writing Spanish through music, art, math, science and literacy activities. Our program blends teacher directed and child-initiated activities; quiet and active projects; large group, small group and individual activities, and indoor and outdoor time.

A child's world is fresh and new and beautiful – full of wonder and excitement.

It is through his exposure to this world that he learns.

El mundo del niño es fresco, nuevo y precioso, lleno de maravillas y nuevas experiencias.

Es a través de su contacto con este mundo que él aprende.

Throughout the day, our preschool program supports the acquisition of Spanish language and literacy skills through songs, poems, chants and stories. In addition, the children develop Spanish while exploring, observing and experimenting in science, math, and art activities. Through meaningful and culturally relevant content and engaging activities, children acquire Spanish fluency and the disposition to be life-long learners.

True education challenges the mind, engages the heart and frees the spirit.

La buena educación motiva la mente, compromete el corazón y libera el espíritu.

Frank Siccone



STEAM Preschool...

George Hall

S- Science

T- Technology

E- Engineering

A- Art

M- Math

STEAM preschool provides comprehensive learning with rich academic and social opportunities for general education and special education preschool students in a friendly and welcoming environment that develops each child's love of learning, self-esteem, empathy, and respect of self and others.

STEAM teaches children skills necessary to be successful in the 21st Century. STEAM education responds to children's curiosity to learn about the world around them and develops their sense of wonder about objects and events in their environment. In our STEAM preschool program we introduce, explore and experiment with Science and Engineering concepts through play and we teach students how to observe, ask questions, investigate, and work together to solve problems. We explore technology through hands on, problem solving together in our coding unit. Our STEAM curriculum develops vocabulary, pre-reading, writing, math, art and science skills. Through meaningful and relevant activities, children not only acquire Kindergarten readiness skills, but also build the foundation of becoming life-long learners in a scientifically complex and technology rich world.

In addition, the STEAM preschool program provides a unique opportunity for children to increase their confidence and ability to work with others. This integrated approach to early education creates an enriched learning environment to strengthen academic development, social skills and inquisitive love of learning in all children!

STEAM preschool provides:

*Smaller class size

*Blended teacher directed and child-initiated activities; quiet and active projects; large group, small group and individual activities and indoor/outdoor time

*Opportunities to foster a passion for learning, develop and strengthen leadership skills, confidence, empathy and problem solving skills

*STEAM curriculum that builds a strong foundation for future learning including exploration, observations, recording information and problem solving

***Note: Students need to be four years old to join this program!**



Play-based Developmental Preschool... San Mateo Park

**Where children
Discover new skills,
Acquire new knowledge,
Gain new confidence,
Form new friendships,
And become curious learners.**

Our *San Mateo Park Developmental Preschool* provides comprehensive learning with rich language and social opportunities for general education and special education preschool students in a friendly and welcoming environment. Our highly trained and caring teachers provide a stimulating and enriched environment that develops each child's love of learning, self-esteem, autonomy, and respect of self and others.

*It does appear that the childhood years provide a moment
when a door opens for all children, and the future is within reach.*

Our curriculum is based on children's interests and proven child development practices that recognizes play as the natural way through which children learn. Our children learn about the world around them through meaningful interactions with adults, children materials and their environment. Our program blends teacher directed and child-initiated activities; quiet and active projects; large group, small group and individual activities, and indoor and outdoor time. The development of the "whole child" is nurtured and valued.

90% of a child's brain is developed within the first five years of life.

Throughout the day, children are engaged in activities that support their developmental needs. Our preschool program provides a language-rich and print-rich environment that supports children's language and literacy development to lay the foundation for success in language arts in kindergarten and beyond. Science, math, and art activities allow for exploration, observation and experimentation. Through meaningful and relevant activities, children acquire kindergarten readiness skills and the disposition to be life-long learners.