



Frequently Asked Questions

When can I schedule a tour of the school?

We give tours in January for September enrollment. At that time we will contact all families who have submitted an application. If your contact information changes, please keep us informed.

What is your student to teacher ratio?

Approximately 1:6

Are parents required to volunteer?

Parents are not required to volunteer, but your help is always welcome.

How many students will be enrolled?

40 per day at the College Avenue School and 30 per day at the Taft Avenue school.

Are the children divided into classrooms?

Students at the College Avenue School are divided into two classrooms, older and younger. We do take advantage of opportunities throughout the day to mix and combine age groups. The Taft Avenue School is a mixed age classroom. We believe that children enjoy and learn from their older and younger friends (and siblings). We also value the time children spend participating in activities that are designed specifically for their age group.

What is your discipline policy?

We see every interaction as an opportunity to learn. Preschoolers are just beginning to make sense of how to best relate to one another. Teachers help students negotiate when possible. They also recognize when to step in and redirect children. If a student's pattern of behavior becomes disruptive, parents will be involved in developing a plan to resolve the issue.

What is your approach?

We are a play-based school. We love the Reggio-Emilia approach of creating a stimulating environment where children can guide their own learning. We cherish our own childhood memories of cuddling up on a teacher's lap. We value the environment, the arts and the diversity of the Bay Area. We want to give each child the opportunity to learn the wonders of all that childhood offers. Most importantly, we want kids to be kids...happy, healthy, active, creative, caring and confident.

What if my child cannot complete the school year?

Unfortunately, we only accept enrollment for a twelve-month period, so please think carefully before you sign up. You will be able to break your contract only if we are able to find a new student to take your child's place.

Do you serve lunch or a snack?

We serve fruit, crackers, toast and other healthy snacks twice daily. Children bring their own lunches from home.

What is your vacation schedule?

We are closed for major holidays, two-week winter break, and one-week spring break. Our school year begins the day after Labor Day and ends in mid August.

What are your criteria for acceptance into the school?

Siblings are given priority admission. We also look at our scheduling needs (days of the week, etc). We make a special effort to maintain a balance of girls and boys as well as older and younger children.