

# Why Choose Strawberry Preschool: Pre-K Program?

- Our teachers are experienced in the education of young children, specifically 2-5 years old. They are educated and trained to foster their social, emotional and developmental skills and physically get down on the same level with each child. All teachers belong to NAEYC – the National Association for the Education of Young Children – and receive ongoing training specific to preschool and pre-kindergarten.
- Low child to teacher ratios: typical ratios are often 6-1 (6 children for every 1 teacher) with 2-3 ECE trained teachers in the classroom with the children.
- We have daily Art, Music and Science activities – these are part of our routine. Everyday also includes movement, literature, number recognition, pre-math and pre-reading skills.
- We are play-based: our children are learning the alphabet, shapes, sizes, numbers, colors, etc through play. Our curriculum is tailored to the interests of the children and has a child-centered approach: providing activities or situations that engage learners; practicing problem solving through language, play and socialization; working in small groups. Our focus is on the “whole child”: we emphasize and foster the child’s overall growth, which includes social, emotional, physical and cognitive development.
- Our playground equipment is designed for children 5 years and younger. Safety is a high priority and we only have age-appropriate equipment and toys available.
- Each child is encouraged to develop their independence while still being supported on an individual basis. We have age-appropriate expectations and specialized extra support if needed to prepare for Kindergarten.
- Classroom skills are taught, including the use of “Writing without Tears”, such as: writing, letter recognition, small and large motor skills, sitting and completing individual tasks, paying attention and participating in group activities.
- Local Kindergarten teachers agree that children from Strawberry Pre-k programs are ready for school! They can follow directions, take turn, raise their hands, use writing utensils and scissors along with knowing their letters, shapes, colors and being socially able to participate in school activities.
- A quote from a pre-k parent: "Even though our child is age eligible for Transitional Kindergarten (TK), we chose to keep her at Strawberry Preschool in the Pre-K Program because we wanted her to be in a learning environment that allowed for and encouraged a more age and developmentally appropriate education."

Join us at Strawberry for a whole child,  
quality preschool and pre-kindergarten education!