



## **PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

Sprouts Preschool is located in the first floor of the newly renovated Philly Kids Gym building and offers a core curriculum of art, music and movement, and reading with an additional vibrant program including science, math, environmental studies, field trips and more!

The curriculum will at all times have an underlying theme, and we will use that theme as a guide for age appropriate learning activities at all times. We strongly believe in the value of the arts and music in the development of young children and will ensure that there are music, art and reading classes every day. The current theme is "All About My World". Initially the preschoolers will learn about themselves and their families, including their pets, then about their bodies, the way they feel. As we progress through the curriculum, we will investigate our world and the people and things within it. At each stage there are specific learning objectives and projects designed to allow the children to reach those objectives. We are looking to challenge ourselves with knowledge, and investigate the things that we don't know about. On this journey, we will subtly add basic learning techniques, so that our children will learn consciously and subconsciously.

Throughout the year we are planning to conduct at least 18 field trips off site, to gardens, museums, theaters, musical events, nature reserves, so that our little sprouts can investigate their world and then bring back ideas to share and develop in the classroom. These trips will generally be geared to the older (potty-trained) children, however the smaller sprouts will be able to participate in some age appropriate trips.

The preschool has full use of the Gym facilities, and will benefit from the Gym's collaboration with the art and music community, with artists and teachers from the Gym classes, also dropping in to the preschool to share their knowledge and talent. In addition to this valuable resource of knowledge, the preschoolers will benefit from fitness programs offered, and large areas of multi-purpose space which can be readily converted into any configuration required to achieve our learning objectives. This is especially valuable in the winter, as if we are unable to visit the local playground, then there is a ready made space for the children to let off steam within our facility.

Our preschool program is available to all children from 18 months through kindergarten. We have a commitment to the highest standards of early learning, instilling a sense of pride in ourselves, respecting others and our environment. Your children will enjoy a clean and loving learning environment at all times, where they will be encouraged by our staff to explore their surroundings in the fullest way possible. We are excited to have the opportunity to explore their world with them.

### **Sprouts Preschool – A green place to grow!**

We have consciously decided to include Environmental Studies into the curriculum. We anticipate the use of a plot in the local South Street Garden, and have decided to compost all our organic waste (i.e. food leftovers for use in our garden. Other initiatives will be to encourage recycling, and explain to the preschoolers why that is good practice. We feel that environmental issues are set to expand into the forefront of our daily lives, and that this generation of preschoolers and young children will take an active part in environmental issues globally. We feel that it is important that they are prepared as early as possible.

This whole idea presents many problems to us. As a result of renovating an existing building, we have had to try to include our environmental ideals into common business sense. However we made a conscious decision to recycle materials within the building itself, and use environmentally friendly products for our floor coverings. Our final layout was influenced by what was here before and we adopted a policy of adapt and reuse, rather than rip-out and replace. This resulted in very little debris going to landfills, (we never had a dumpster), and perfectly good material that would normally be thrown away such as metal studs, and doors, being reused elsewhere in the building. Essential safety items such as the fire alarm, emergency lighting and exit signs, were replaced as a matter of course and safety.

The tile floor is made of entirely decomposable materials (stone and a cardboard type material) so that when it eventually is at the end of its life and placed in landfill, will readily decompose. The new carpet is made by shredding plastic beverage bottles and stripping and cleaning reclaimed carpet, so that those materials are stopped from going to the landfill.

We will always try to do our part – that's all. We don't profess to being greener than we are, however will allow ourselves to involve impact on our environment as an element of our decision making in a practical way.

## **PROGRAM OPTIONS**

We have several program options available and will always try to meet your requirements if at all possible.

### **Preschool Program**

Ages 18 months through 5 years

Short Day – 9:00am - 2:00pm

School Day –(9:00 – 5:00)

Extended Day – 8:00am – 6:00pm

All of the above times are available 2, 3, 4 & 5 days per week. In an effort to balance the number of children within the school, we may sometimes be unable to cater to your exact requirements for the 2 and 3 day programs, but will try as best we can to accommodate your preferred schedule.

### **Application Process**

1. Fill out application form and fax or mail it to Sprouts Preschool, 604 S. 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Philadelphia, PA 19147 or Fax to 215-627-4509.
2. Once application is received, we will notify you if there is an available place.
3. You will then be required to pay a non-refundable deposit of \$300.
4. Upon your child's first day of school, you will be required to pay the first month's tuition minus the deposit money plus one month's tuition deposit.

## **School Calendar**

We recognize that parents have their own busy schedules and understand the inconvenience of school closings for the many holidays that have appeared in the calendar. As a result Sprouts Preschool only closes on major holidays. We also live in the city, so will endeavor to keep our facility open on snow days, when the Philadelphia School System may otherwise be shut.

Our School Closures for 2009 are as follows:

January 1 and 2	New Years Day
May 25	Memorial Day
July 3	Independence Day
September 7	Labor Day
November 26 & 27	Thanksgiving Day Holiday
December 24 & 25	Christmas Holiday

ATTACHED IS AN APPLICATION FORM



## APPLICATION FORM

604 South 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Philadelphia, PA 19147 – Phone 215-627-3934 Fax 215-627-4509

TODAY'S DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

CHILD'S  
NAME \_\_\_\_\_ NICKNAME \_\_\_\_\_

SEX: M / F BIRTHDATE: \_\_\_\_\_ CURRENT AGE \_\_\_\_\_ YEARS \_\_\_\_\_ MONTHS

PARENT'S/GUARDIAN NAME(WHERE CHILD RESIDES) \_\_\_\_\_

STREET  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE  
NUMBERS \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

I AM APPLYING FOR: (CHECK ONLY THOSE THAT APPLY)

2007 - 2008

2008 - 2009  OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

I WISH TO ENROLL MY CHILD STARTING ON DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE INDICATE THE SCHEDULE YOU PREFER: ***WE WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ACCOMMODATE YOUR PREFERRED SCHEDULE – PARTIAL WEEKS MAY NOT ALWAYS BE AVAILABLE..***

**SHORT DAY (9AM - 2PM):** MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY

**PRESCHOOL :**  MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY

**EXTENDED CARE (8AM - 6PM):** MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY

DOES YOUR CHILD HAVE ANY SPECIAL NEEDS WE SHOULD BE AWARE OF? \_\_\_\_\_

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT SPROUTS PRESCHOOL? \_\_\_\_\_

**LIST SCHOOLS YOUR CHILD HAS ATTENDED BEGINNING WITH THE MOST RECENT.**

SCHOOL ATTENDED

DATES


**LIST DESIGNATED PEOPLE ALLOWED TO PICK UP CHILD.**

NAME

ADDRESS

PHONE

RELATIONSHIP


TELL US ABOUT ANY SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES YOU FEEL WE SHOULD KNOW ABOUT. PLEASE INCLUDE INFORMATION ABOUT CUSTODY, FOOD ALLERGIES ETC...

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NAME AND ADDRESS OF PARENT (IF ANY) NOT LIVING WITH CHILD:

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**EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION**

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE NUMBER	RELATIONSHIP TO CHILD

**CHILD'S MEDICAL INFORMATION**

DOCTOR'S NAME	
DOCTOR'S ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER	
INSURANCE COMPANY NAME AND POLICY NUMBER	

**IS YOUR CHILD POTTY TRAINED? Y OR N**

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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*Philly Kids Gym, Inc. and Sprouts Preschool admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin. all the rights, privileges, programs and activities made available to the students at the school. Philly Kids Gym and Sprouts Preschool does not discriminate on the basis of race color, national or ethnic origin.*



**TUITION 2007 - 2008**

# of days a Week	Short Day 9:00 - 2:00	School Day	Extended Day
5 days	\$750.00	\$990.00	\$1190.00
4 days	\$615.00	\$830.00	\$990.00
3 days	\$480.00	\$650.00	\$770.00
2 days	\$350.00	\$470.00	\$550.00

**We will make every effort to accommodate your preferred schedule - Partial weeks may not always be available**