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## About the Children's School

Since 1978 The Children's School has been an early childhood program serving the children of the East End. This program is now located in the education wing of the United Methodist Church. Classes are available to all local families with children ages 2-4.

Registration will begin in February for all new students.



# The Objectives

To develop positive attitudes toward school, classmates and the adults with whom the child comes in contact. To stimulate curiosity and broaden the child's knowledge about the world in which the child lives.

To stimulate aesthetic appreciation and self-expression through art, music, dancing, drama, and literature.

To develop motor, manipulative and cognitive skills.





## The Philosophy

Our program is based on a developmental approach to early childhood education. The children are provided with a rich variety of materials and activities in order to stimulate a positive attitude towards themselves, others, and learning. Learning valuable concepts and skills through play in a nurturing environment is a key to our success.

Parents are not required to participate, however, they are always welcome. Teachers provide a constant opportunity for communication with the parents as well as two scheduled parent teacher conferences during the year. The staff recognizes the importance of, and looks forward to, working together with parents to provide a meaningful and positive experience for all the children, so as to develop self-confidence, self-understanding, and a good self-image.

## The Activities

... will provide your child with the opportunity to develop in the following areas:

Language Development Self Discipline Math Readiness
Physical Development Science Readiness
Social Development Reading Readiness

... will include the following:

Art Field Trips Creative Dramatics
Story Time Music/Singing Games & Puzzles
Block Building Water Play Outdoor Activities
Nature Projects Sand Play Body Movement



## The Trusting Twos





#### **PLAY GROUP**

(10 -12 students and two teachers per class)

For children who will be two years old by 6/1.

#### **Morning Session:**

T, TH: 9 am -11:30 am Fridays 9-11:00

Your child will have the opportunity to develop a sense of independence, while socializing with his/her peers in a nurturing atmosphere supervised by our staff of caring, early-childhood professionals. A variety of activities are planned to enhance language and fine motor skills as well as social development. Playing, singing, creating, building, cooking, dancing and listening to stories are all part of the experience. Outdoor Activities include the use of our imaginative playground, where large motor skills are developed by running, jumping, swinging, climbing, bike riding and playing in the sand box.



# imbing, bike riding and playing

## The Terrific Threes

#### **NURSERY**

(14 students and two teachers per class)

For children who will be three years old by 12/l. Children may attend three to five days per week.

M, W, F: 9 am - 12 noon M-Th or M-F: 9 am - 12 noon



participate in a variety of fun activities. Through a thematic, integrated curriculum, your child will be given many opportunities to develop his/her language skills, as well as grow socially and intellectually. Themes include "Fall Changes Around Us:' "Animals in Winter" and "Spring Gardens' or a month of exploring the picture books of Eric Carle, concluding with a presentation of the "Very Hungry Caterpillar" by the children for their parents.



Each day, your child will play, sing, build, create, role play, ask questions, discover new things, listen to stories, do their classroom jobs and continue to learn about the world around them. Throughout the year, your child's growth will be enhanced through art projects, field trips, cooking, math, science, music, and drama. Physical activity, critical for growing minds and bodies, such as dancing, movement, running, playing ball, swinging, climbing and bike riding, is also encouraged.

## The Fantastic Fours

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(14 students and two teachers per class)
For children who will be four years old by 12/l.
Enroll your child for either 4 or 5 days per week.

**Morning Session:** 

**Friday Friends** 

M, T, W, TH: 9 am - 12 noon M, T, W, TH, F: 9 am - 12 noon

In our Pre-Kindergarten Program, your child will become involved in a broad array of activities that will expand his/her knowledge and skills, while helping him/her to develop socially and intellectually. Monthly themes are used to integrate the different curriculum areas including math, science, social studies, reading and the arts. Through these themes, your child will have the opportunity to learn about subjects that range from ''All About Me" to "Holidays Around the World:' Themes often incorporate your child's interests and are designed to teach specific skills. Activities may revolve around the exploration of a favorite book. While developing reading skills, your child will learn about various facets of the story, creating a multidimensional learning experience. A culminating "Publisher's Party" celebrates these young readers' first books.

The overall goal
of the Pre-K Program is to provide your
child with a solid, yet integrated foundation for a
lifetime of successful learning. Our professional teaching team
incorporates plenty of time for playing, singing,

dancing, building, baking, role playing, creating, problem solving, reading, writing and



discovering. In addition, field trips enhance the learning experience by providing an opportunity to explore outside the immediate familiar learning environment.



## Open Registration for Fall

#### PRE-KINDERGARTEN

Is for children who will be four years old by December 1<sup>st</sup>. Children may be enrolled for 4 or 5 days per week.

## **Morning Session:**

M, T, W, TH ........... 9 am - 12 noon M, T, W, TH. F. ........ 9 am - 12 noon



## **NURSERY**

Is for children who will be three years old by December 1<sup>st</sup>. Children may be enrolled for 3 to 5 days per week.

#### **Morning Session:**

M, W, F or M, T, W, TH or all Five Days... 9 am - 12 noon

## **PLAYGROUP**

Is for children who will be two years old by June 30<sup>th</sup>

## **Morning Session:**

T, TH ...... 9 am - 11:30 am

or Friday 9am- 11:00 am



\*Friday Friends is a combination of all 5 day children from Pre-K and Nursery Five Day Nursery will only run if we have a full class.

## **CLASS SIZE**

Pre-K & Nursery ...... 14 students

Playgroup . . . . . . . 10 - 12 students

All classes must have at least 10 students to run.

Two teachers are assigned to each class.

We reserve the right to balance the classes with boys & girls.



## Facilities

The Children's school is located at 160 Main Street in the village of Southampton. An imaginative adventure playground is adjacent to the building. Along with the three classrooms the school has a gym, music room, art room and a kitchen. The program utilizes DOT school buses for field trips to various places of interest on the East End.

YOUR CHILD MAY NOT BEGIN SCHOOL UNTIL THE HEALTH FORM IS COMPLETED AND SIGNED BY A PHYSICIAN

# Tuition & Payment Plan

All payments must be made payable to:
The Children's School

The Children's School P.O. Box 292

Southampton, New York 11969

To register your child, please complete this form and send it with the required deposit. The Health Form must be received <u>before the first day of school</u>. Children are placed in the appropriate classes on a first come basis. However, we do reserve the right to balance each class with boys and girls.

A one-month deposit is required for all new students upon registration. The remaining nine payments are made on a monthly basis beginning September 1<sup>st</sup>, and the last payment is due on May 1<sup>st</sup>. (Your deposit is counted as your June payment.) The deposit is non-refundable. You will be issued a book of nine coupons. A coupon must accompany your payment, which is due on the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month.

ANY QUESTIONS?

Call our office manager Carolyn Ellis or our director Kathy Bishop at: 631-488-4140. For additional information on scholarships and alternate payment arrangements, please call the office.





## Kinder Camp

## ALSO AVAILABLE

A summer camp for 3 to 5 year olds during the months of July and August. Children enrolled in The Children's School receive a 30% discount.

Call 631-488-4140 to inquire about our summer programs or send in this request.



☐ Please send me an application for the Kinder Camp.	
Name:	
Address:	
Phone:	
Child's Name:	
Date of Birth:	
☐ I am also interested in programs for older children.	
Name:	
Age:	

## Our Staff



#### DIRECTOR

**Kathryn Bishop** received her Bachelor of Science in Education and her Masters of Science in Early Childhood Education from LIU Southampton. She is also a Certified School Administrator. Mrs. Bishop founded The Children's School in 1978

#### **TEACHERS**

**Donna Ledogar** is the lead teacher in our Pre-Kindergarten Program and the director of our Kinder Camp. She has been with The Children's School since 1984. She earned her Bachelor of Arts from St. Joseph's College and her Masters in Reading from LIU Southampton.

**Rachel Bishop** earned her Bachelor of Science in Education from LIU South-ampton and is currently working on her Masters in Special Education. Ms. Bishop started with the school in 2000.

**Ria Souhrada** joined the staff in 2008. She has her degree in Marketing Management and International Studies from Dominican College and has a Masters in Education.

#### ASSISTANT TEACHERS

**Kira Leader** graduated from St. Joseph's College with her regular and special education degree in early through elementary education. Kira started working at The Children's school in September 2012.

**Felicia Burke** has been with The Children's School since 2004. She adds creativity and gentle touch to all she does.

**Rosemary Herger** rejoined the staff in September 2014. She has several years of experience in early childhood.

**Cheryl Behringer** has been with the Children's School since 1992. She has a certificate in commercial art.

**Jeannie Bishop** just joined the Children's School in 2013 and is the mother of four.



