

KIDDIE KORNER NURSERY SCHOOL
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Welcome to Kiddie Korner Nursery School! I hope this information will be helpful in your search for the right program for your preschooler. Peggy Bruno is the director and head teacher. She holds a teaching certificate from the State of Ct. and a BS in Education. Kiddie Korner has been operating in Milford for 33 years. All staff are First Aid certified and have CPR training. All are members of the Family Childcare Network of Milford, and attend their monthly meetings and workshops to further their education.

The maximum class size is 16 students. There are always at least 2 teachers on duty. When class size reaches 14 or more, and at special times such as the first few days of school, there will be 3 teachers regardless of class size. Any parents interested in volunteering some time, or in sharing a special talent or hobby with the children, may discuss this at any time.

The basic program and purpose of Kiddie Korner are to provide your child with a broad range of learning experiences. These will include opportunities to participate in group activities, as well as chances to explore and learn on one's own to encourage individual creativity. The development of new skills (fine and gross motor, social, emotional, cognitive, etc.) will help your child attain a greater sense of independence, social competence, and self-fulfillment. By the end of the school year, you should see improvement in your child's ability to communicate, cooperate and share with others, and to solve problems independently.

Kiddie Korner is located at 26 Joanne Drive, on a quiet cul-de-sac, in a nice residential area of Milford. The playground in the back yard is fenced-in and fully equipped to encompass a wide variety of gross motor activities. There is a swing set, slide, sandbox, climbing pirate ship, clubhouse with deck, and a paved area for riding tricycles. There is at least one period of outdoor play every day, weather permitting.

Free play, story time, and some form of music or movement activity are included every day. Arts and crafts are offered each day. In addition to the designated craft or project, the children are given the chance to create as they wish, using a wide variety of materials such as paint, crayons, and play-doh. Skills such as familiarity with colors, letter and number recognition, and counting are encouraged through songs, stories and games. Our program has an "integrated curriculum", where all activities (songs, stories, crafts, snacks, games, etc.) are related to our weekly theme.

We use the Preschool Assessment Framework and Curriculum to assess the students' growth. The educational curriculum is a developmental one, and the importance of play as a child's work is

always of central significance. There are two Parent/Teacher Conferences scheduled to discuss your child's growth, usually in January and April.

There is no additional cost for the daily snacks we provide. Snacks are nutritious, such as various crackers, pretzels, raisins, fruit, peanut butter, served with milk or fruit juice.

Several field trips are planned each year for the 4-year-old classes. Advance notice is always given, and permission slips provided. Parents are used as chaperones, and a school bus will be rented for the trips. Regular visits from members of the community (police, firefighter, puppeteer, etc.) are also scheduled throughout the year, for the 3-year-old classes as well.

The annual tuition for the TuTh class is \$1,500 due in 10 monthly payments of \$150 each. The annual tuition for the M-W-F morning classes is \$2,100 due in 10 monthly payments of \$210 each. The annual tuition for the extended day program on MWF is \$3,400 due in 10 monthly payments of \$340 each.

The first tuition payment is due in June of each year, to be held as a deposit until classes begin in September. The remaining nine payments are due the first of each month, from September until May. We participate in the Milford Kids Count Preschool Scholarship Program for families that qualify.

Morning classes are from 9:15 to 11:45. Extended day is from 9:15 to 1:15. Extended day students will bring their own lunch. We roughly follow the vacation schedule of the Milford Public School System. A school calendar is provided each year. The school year has several "snow days" built into it. If Milford schools are CLOSED due to weather conditions, then Kiddie Korner is CLOSED FOR THE DAY. If the public schools are delayed, then we have a special shortened class schedule. If your child must be absent on any given day, please notify the school by phone before the beginning of class. If anyone other than the parent is to pick up the child from school, advance notice in writing must be given.

It is required by law that you present a written statement of health from your doctor, including your child's most recent physical exam and an updated immunization record. Your doctor should have the forms, or you can contact Kiddie Korner. **NO CHILD IS ALLOWED TO ENTER SCHOOL UNTIL A HEALTH FORM IS ON FILE!!**

Hopefully you will find this information helpful. If you have any further questions, please call Peggy Bruno at 203-874-7703, or email Pegbruno@optonline.net. You can get a quick look at the school premises on our website, www.kiddiekorners.com.