

The Cooperative Difference

Westminster Cooperative Preschool was formed in 1971 by a group of families who wanted to provide their children with a quality preschool experience. The school is administered and maintained by the parents on a non-profit, non-sectarian basis.

The cooperative aspect of our preschool offers parents a hands-on role in their child's first school experience. Working alongside the teacher, parents will see growth in their child, both academically and socially.

Members of the co-op are able to meet with other families and participate in our ongoing parent education program, where we present and discuss topics on child growth and development.

In short, we are able to offer a superior preschool program because our families work together.



Non-Discrimination Policy

Westminster Cooperative Preschool admits students of any race, color, national or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies and other school-administered programs.

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Westminster Cooperative Preschool is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). NAEYC is the nation's largest organization of early childhood professionals. According to NAEYC, accredited programs have shown a commitment to providing a high quality program for young children and their families. For more specific information about NAEYC accreditation requirements, visit their website at <http://www.naeyc.org>.

Classroom Philosophy

Our philosophy at Westminster Cooperative Preschool is to provide appropriate activities for the children in all areas of child development. Curriculum goals are based on the Illinois Early Learning Standards and the National Association for the Education of Young Children Preschool Developmental Milestones.

- ★ **Emotional:** We provide opportunities that acknowledge and respect individuality, encourage a sense of independence, and ultimately build self-esteem.
- ★ **Social:** We provide opportunities for friendships to develop and opportunities to model appropriate problem-solving techniques when conflicts arise.
- ★ **Physical:** We provide a wide range of fine and gross motor activities. We also provide nutritious snacks that set the stage for lifelong fitness and health.
- ★ **Intellectual:** We provide activities that encourage children to think and enjoy the process of learning new ideas.

Our ultimate goal is to ensure that the children love being here. When learning is fun, children start on the right path to a positive school experience and lifelong learning.

Our Mission

Westminster Cooperative Preschool provides developmentally appropriate activities through a combination of free choice play and structured learning. The program is tailored to maximize each child's creativity and individual learning style.

Parents have ownership in the preschool through board membership and classroom involvement.



Parent Responsibilities

In order to aid in the operation of the preschool, parents can either choose a volunteer position or serve as a member of the Executive Committee. A family's responsibility to the cooperative also includes providing snacks and transporting children on field trips. In addition, parents of children enrolled in the morning programs work in the classroom one to two times per month for each enrolled child.

Volunteer Positions

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| ★ Art | ★ Decorating |
| ★ Field Trips/Resource | ★ Housekeeping |
| ★ Librarian | ★ Music |
| ★ Orientation | ★ Pet Care |
| ★ Photographer | ★ Prop Area |
| ★ Science | ★ Scheduling |
| ★ Special Events | |

Executive Committee

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| Chairperson | Vice-Chairperson |
| Secretary | Financial Officer |
| Newsletter Editor | Volunteer Coordinator |
| Church Liaison | Membership Chairperson |
| Pre-K Liaison | |

Classes Offered:

- 3 year olds:** Tuesday & Thursday mornings
4 year olds: Monday, Wednesday & Friday mornings
Pre-K: Monday – Thursday afternoons

Morning classes meet from 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. The afternoon class meets from 12:30 - 3:00 p.m. Classes begin the week of Labor Day and end the week prior to Memorial Day. To enroll, children must be the age of their respective class by September 1st. Please call for more information.

Tuition

- 3 year olds: \$65 /month
 4 year olds: \$80 /month
 Pre-K: \$155 /month



Daily Activities

Free Choice Play Learning Centers

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| ★ Reading | ★ Writing |
| ★ Science | ★ Manipulatives |
| ★ Block Play | ★ Dramatic Play |
| ★ Art | ★ Sensory Center |
| ★ Language & Math Activities | |

Circle Time Activities

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| ★ Calendar/Weather | ★ Stories |
| ★ Finger plays | ★ Music |
| ★ Mystery Bag | ★ Spanish |

Snack

Outdoor Play/ Gross Motor Play