

## CURRICULUM

Our curriculum at Glasser Preschool is designed around the concept that children learn through play. Our classroom environment encourages children to make choices, develop a positive self-concept, and promote learning through experimentation and problem-solving. Our curriculum is emergent. It results from interactions between teachers and children with both providing ideas and developing them to create attractive and worthwhile themes. Teachers balance long range objectives with moment to moment opportunities based on child-teacher interactions and interests.

“Developmentally Appropriate Practice” is the philosophy of doing the right thing for each child at the right time. Our developmentally appropriate curriculum provides for all areas of a child’s development: social, emotional, physical, cognitive, language, and aesthetic. Teachers adapt curriculum plans to meet the wide range of individual needs and interests of all children in the group.

Through play our children acquire skills in the five main developmental areas: Social and Emotional; Gross Motor; Fine Motor; Language & Communication; and Cognitive. Each area of the classroom and the activities that take place during the day are designed to help children acquire the necessary skills in these areas.

An important component of our daily curriculum is Jewish. Not all of our children or families come from a Jewish background. Our staff is sensitive to this and we make every effort for our entire Glasser Preschool family to be comfortable with this part of our curriculum. Parent education newsletters are sent home throughout the year regarding the Jewish holidays and Hebrew used in the classroom.

## COVID 19 PRECAUTIONS

The health and safety of our children, families and staff is extremely important to us. Glasser Preschool follows strict COVID 19 protocols at all times.

Licensing | Glasser Preschool is licensed by the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) and meets all applicable state and local licensing requirements.

## A TYPICAL DAY

Our daily routines are set up to encourage a comforting and familiar rhythm to our children’s day. Classrooms have a Daily Plan, which is posted, in each classroom. Our days typically include the following:

- **Free Play/Choice Time.** This includes an art activity and choices throughout the learning centers in the class room with optional activities that frequently emphasize the week’s theme.
- All children participate in **Clean Up Time.**
- **Circle/Group Time.** This includes songs, stories, math, science, movement, and other activities relating to the theme of the week. The frequency and length of group times are adapted to the age and developmental level of the children in the classroom.
- **Snack Time.** The children are encouraged to set up and clean up their snacks. The snack will be posted daily.
- **Gross Motor Play.** We go outdoors daily if weather permits. If not, we play in one of our indoor gross motor areas.

## MISSION STATEMENT

*The purpose of the Beatrice and Morris Glasser Preschool is to provide an educational foundation for young children including teachings of Judaism as embraced by Oak Park Temple B’Nai Abraham Zion.*

*Glasser Preschool promotes each child’s physical, emotional, educational, ethical and social growth. Our curriculum is designed around the concept that children learn through play. Our classroom environment encourages children to make choices, develop a positive self-concept, and promote learning through experimentation and problem-solving.*

*Glasser Preschool enhances the Oak Park Temple community by providing religious, educational and social support for families with young children.*

*Glasser Preschool welcomes all children regardless of religious affiliation, and strives to promote acceptance and understanding of the benefits of diversity.*



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## OUR CLASSROOMS

### **Gan Katan/Turtles** (age 2 by 9/1/23)

Mon/Wed/Fri 8:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Tuition \$345/month Supply Fee \$105/semester

Tues/Thurs 8:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Tuition \$290/month Supply Fee \$85/semester

Mon-Fri 8:30 AM – 11 AM

Tuition \$510/month, Supply Fee \$150/semester *Maximum Class Size is 8 children with 2 teachers The 2 year old classrooms have an abbreviated schedule during September to allow for a smooth transition into the preschool experience.*

### **Lions/Zebras** (age 3 by 9/1/23)

Tues through Fri 8:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Tuition \$385/month Supply Fee \$125/semester

*Maximum Class Size is 14 children with 2 teachers*

### **Lions/Zebras** (age 3 by 9/1/23)

Mon through Fri 8:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Tuition \$470/month Supply Fee \$150/semester

*Maximum Class Size is 14 children with 2 teachers*

### **Tigers** (age 4 by 9/1/23)

Mon through Fri 8:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Tuition \$470/month Supply Fee \$150/semester

*Maximum Class Size is 16 children with 2 teachers*

### **Bears** (age 4 by 9/1/23)

Mon through Fri Noon – 2:30 PM

Tuition \$460/month Supply Fee \$150/semester

*Maximum Class Size is 16 children with 2 teachers*

## ENRICHMENT & HOT LUNCH PROGRAMS

**11:00 AM-Noon** Hot Lunch available daily - choose as many days as you want

**Noon-1:00 PM/2:30-3:30 PM** Enrichment Program options *Registration for these Programs will be held in August 2023*

## REGISTRATION DATES

January 16-22, 2023 - Oak Park Temple Members

January 23-29, 2023 - Glasser Preschool Families

January 30, 2023 - Open to the Community

## PARENT INVOLVEMENT

**Parent involvement** is important to Glasser Preschool. All preschool parents are required to assist in at least two volunteer areas. Opportunities are available for both “stay at home” and parents who work outside the home. A parent advisory committee governs Glasser Preschool. All preschool parents are invited and encouraged to attend the monthly preschool committee meetings.

### **JUF Right Start Gift Vouchers**

JUF Right Start is a program for young families from the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago. Go to [juf.org/young\\_families](http://juf.org/young_families) to determine if your child is eligible for this voucher. This program is not based on need.

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

### **Fees Due at Registration**

Your one month's **tuition deposit** will be applied to the month of May 2024. Cancellation by May 15, 2023 will result in a refund of the one month's tuition and the non-temple member fee. After May 15th the one month's tuition deposit won't be refunded unless the position is filled by a child on our waiting list.

A non-refundable **supply fee** is charged each semester. The first semester fee is due at registration. The second semester fee is due in January 2024.

The **non-Temple member fee** of \$150 is due at the time of registration. This fee is paid once a year per family. If you join Oak Park Temple by September 2023, this fee will be applied to tuition.

## CLASS PLACEMENT

### **Morning and Afternoon 4 year old Classes**

Registered 4 year olds will be divided equally between the morning (Tigers) and afternoon (Bears) classes. The Director will conduct a lottery to determine class assignment if more people express a preference for one time slot than are spaces available. 1st Lottery: Temple members with enrolled siblings of different ages. 2nd Lottery: remaining Temple members. 3rd Lottery: current GPS non-temple members with enrolled siblings of different ages. 4th Lottery: remaining current GPS non-temple members. 5th Lottery: all remaining registered children.

### **Class Placement**

We reserve the right to cancel or consolidate classes due to insufficient enrollment. In the event that we are unable to offer an appropriate alternate class placement you will be issued a full refund of your deposit.

### **Wait Lists**

Wait lists will be formed for any classes that are full. If your first choice class is full, your child will be placed on the wait list for that class and be registered for your second or third choice unless you cross out these choices on your registration form.

### **Children with September and October birthdays**

If your child has a September or October birthday and you would like them to be placed in the older class, please register for their age correct class and indicate on the registration form that you are interested in moving your child up to the next age group. You will be contacted by the Director in February regarding space availability and the appropriateness of the placement. Priority for all class placements will be given to children who meet the age deadlines.

### **Children do not have to be potty trained.**

When the child is ready, the teachers will work with the parents to make potty training a success.