

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, providing and developing ideas to create engaging 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. We recognize, however, that Families at Glasser Preschool come from various backgrounds. Glasser Preschool welcomes all children regardless of religious affiliation, and strives to promote acceptance and understanding of the benefits of diversity. Parent education newsletters are sent home throughout the year regarding the Jewish holidays and Hebrew used in the classroom.

REGISTRATION OPENS

January 13, 2025 - Oak Park Temple Members
January 21, 2025 - Glasser Preschool Families
January 27, 2025 - Open to the Community

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 classroom 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. All snacks are nut free.
- **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.



2025/2026 School Year

Glasser Preschool of Oak Park Temple
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GlasserPreschool.com

OUR MORNING CLASSROOMS (3 hours)

Gan Katan/Turtles (age 2 by 9/1/25)

Tues/Thurs 8:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Tuition \$350/month

Mon/Wed/Fri 8:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Tuition \$450/month

Mon-Fri 8:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Tuition \$725/month

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 9/1/25)

Tues through Fri 8:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Tuition \$500/month

Mon through Fri 8:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Tuition \$625/month

Maximum Class Size is 14 children with 2 teachers

Tigers (age 4 by 9/1/25)

Mon through Fri 8:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Tuition \$625/month

Maximum Class Size is 16 children with 2 teachers

EXTENDED 4 & 5 HOUR PROGRAM

11:30 AM-12:30PM Hot Lunch available daily

12:30 PM - 1:30 PM Stay & Play available daily

Glasser offers an extended day program for all ages. The cost is approximately \$510/month in addition to regular tuition if you register for 5 day a week 5 hour option. Registration for the extended program will be in August 2025 and is offered with flexible enrollment options. It is priced per day at \$20 for lunch hour and \$10 additional for Stay & Play hour.

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CLASS PLACEMENT

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 waitlist 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.

HEALTH & SAFETY

The health and safety of our children, families and staff is extremely important to us. We follow all health and safety regulations of DCFS, Oak Park Health Department, and the CDC. Furthermore we recognize that food allergies can cause serious, life threatening conditions for some children. We maintain a no-nut environment in our classrooms during preschool hours. Additionally, we will accommodate other food allergies in the classrooms on an individual basis as needed.

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 to determine if your child is eligible for this voucher. This program is not based on need.

REGISTRATION & FEE INFORMATION

Your one month's **tuition deposit** is due with registration. Cancellation by May 15, 2025 will result in a refund of the one month's tuition. 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 \$200 **supply and technology fee** is due at Registration.

An annual per family **Building fee** of \$250 is to be paid at the beginning of the school year. For OPT members this will be applied to your OPT Building Fee.



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