

## Which Class is best for my child?

Several issues determine class choice; child's age, amount of days and hours you would like your child to attend, financial restrictions and your family's schedule. With these factors in mind we offer several different choices for each age group. Below are our class offerings and some information to help you make a decision.



### **Chickadees - ages 2 ½ to 3**

Your child should be at least 2 ½ years (36 months) by September to enroll in this class.

We offer a two-day Chickadee class, which meets Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:30 to 12:30. **Class A**

We know that occasionally a situation may arise and you will need your child to stay longer one day. To help our parents out in these occasions we offer a fun program called our *After Lunch Bunch program* from 12:30 to 2:30. Parents can use this program on an "as needed" basis for a fee of \$20.00 a day.

Some parents may prefer to have their children attend daily Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:30 to 2:30. **Class A plus** meets these needs. Students will attend our permanent *After Lunch Bunch program* from 12:30 to 2:30 with 2 and 3 year olds at a reduced rate relative to our as needed program. **Class A plus**

Extended care is available in the morning starting at 7:45am and in the afternoon until 6:00pm on a permanent or as needed basis as well.

### **Ducklings 3 year olds to 4 year olds**

Your child should be at least 3 by September to enroll in this class.

Many parents choose to enroll their Duckling aged children for five days from 9:30 to 2:30. Children enrolled for 5 days are in **Class F plus**.



Some parents prefer to have their children attend five days daily from 9:30 to 12:30. Children enrolled for this morning period are in **Class F**.

We offer a three-day Duckling class which meets Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9:30 to 2:30. **Class D**

We offer a three-day half day Duckling class, which meets Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:30 to 12:30. **Class C**

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Some parents may prefer to have their children attend daily Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:30 to 2:30. **Class C plus** meets these needs. Students will attend our permanent *After Lunch Bunch program* from 12:30 to 2:30 with 2 and 3 year olds at a reduced rate relative to our as needed program.

### **Class C plus**

Extended care is available in the morning starting at 7:45 and in the afternoon until 6:00pm on a permanent or as needed basis.

## Bluebirds and Cardinals 4 year old to 5 year olds

### What is the difference between the Bluebird and the Cardinal Class?



Both the Bluebird and the Cardinal Classes are pre-K classes and prepare your child for Kindergarten. Both classes use the Creative Curriculum for Preschool Program, which is aligned with New Jersey state curriculum standards. Our Bluebird and Cardinal Curriculums offer you, the parents, the opportunity to choose from either a three, four or five day program, whichever works best for you and your family's schedule. All classes will introduce your child to the skills and concepts necessary to be successful in Kindergarten.

### Bluebirds 4 years old to 5 year olds

We offer a five-day Bluebird Class, which meets Monday through Friday from 9:30 to 2:30. Read below to determine if the five-day Bluebird or the five-day Cardinal Class is best for your child. **Class J**

We offer a three-day Bluebird Class, which meets Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9:30 to 2:30 **Class I**

### Cardinals 4 year old to 5 year olds

We offer a five-day Cardinal Class, which meets Monday through Friday from 9:30 to 2:30. Read below to determine if the five-day Bluebird or the five day Cardinal Class is best for your child. **Class L**

We offer a four-day Cardinals Class, which meets Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:30 to 2:30. **Class K**

**The difference between the five-day Bluebird Class and the five-day Cardinal Class pertains to the first few months of school.** The Cardinal classes start the year in full swing and require their students to be more independent and self-motivated right from the start. The Bluebird class begins introducing the children to the classroom routines and curriculum in a gradual progression reaching the same level of independence and self-motivation as the Cardinal Class by January.

Please be aware that although the Bluebird and Cardinal classes have unique curriculums both have the same academic expectations and preparatory skills for kindergarten. For example the Bluebirds introduce the letters in an alphabetical order and Cardinals introduce the letters in a phonetic order. The Bluebirds study the Book and Author of the Month and the Cardinals study the Artist of the Month.

If you are not sure which class is best for your child please speak to the director or your child's present teacher.

### Why do we offer two different curriculums for our four year olds?

Often times a parent of a child with a late summer or September birthday will decide to give her child an extra year in preschool. By offering two different curriculums, these children can attend the Bluebird Class one year and then the Cardinal Class the next year.

Extended care for all Bluebirds and Cardinals is available in the morning starting at 7:45am and in the afternoon until 6:00pm on a permanent or as needed basis as well.