



Early Childhood Center

Welcome to The Pre-K Fours Program

*"Education is not the filling of a pail,
but the lighting of a fire."*

~ William Butler Yeats

Our outstanding Pre-K Fours program is designed for children turning four years old by October 1st. Our curriculum is uniquely crafted to suit the needs of each individual learner. Our spiraling curriculum, which begins in our Two's, is inspired by the work of Reggio Emilia and other child-centered educators. From language, math, science and social studies, to music, foreign language, technology, creative arts and art history, children make connections and develop their own understanding under the guidance of educators who are attuned to each child's learning style and who know just how to challenge each child to extend their knowledge. Literacy is integrated across the curricula and emergent skills are reinforced and supported. Children are encouraged to engage in cooperative play with their peers and the development of self-regulation, emotional expression and positive social interaction serve as a main goal of our program. We focus on essential skills such as conflict resolution, entering new play situations, working and playing successfully with others, making good choices and other skills that characterize emotional intelligence and competence.

Of course, every day in every classroom, we encourage children to treat their classmates and others with kindness, as they learn the meaning of *g'milut chasadim*, acts of loving kindness. Our children learn about Shabbat and other Jewish holidays and are introduced to the concept of Tzedakah, Mitzvot, Hachnasat Orchim (welcoming guests), and many core Jewish values. They take their place as part of our community wide effort toward "Tikkun Olam"... improving our world.

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