A NAEYC Accredited Nursery School
We are proud to be accredited by NAEYC, the National Association for the Education of Young Children, and recognized for our commitment to reaching the highest professional standards. NAEYC accreditation lets families in our community know that children in our program are receiving the best care and early learning experiences.

A Total Approach to Learning
Through play and creative activities, our pre-school program will provide a warm and enriching Jewish environment for your child’s development. Our child-centered program is based on the following principles:

- Children learn through active exploration of their environment.
- Children become motivated to learn when they are given choices about learning.
- Children learn through their interactions with the world around them and the people in it.
- Children's individual differences and needs are always respected and valued.
- Children succeed in school when parents and teachers work together as partners.

A Diverse Curriculum
The Neve Shalom Nursery School’s developmentally appropriate curriculum enriches your child’s learning experience through opportunities that include:

- Early math and literacy activities
- Hands-on science and sensory experiences
- Fine and gross motor activities
- Explorations with nature
- Open-ended art experiences
- Music and movement
- Dramatic play
- Storytelling
- Jewish holiday and Shabbat programs
- Field trips and visitors
- Handicap accessible playground facility

A Qualified, Professional Staff
Our team of certified teachers have many years experience in the education of young children and are committed to NAEYC standards and practices. We pride ourselves on our small teacher to student ratio and of the warm and nurturing environment we create in each of our classrooms.

This is Martha Mack’s fourteenth year as Director of the Nursery School. She has a Bachelor’s degree in Music Education and post graduate study in both Music and Elementary Education. Mrs. Mack has been teaching at Neve Shalom Nursery School for the past twenty years as our early childhood music specialist, and has also held the position of Program Coordinator.

Rabbi Eric Rosin and Hazzan Sheldon Levin participate regularly in the Nursery School programs and activities. Rabbi Rosin visits our classrooms each Wednesday morning throughout the school year and Hazzan Levin brings Shabbat and Jewish holiday music to our students every Friday morning.

A Class to Meet Your Child’s Needs
The Neve Shalom Nursery School offers the following programs for your child for the 2017/2018 school year. The “Mommy and Me” and “Just Me” classes are offered separately from our core Nursery School classes and do not require a registration fee. All classes are offered subject to enrollment.

Mommy and Me Class
This class, for children eighteen months to two years, meets for one hour weekly with Mom or primary caregiver attending as well. It includes sensory play, circle activities, art and cooking experiences, music and movement, and free play opportunities. The goal is to allow children to explore new activities and meet new children in a first “school” experience. This class meets on Wednesdays from 10:00 - 11:00 am. Children must be between the ages of 18 - 24 months to enroll, must also be attended by Mom or primary caregiver.

Just Me Class
A natural progression from Mommy and Me and a transition class prior to entering the Toddler class. The activities are similar to those in Mommy and Me however; the class is just the right length of time for little ones having their first experience away from Mom. Moms are welcome to stay in the building. This class meets on Mondays and/or Wednesdays from 9:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. Children must be at least 2 years old to enroll.

Toddler Class (2-1/2 year old)
Our regular nursery program starts with this two-day class that meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., with an option to stay until 1:00 pm. Students must be at least 2 ½ years old to enroll. Parents also have the ability to add additional days to our core 2-day program. Snack provided daily.

3 Year Old Class
The 3 year old class meets on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., with an option to stay until 1:00 pm. Parents also have the ability to add additional days to our core 3-day program. Snack provided daily.

4 Year Old Class (Pre-K)
This five-day class meets Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Snack provided daily. A kosher, dairy brown bag lunch should be provided from home.

All At A Competitive Price!
You do not need to be a member of the Synagogue to enroll your child in Neve Shalom Nursery School. Registrations are accepted on a first come, first-served basis, as space permits.

- Monthly tuition payment plans are available through our synagogue office.
- 15% off your second child when both children are enrolled at the same time.
- There is a $50 non-refundable first time administration and processing fee for all new students. The non-refundable administration and processing fee for all returning students is $15.
A one month's non-refundable deposit is required at time of registration, to be applied to the last month's tuition.

Full Day Kindergarten and Kindergarten Wrap
Designed specifically to address the needs of both Full Day Kindergarten (9 – 3 pm) and families looking at 1/2 day Kindergarten in the Metuchen and Edison public schools. In keeping with our NAEYC standards, this hybrid Kindergarten class will be taught by a certified teacher following the Metuchen Kindergarten curriculum. In addition to a small class size (limit of 12 students) and a customized learning experience, the program will be packed with fun and challenging activities covering all of the academic areas of reading, writing, math, science, social studies, physical education, and the arts.

Monday - Friday
9:00 am – 3:00 pm or
Monday – Friday am (8:30 – 11:20 am)
Monday – Friday pm (11:00 – 2:30 pm)

Early Drop Off
We offer an early drop off program each morning from 7:30 - 9:00 a.m.

Monday - Friday Open to all
7:30 - 9:00 pm Students

After School Club (1 – 3pm)
Our After School Club students enjoy an enrichment learning experience complete with art and creative projects, cooking, science exploration, storytelling, outdoor/indoor playtime, naptime, and snack.
Let your child experience an educational and fun playdate with his or her friends in a safe and nurturing environment.

Monday - Friday Open to all
1:00 - 3:00 pm Students

Extended Day Program (3 – 6 pm)
From 3:00 – 6:00 pm Monday through Friday, a play program consisting of quiet games and activities after a long day of active learning and fun. Specifically designed to assist working families with their child care needs.

Monday – Friday Open to all
3:00 – 6:00 pm Students

What does NAEYC Accreditation Mean?
Early childhood programs accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children have voluntarily undergone a comprehensive process of internal self-study and invited external professional review to verify compliance with NAEYC's Criteria for High-Quality Early Childhood Programs.

NAEYC administers the largest and most widely recognized accreditation system for all types of early childhood schools and child care centers. By choosing a NAEYC accredited school you are ensuring that your child will experience a safe and nurturing environment that has met and maintained the highest of standards.

Neve Shalom
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2017/2018 Schedule of Classes

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