



Preschool

Since 1987, Temple Emanu El Preschool has provided quality childcare and a nurturing learning environment to help our students and families thrive. We recognize that the key to engaging students in new experiences is confidence. Our staff establishes personal relationships with each student to ensure a sense of security, challenging themselves to develop new skills. From our infant to our pre-Kindergarten class, our teachers understand that each child approaches milestones differently and provide the necessary guidance for students to excel.

Temple Emanu El Preschool utilizes the Creative Curriculum, a comprehensive, research-based curriculum that emphasizes the importance of inquiry and exploration and addresses social-emotional, cognitive, and physical development to foster curiosity and encourage a love of learning. We also incorporate the Fingerprints Curriculum, a values-based introduction to Judaism which celebrates core Jewish principles, developed by the Jewish Education Center of Cleveland. Each week, students participate in Shabbat with Rabbi Matt, Hebrew and Judaic classes with our Hebrew Specialist and Judaic Coordinator, music, and physical education. During the summer months, students in the Toddler and Preschool programs are engaged in a camp-like experience. Throughout each day, activities are based around a weekly theme all while incorporating academics and fun water play.

Temple Emanu El Preschool uses Brightwheel, a preschool and childcare management software that integrates real-time communication, classroom management, digital attendance, and activity documentation. Teachers record diaper changes, meals, naps, activities, and photos on each student's feed daily. Teachers, parents, and administrators communicate through the messaging feature of the app.

Parents interested in enrollment should set up a tour and read the Temple Emanu El Preschool Parent Handbook. A financial agreement detailing the student's schedule and tuition is then provided. Fees include a one-time, non-refundable \$50 registration fee, the first full month's tuition, and a \$500 security deposit. Once the financial agreement is signed and fees are paid, the child's spot in the program is reserved. Registration occurs on a first come, first served basis. Space in the preschool will not be held until a completed financial agreement and deposit are received. Temple Emanu El Preschool, open Mondays through Fridays from 7:30 am-6:00 pm year-round, provides for students from 6 weeks through pre-Kindergarten in infant, toddler, and preschool classrooms. Daily, we offer a nutritious morning snack, hot lunch, and afternoon snack, all included in tuition. We offer full-time and part-time schedules, with a minimum of 3 days per week.

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