

A BRIEF OVERVIEW OUR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROGRAMS

The Mokena Community Park District is delighted to welcome you and your child to our Early Childhood Education Programs, a series of programs for preschoolers. All of our Early Childhood Education programs are held in the Recreation Program Center, **10925 La Porte Road (south end of Main Park)**.

This overview was developed to help you become acquainted with various aspects of our programs, as well as answer any preliminary questions you might have.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- Prep school – Children must be age 3 by September 1, 2020 (born between 9/2/16 and 9/1/17) to attend the 3-year-old program.
- Pre- School – 3 day a week 4-Year-Old Program – Children must be age 4 by September 1, 2020 (born between 9/2/15 and 9/1/16) to attend this program.
- Kinderbridge – 5 day a week 4-Year-Old Program – Children must be age 4 by September 1, 2020 (born between 9/2/15 and 9/1/16) to attend this program.

A copy of your child's **birth certificate** is required at the time of registration, along with a non-refundable deposit of \$49 registration fee plus the first month's tuition. **ENTIRE DEPOSIT is non-refundable!** Registration includes a t-shirt.

- Prep School - \$167 (includes 118 first month's tuition)
- Pre-school - \$204 (includes \$155 first month tuition)
- Kinderbridge - \$293 (includes \$244 first month tuition)

All children **must be completely toilet-trained** prior to the start of the program.

The following **forms and information** are required at registration, or two weeks prior to the first day of attendance. These include:

- ✓ **Program Waiver Form** – Refusal to sign is cause for denial of program participation.
- ✓ **Health Information/Medical Release Form** - List of any medical conditions to better serve your child. Procedures to be followed for emergency situations.
- ✓ **Emergency Information/Pick Up Form** – List of emergency contact persons and phone numbers to call in case a parent/guardian cannot be reached, and List of name(s) of persons authorized to pick up child.
- ✓ **Immunizations Requirements** – Children entering pre-school shall comply with the appropriate school age immunization requirements. The records must be signed by a health care provider who gave the immunization or can verify those dates of immunization.
 - DTP/DTaP; Polio (OPV, IPV) ; Measles ; Rubella; Mumps; Hib; Hepatitis B; Varicella

BEHAVIOR POLICY

The Mokena Park District applies a caring and positive approach to discipline. To ensure safe and enjoyable programs and facilities for all residents, the Park District has developed the following code of conduct. Participants in programs and those using facilities shall:

- 1) Show respect to all participants, staff, equipment, supplies and facilities;
- 2) Refrain from using offensive or profane language; and
- 3) Refrain from aggressive behavior that could cause bodily harm.

Children may be placed in “time out”. Continued disruptions or misbehavior will then be addressed with the parents. The Park District reserves the right to dismiss a participant from a program if their behavior or language is deemed inappropriate by staff, endangers the safety of others, or causes property damage.

CURRICULUM

Our Early Childhood Education programs stress the social development of young children and the importance of learning through play. Free play time, music, art projects, games and stories offer children the opportunity to share, communicate through others, discover new and interesting things, improve motor skills, and have fun. Pre-reading and pre-math activities help develop logical thinking. Some concepts that we teach (depending on age 3 or age 4) are colors, shapes, math skills, rote counting, number recognition, patterning, graphing, measuring, letter recognition, phonetic awareness, correct writing of each letter, printing first names, opposites, nursery rhymes, days of the week and months of the year. In science, children learn about weather, seasons, bats, pumpkins, insects, magnets, and floating versus sinking objects. In social science we discuss Johnny Appleseed, Pilgrims, Native Americans, Abraham Lincoln, and George Washington.

Please let our teachers know the name you wish your child to be called (example: John, Johnny, or Jack.) Make sure this is the name you wish your child to recognize in printed form.