



**Preschool
Early Childhood
Education Program**

**Elizabeth Meyer School
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What Makes Our Preschool Special?

- ♥ Our teachers and specialists are fully credentialed, well-trained and experienced. Our staff members have advanced degrees and specialty certifications
- ♥ Professional development for our staff is highly valued; all staff members participate in ongoing learning experiences to positively impact students' development and progress.
- ♥ Because our preschool is part of a public school district, we have specialists in our building, every day, working with our teachers and students
- ♥ We offer speech and language therapy, occupational therapy, social work services and consultation with our registered school nurse and school psychologist
- ♥ Our new, state-of-the-art playground provides many ways for the children to develop their gross motor and social skills. Students can play on the equipment, ride wheel toys around the track or use the water or sand table.

Our Facility

Our school includes an expansive library space and vast collection of resources, as well as a sensory motor room, art room and beautiful gym. Every classroom has a SMARTboard and tablets for student use, as well as ample supplies of books and hands-on learning materials.

Our Program

AM Section: 8:30 to 11:00 a.m.

PM Section: 12:00 to 2:30 p.m.

“Creative Curriculum”® provides the foundation and guide for all classroom learning experiences.

The early childhood program integrates language and literacy with science, math, music, art, social studies and physical development based on the *Illinois Early Learning Standards*. Our early childhood certified staff facilitates learning through hands-on experiences and purposeful play. Activities promote the development of social/emotional, motor, cognitive and language skills within nurturing classroom communities.

The curriculum is taught through integrated units of study. Lessons and activities within each unit are experiential. Progress is assessed regularly through observational data collection to ensure our students are meeting the standards in all domains. We use **Teaching Strategies GOLD**®.

Parents are welcome and encouraged to volunteer in our classrooms and school.



Education Options

Students age 3 by September 1:

- ♥ Half-day AM or PM sections
- ♥ 2 days
- ♥ 3 days
- ♥ 5 days

Students age 4 by September 1:

- ♥ Half-day AM or PM sections
- ♥ 5 days

To learn more about enrollment, tuition and payment schedule, or for information about Special Education, go to sd735.org/meyer or contact the school office at 847.673.1223.

Our Staff

Our staff is highly qualified and experienced. They are credentialed by the State of Illinois with Type 4 Early Childhood and English Learner endorsements. Meyer's teaching assistants are certified paraprofessionals. Our Early Childhood Education staff members are dedicated to providing a safe and nurturing environment in which the children will thrive.

Support Services

Children are assessed formally and informally. Vision and hearing are screened by qualified health professionals. Parents and staff work collaboratively to support students at all developmental levels.

For those students who are eligible, services may include:

- ♥ English Language Instruction and Support
- ♥ Speech/Language Therapy
- ♥ Occupational Therapy
- ♥ Special Education
- ♥ Social Work
- ♥ Health Services
- ♥ Consultation



If you feel your child may qualify for any of these services, please contact us to schedule a screening appointment.

Community Partners

- ♥ Niles Township District for Special Education (NTDSE)
- ♥ Childcare Network of Evanston
- ♥ Niles Township Early Childhood Alliance
- ♥ Niles Township Schools ELL Parent Center
- ♥ Skokie Park District
- ♥ Skokie Public Library
- ♥ Erickson Institute



On-Site Extended Care Options

Early Bird Extended AM Care:

The *Early Bird* program is staffed and administered by Elizabeth Meyer School. Hours are **7:00 to 8:30 a.m.**

Skokie's Place for All Children in Extended Care (SPACE) offers care for students after both AM and PM Classes. SPACE is administered and staffed by the Skokie Park District. Separate registration is required.

Extended Preschool SPACE

- ♥ “Extended Preschool” morning: **8:30 to 12:00 p.m.** For PM section students who need full day care.
- ♥ “Extended Preschool” afternoon: **11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.** For AM section students who need full day care.

Late Afternoon SPACE (beyond Extended Preschool):

- ♥ **2:30 to 6:00 p.m.** Participating Kindergarten students are joined by late afternoon preschoolers following 2:45 p.m. dismissal.





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