

Choosing a Cooperative Preschool

The Cooperative Preschool of Bay Village recognizes that parents are the primary educators in our children's lives.

Bringing parents and teachers together in the classroom creates a dynamic, enriching environment where everyone benefits.

The teachers grow in insight and skill, the parents in understanding and confidence, and the child thrives in receiving the best from both.

Cooperative preschools are owned and operated by its member parents. All members help make the rules and assume financial and administrative responsibilities of the school. Moms and Dads participate in class on a rotating basis, under the direction of full-time, trained and experienced teachers who lead the class. This requires a commitment of both time and labor, but the rewards are great.



Class & Tuition

Classes meet three mornings or three afternoons a week: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, from 9:30 to 11:45 a.m. or 1:00 to 3:15 p.m.

There is a non-refundable enrollment fee of \$50. Yearly tuition is \$930. A supply fee of \$25 will be collected in August with the first tuition payment. Tuition may be paid annually, semi-annually, or monthly in nine payments of \$95 starting in August.

For further information regarding the school, please contact the school administrator:

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Our School

The Cooperative Preschool of Bay Village was started in 1956 and moved to the Bay United Methodist Church in 1965. We are a non-denominational, non-profit organization licensed by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services.

We offer programs for children ages 3 to 5. One teacher and one co-op parent supervise each class and at times our administrator will work with small groups. The classes are limited to 12 in the 3-year-old class and 14 in the 4-year-old class. School is in session from early September to late May. Classes meet Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of each week from 9:30-11:45 a.m. or 1:00-3:15 p.m.

Our Approach

We believe that young children can best be taught academic skills in an indirect manner through activities conducted in an un-pressured environment.

Our teachers have developed an integrated play-based curriculum through themes, projects and the classroom environment.

Daily schedule includes free play, art, music, numbers, letters, colors, learning games, story time and snack. Hands-on experiences and learning situations are provided to support curriculum.

It is our hope that preschool will be an enriching experience for each child and that it will supplement the good foundations already laid for her in the early years. Our goal is that each child learns to trust and get along with other children and adults while developing positive feelings about his abilities and self-worth.

Our Facility

Our most valuable resources are our teachers. They are degreed, highly qualified and experienced in the local school district.

Physical assets include:

- Two large, bright classrooms with attached bathrooms.
- Supplies for art, music, nature study, readiness skills and motor development.
- Crafts, games and toys.
- Weekly use of well-equipped large muscle room and access to churchyard for outdoor activities.
- Various music and movement enrichment programs offered yearly.

Our Members

It is essential that each member share in the operation of the school. Membership carries with it certain responsibilities:

- Help in the classroom, approximately once a month.
- Serve on a school committee or the Executive Board.
- Pay tuition on a timely basis.
- Participate in the cleaning and storage of equipment at the end of the year.
- Contribute time, talent and ideas to improve the school.
- Participate in two fundraising activities.



Eligibility

Children must be at least 3 or 4 years old by September 30 to enter their respective classes. All children must be toilet trained. Each child must have a complete packet of information forms on file, including current medical form and state-required immunizations.

Registration begins in January with priority to the current or prior members. A waiting list is taken when the classes are filled.

