

Meet the Staff



Julie Bostrom: Preschool Director

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Miss Julie has degrees in Psychology/Child Psychology and Early Childhood and brings 35 years of experience teaching Pre-K and Kindergarten. Julie has her Director Credential and enjoys the role, but her love for children keeps her active in the classrooms too!

Christina Maldonado: Assistant Director, Head Teacher Pre-K

Miss Christina has her Early Childhood Teaching Certificate (113) and brings many years of experience in Early Childhood in both the private sector and public school. She can be seen singing and dancing with the children all day long!

Ivorie Martell: Head Teacher Preschool 1

Miss Ivy has her Early Childhood degree and has worked teaching preschoolers for many years. Laughter is heard often in the room with our youngest preschoolers.
Favorite Day: Friday Dance Party Day.

Rachel Benson: Lead Teacher Preschool 2

Miss Rachel has her degree in Early Childhood Education and has worked with children of all ages! Rachel loves to keep the children active by setting up obstacle courses both outside and inside.

Shannon Nyren: Head Teacher Preschool 3

Miss Shannon has her degree in Early Childhood Education and has been in the field for many years. Miss Shannon loves engaging with her classroom in cooking activities.

Kristen Murphy: Head Teacher TK (Transition to Kindergarten)

Miss Kristen has a degree in Early Childhood Education with a minor in Special Education. Kristen gets the children prepared for kindergarten through creative activities.

The Children's Museum Preschool 2025 Tuition

Part-time Preschool
Monday through Friday
8:30 am – 12:30 pm
\$290 per week

- Tuition is paid for the upcoming week, payment is due each Monday, and monthly payments are due 1st Monday of the Month.
- Part-time tuition is based on a 5-day-a-week program, not discounted for fewer days. We do not piggyback students, but save that classroom placement for your child.

Full-time Preschool
Monday through Friday
8 am – 5 pm
\$350 per week

- Tuition is paid for the upcoming week, payment is due each Monday, and monthly payments are due 1st Monday of the Month.
- Full-time tuition is based on a 5-day-a-week program, not discounted for fewer days or hours. We do not piggyback students, but save that classroom placement for your child.

We do not follow West Hartford Public School's Calendar. School is closed New Year's Day, the first day of Passover, Easter Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot, Thanksgiving Day and the day after, Christmas Eve and the day after, two development days and one med. training day.

Program Philosophy



The Children's Museum Preschool offers a play-based program that fosters learning through children's natural activities, as experts advocate that education through play results in a positive and enjoyable learning experience.

Our curriculum is centered around this philosophy, emphasizing personalized learning for each child based on their unique strengths and areas for growth. By utilizing proven methods and adhering to the CT Early and Development Standards, we create a supportive and inclusive environment that caters to individual needs.

Our qualified educators encourage children to explore, imagine, and create, enhancing critical thinking, scientific understanding, mathematical skills, creativity, and self-expression. We structure our classes to promote essential social skills like sharing, taking turns, and respecting others' rights.

A typical school day includes activities that support social, emotional, intellectual, and physical development. Children participate in science classes led by museum educators, wildlife demonstrations, and guided museum explorations.

Preschool families receive a Museum Family Membership, allowing them to explore the museum together.

As children progress through our program, they acquire foundational skills for a successful learning journey.

We are excited to welcome your family to our community at the Children's Museum Preschool.

Why Choose Us?



Weekly Museum Lessons

Rotating physical science demonstrations, wildlife sanctuary, and exhibit visits.



Play-based Curriculum

Hands-on activities encourage exploration, imagination, self-discovery, and creative problem-solving.



Low Teacher-to-Student Ratios

Individualized, facilitated learning experiences with experienced, degreed staff.



Family Museum Membership

Free admission to The Children's Museum and Roaring Brook Nature Center.



Care4Kids Subsidy Program

The Children's Museum Preschool participates in the Connecticut Care4Kids Program.



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