

# MHA NURSERY

# SCHOOL



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**With all the preschools in our area we are thankful that you have decided to join The MHA Nursery School Family.**

The MHA Nursery School is designed to provide a pleasant atmosphere and a strong curriculum base for future learning. Play helps the learning process, v1 therefore, our programs are geared to make each activity fun and at the same time foster a solid foundation for intellectual growth and physical development.

**The MHA Nursery School is a non-profit organization.** A Board of Directors determines policies.

## **ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS**

Tot Program-Child must turn 2 by 7/30

Mrs. Jarose's program-A child must turn 3 by 11/30.

**Children should be toilet trained.**

**We understand that accidents do happen.**

## **SCHOOL HOURS**

Morning session: 8:40-11:30 AM --Afternoon session: 12:25-3:15 PM

Full day-8: 40AM-3: 15 PM

Morning session: Tots-9:15-11:15AM --February-9:00-11:15AM

Mommy and Me Friday mornings-2 sessions

## **SCHOOL TERM**

The school will open the Wed. after Labor Day and will operate Monday through Friday. School will close on all Jewish holidays. Make-ups are determined by the director.

In the event of bad weather school may be canceled and will be decided by the director. A parent emergency network is established at the beginning of school.

A calendar is provided at the beginning of the school year.

## **FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS**

The school operates on a non-profit basis. It is necessary therefore that parents are responsible for the tuition based on the entire school year. Families are responsible for payment during any unscheduled vacations.

A \$10.00 late fee will be required for late payments and a \$25.00 fee will be charged for returned checks.

The director must review the withdrawal of a student. Tuition will be charged until written notice is received and the director approves it.

## Philosophy

The MHA Nursery School is an outgrowth of the desire of a group of parents to have a supervised and stimulating atmosphere for their children. The staff understands the importance of the first years at school. Our program is designed to meet the developmental needs of young children and is committed to providing an innovative curriculum with materials, activities and teaching methods that are based on the principles of child development.

MHA believes in open communication between staff, teachers and parents. We believe in being partners in your young child's care and education.

## Curriculum

The MHA Nursery School provides a developmentally appropriate learning environment for preschool age children. We offer an enriching program that develops each child's social, emotional, cognitive, language, creative and physical growth. Units are coordinated by the teachers. MHA provides a balance of active and quiet activities, individual and small group activities, child initiated and adult initiated activities and outdoor and indoor activities.

Learning centers are provided that allow children to explore, discover, experiment, create and ask questions. Our centers permit the children to have a balance of teacher directed activities and child directed activities. The nursery school utilizes the following learning centers:

**Group time**  
**Art/writing center**  
**Block/props play**  
**Dramatic/kitchen play**  
**Manipulative/puzzles/games center**  
**Computer area/Science/Math center**  
**Sand/water sensory table**  
**Language arts/library/listening station**  
**Easel painting**  
**Skills center**

A typical Nursery school session will include large and small group activities, story reading, dramatic play, circle time. Computer, art, skills, snack and playground or gym activities.

MHA Nursery School has a full size gymnasium equipped with ride on toys and other age appropriate gym equipment.

## **Special Activities**

Special activities include “show and tell”, daily jobs, field trips, gym classes, music classes, computer instruction, plays, book orders, school photographs, a curriculum fair, graduation ceremony, and school fundraisers. All information about special events will be communicated to MHA families.

## **Snacks/Lunch**

Snack time is an opportunity for you child to share socially, practice manners and try a variety of foods. A simple mid-session snack is served each day and is provided by the school. All foods must be kosher as we are under the guidelines of Temple Sinai. We are a nut free school. Birthdays are celebrated, and we make cupcakes with each child for his/her special day. Plates and napkins may be sent in.

Lunch is provided for all day students and lunch program students. We try to provide a balanced meal for each student. We take into account all allergies. Special arrangements can be made for children with severe allergies.

## **Parent Involvement**

Parents are encouraged to visit the preschool. Suggestions, comments, talents, interests, or hobbies are always welcomed by the staff. There is a parent organization and a parent representative for each class.

## **Emergencies**

In case of emergency, school staff will make every attempt to contact parents by phone. We have emergency procedures set up and direct communication with the police department. MHA will keep all children safe until parents arrive to pick them up.

**Director-Ellen Kuba**

**Head Teacher and Curriculum Advisor-Amanda Gloster**

**For information call: 845-239-4232**

