



## **CENTENNIAL INFANT AND CHILD CENTRE**

(for children with special needs)

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### **CENTENNIAL'S PRESCHOOL PROGRAM**

Centennial's Preschool Program is an integrated program that emphasizes individual programming in an enriched, structured and nurturing atmosphere. Children with special needs and those who are typically developing come together in an educational setting and benefit from the opportunity to learn from one another.

Children entering the program are between the ages of 18 months and 4 years. The program runs weekday mornings and afternoons from September to June and follows the holidays designated by the public school system.

About 20% of the children who attend the preschool program are children who do not have special needs. The "typically developing" children benefit from a curriculum which prepares them for Kindergarten in a nurturing and educational environment. They develop an appreciation for people's differences and act as role models to the children who have special needs.

Children with special needs attending the preschool benefit from a one-to-one adult/child ratio. Each child has an individual program plan developed by their primary teacher and their parents in consultation with a physiotherapist, occupational therapist and speech/language pathologist. The program covers the developmental areas of cognition, communication, self-help skills, social, and motor skills. Individual programs are updated regularly, and the goals are implemented every day by the classroom teachers and the child's volunteer (an individual that works one-to-one with the child).

### **CURRICULUM**

The preschool boasts a curriculum rich in the exploration of concepts relevant to the lives of young children. The children are introduced to changes that occur in their world as a result of the seasons, holidays, community events and different settings. They expand their understanding of themselves, their families, animals, transportation vehicles and childhood stories. They explore the concepts of colour, size, patterns, sequences, numbers, letters and shapes. The children have the opportunity to explore movement and music in a daily music circle enhanced by piano and guitar accompaniment.

## **PRESCHOOL HOURS**

**Morning Preschool Program** operates five half-days per week from Monday to Friday during the hours of 9:15 to 11:45, September to June.

**Afternoon Preschool Program** operates four half-days per week from Monday to Thursday during the hours of 1:15 to 3:45, September to June.

## **STAFF**

The preschool staff members include 5 teachers with backgrounds in child development, early childhood education, elementary school education and special education. They have extensive experience, both personally and professionally, in working with children and their families. The preschool works in collaboration with a team of professionals, including a Physiotherapist and Occupational Therapist from CICC and a Speech and Language Pathologist and a Communications Disorder Assistant from Toronto Preschool Speech and Language. They help each family to network and coordinate the appropriate services for their children. They also assist the families in accessing the necessary services and funding to maximize their child's abilities. The teacher's help parents explore future educational settings and work with them to assure a smooth transition into the school system. Centennial is committed to helping parents advocate on their child's behalf.

Centennial's Centre Manager is responsible for the management of the Preschool Program.

## **TUITION FEES**

### ***Morning Preschool Program:***

\$6500 for the 2019-2020 school year (spread over 10 payments)

### ***Afternoon Preschool Program:***

\$5500 for the 2019-2020 school year (spread over 10 payments)

Payment may be made by postdated cheques, EFT, or credit card (VISA or MasterCard)

### **CHILDCARE SUBSIDY:**

Subsidies are available through Toronto Children's Services – for further information, please refer to <http://www.toronto.ca/children>.

## **HOW TO MAKE A REFERRAL**

Children can be placed on the Preschool Program's waitlist by completing a preschool application form. Application forms can be found on our website [www.cicc.on.ca](http://www.cicc.on.ca). You may also contact the Centre Manger, Jacqui Robbins at 416 935 0200 ext. 231 or [jrobbins@cicc.on.ca](mailto:jrobbins@cicc.on.ca)