



PARK DISTRICT
of OAK PARK

Early Childhood CLASSES

For little students and their parents
CLASSES BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER



New! Get Ready, Set, Grow! *Mondays, 9:15am*

Come and discuss common questions and concerns about child-rearing with one of our preschool teachers while your little one plays in our safe indoor playground. Each session will feature different topics including potty training, bedtime routines, picky eaters, and more! The focus in the class is to learn about parenting in a supportive and helpful environment.

BIRTH TO 18 MONTHS · *Saturdays, 11am*

New! Kindermusik: Little Red Caboose

Little Red Caboose is all about... you guessed it... trains, trains, trains! Hitch on up for a chuggity-chugg voyage through the sounds, movements, activities, and songs of trains.

New! Kindermusik: Rise & Shine

Good morning, sunshine—it's time to start the day! Babies can start their days in all kinds of ways, but the way to make the most of mornings is to establish a loving, predictable, day-to-day pattern.

New! Kindermusik: Mama Goose

Nursery rhymes endure for a reason. They're quirky, rhymey, and memorable—and are also magical for speech and language development, as they work to “wire” the brain for communication before speech even begins!

AGES 18 MONTHS – 4 YEARS · *Saturday mornings*

Kindermusik: How Do You Feel

Understanding and managing emotions can be complicated, but using music to explore and identify different feelings, their causes, and how we can navigate them, can be useful (and even fun)! Enrollment provides access to digital materials and a CD of the songs used in the class.

Kindermusik: Time for Lunch

This delicious unit uses fun songs, rhymes, stories, vocal play, instrument play, and focused listening activities to explore the theme of food, food, food. So get your musical appetite ready!

Kindermusik: Silly All Over

Motor skills and self-control get a workout with plenty of stop-and-go motions; energy gets tapped with plenty of up-and-down; and sense of humor gets a tickle with silly sounds, movements, finger play and fun.

Social Butterflies & Busy Bees **AGES 1 – 3**

Wednesday and Friday mornings

Each week explore, play, and socialize with your toddler. Songs, games, large motor activities, music, parachute play, blocks, sensory and more will encourage the development of your child's listening, sharing and coordination skills. For ages 12 months to 3 years.

Little Explorers **AGES 3 – 5** *Thursdays, 1pm*

Join us for this exploratory program for 3-5 year olds at the Austin Gardens Environmental Education Center! Children will explore a different nature topic each week through crafts, stories, songs and more! From sunflowers to snowflakes, your nature enthusiast is sure to learn something new each week! Sign up week by week or for the whole 12-week series!



Toddler Exploration Time

Ages 18mos-5yrs

This special interactive time for you and your child will open up the natural world as you explore the wonders of nature at the Oak Park Conservatory. Guided activities are provided by the Friends of the Oak Park Conservatory with different topics each month. **Space is limited to the first 22 children. Registration required.**

Times held: 9:30-10:15am and 10:45-11:30am
Activity Code #435410

For full listings and to register, visit our website www.pdop.org



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Early Childhood FUN

Drop-off programs for ages 3-7 **CLASSES BEGIN IN JUNE**



Lunch Bunch *Weekdays, 12-2pm*

A separate program from that of our Preschool, Lunch Bunch follows the Pre-K Programs at Andersen and Carroll Centers on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Children enrolled in morning classes can extend their day until 2pm. Bring your own lunch and participate in afternoon adventures from science to art to movement to free play. Social skills and table etiquette are the focus as they assist in and enjoy set up, clean up, and table talk! Taught by park district preschool teachers.

Screen-Free Coding *Thursdays, 3pm*

Each week different concepts are featured: sequencing, pattern recognition, and if/then conditional logic. You, your friends, and even your robotic bug will get to figure things out together in this fun and interactive class.

Music and Movement *Mondays, 10:45am*

Participants will enjoy moving to the beat as they get their heart rate up with large muscle movements including marching, jumping, and running. Parachute play will add to the fun as they learn how to control their movements in space through active songs and games.

Mini Chefs *Tuesdays, 1pm*

Your child will learn the art of measuring, pouring, and mixing up something delicious. Participants will take home a new recipe each week. Additional activities connected to the weekly cooking theme will also keep your little chef busy while things are cookin' in the kitchen!



Doodle Like a Pro *Thursdays, 1-2pm*

Doodle impressive works of art while exploring the various ways the creative mind draws. Abstract thinking and creativity are all necessary for this basic drawing class taught by a professional artist.

Art Assembly *Thursdays, 1-2pm*

Interact with leaves, rocks, flowers, soil, and seeds to help develop the relationship between nature and art in this creative project-based class.

Little Actors in Action *Wednesdays, 3pm*

Is your child always singing, dancing, twirling, or pretending? Your little actor will love taking on different roles from stage crew to set designer to thespian. The final curtain call will take place the last week of class!

Tailor Your Skills

Thursdays, 1:30pm

Become your own tailor as we explore the fine motor skills of sewing, knitting, jewelry making, crocheting, embroidery and more. This class will provide your child the opportunity to be their own creator and designer with activities including making stuffed animals.



Clay Paint & Draw *Fridays, 1:45pm*

Engage in an afternoon of art exploring the richness of clay and play dough, the power of the paint brush, and the creativity of the crayon! Different projects will be introduced to your child each week as they begin to create their very first portfolio of work.

Fun-gineering *Fridays, 3:15pm*

With simple machines in mind, we'll learn the mechanical engineering concepts behind levers, gears, pulleys, and more. Each week, we will build a new project incorporating one of these. Master building skills, while improving fine motor skills, and having fun with friends!

Measure, Test, & Pour *Fridays, 1:45pm*

Grab your lab coat and goggles, it's time to experiment! Your little scientist will have fun using their senses to test hypothesis and find results. Your child is sure to come home excited by what they've learned and ready to amaze you with science!

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