

Growing Tree Preschool Frequently Asked Questions

2025/2026

Admission Age Requirement

Children must be 2 ½, 3 or 4 years old on or before September 1 of that school year.
Example: 3 years old by September 1, 2025, to attend a 3 year old preschool class

Documentation Requirements

In late July all enrolled participants receive a link to an online forms portal, ePACT. Parents complete a preschool information form and upload a physician completed DHS Certificate of Child Health and birth certificate copy.

Medication Dispensing

If administering medication is necessary while at school, a Permission to Dispense Medication Form is required. Please contact the Preschool Manager at 847-599-3767 to discuss medications that can be administered. [Click here for form](#)

Toilet Training

3 and 4 Year Old Classes: Children must be able to independently pull down necessary clothing, sit/stand, wipe, flush, pull up necessary clothing, wash/dry hands. Teachers make regular announcements to use the bathroom, but do not wipe or change. It is understood that infrequently children may have an accident. We will monitor while the child changes clothes but will call parents to change the child should a bowel movement occur and the child is unable to clean themselves. The beginning of the school year is a time of adjustment and some parents may wish to send their child in a pull up as they acclimate. This will be allowed through October 1, after which children must attend in underwear.

2 ½-3 ½ Year Old Class: Pull Ups/diapers are allowed, but teachers do not change children during class and will call parents if needed.

Supplies Needed

Children bring a backpack and reusable water bottle filled with water each day. All school supplies such as crayons, markers, glue etc. are provided along with a two pocket home/school folder.

Students in 3 and 4 year old classes bring a warm jacket, snow pants, pull on boots, hat and mittens for winter outdoor play and gym shoes for the classroom and indoor play.

Students in the Extended Day 4 year old classes or students attending Adventure Club and Enrichment Classes bring a lunch from home daily. We also ask to please send proper utensils, plates, bowls, etc., with your child for lunch. We do not have refrigeration space for lunches.

Curriculum - State of Illinois Early Learning Standards for Preschool

Our curriculum includes eight learning areas: Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, Social Science, Physical Development and Health, Fine Arts, Foreign Language, Social/Emotional Development. Within these learning areas are more than 100 benchmarks that are incorporated throughout the three and four year old preschool years. The extent to which the benchmarks are covered depends on how often the class meets and the length of the class. Our curriculum is filled with kindergarten readiness components, most importantly including: learning to be flexible, self-sufficient with clothing and belongings (i.e. zipping, switching from shoes to boots, stowing belongings in the cubby, bringing a water bottle, remembering home/school folder), returning a greeting given by teachers/staff and treating all children and adults with kindness and respect.

Parent Communication

A free online and app based program, Class Dojo, is utilized by teachers for daily communication, pictures of class activities and reminders. In addition, parents receive a monthly calendar. Parent/teacher conferences are scheduled late fall. Teachers are available to speak privately before/after class, or by phone. Parents receive an email with important information in July prior to the beginning of the school year.

Preschool Calendar

Growing Tree follows the Woodland School District 50 school calendar for no class dates. Preschool is not affected by Woodland early release days.

Payment Policy and Procedure

A \$75 non-refundable registration fee at the time of registration. On July 15 the first tuition payment (September) is automatically withdrawn from a bank account or credit card provided at the time of registration. If registering after July 15, the \$75 registration fee and one tuition payment (September) is due at the time of registration. Once paid tuition is non-refundable. Subsequent payments are automatically withdrawn on the 15th of the month prior (i.e. October tuition is withdrawn on September 15th). Tuition is based on the total number of days in the school year divided into nine equal installments and not on the number of school days in the month. You will receive an email statement on the 15th when the automatic payment has processed. Tuition is not pro-rated for partial month attendance.