

YWCA Greenwich Preschool



Beginning the life-long
journey of learning

An Excellent Value

A 10-month Educational Program • September – June



A diverse, international student body, aged 15 months to 5 years, experiences a unique curriculum that includes instruction in Gymnastics, Music, Spanish and Swimming.

The YWCA Greenwich Preschool is a world of learning and laughter and love. It combines a state-of-the-art facility and a community of special educators who care about your child's development.

Our goal: to make your child happy, confident, eager to learn, and well-prepared for Kindergarten.

We employ outstanding teachers who use the most up-to-date teaching methods. Our excellent curriculum constantly incorporates new research in child development. **We are the only area program to include four special classes: Gymnastics, Music, Spanish, and Swimming instruction.**

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A State-of-the-Art Facility for Learning...and Fun

The YWCA Greenwich Preschool is set on a lovely, 6.5 acre site in central Greenwich, Connecticut. Annually renovated to meet upgraded standards, it contains large classrooms and areas for childhood learning. Rooms are specifically designed to facilitate development at each age and stage. It is a safe, happy and clean environment that permits children to learn at their own pace.

There are four outside play areas: the **community's only Water Playground**; two **Kompan Structures Playgrounds**; and a **Sand Play Area** with water tap. Indoors, in our air conditioned building, we have a modern, 6-lane, **warm water pool**...a **gymnasium** for many indoor sports, including gymnastics...a **dance studio**...an **art gallery**...and a **café** for breakfast, lunch and early supper.

Pictures only tell part of the story. Take a tour of this beautiful place. Then you truly will know why YWCA Greenwich Preschool is rated so highly. Call 203-869-6501, ext. 221. Tours are given most days.



123 Grow

Girls and Boys 15 Months – 3 Years

A nurturing experience where children learn to separate, build early socialization skills and advance through play, discovery, exploration and observation. The process is unhurried and encourages emotional and physical development. Learning and activity modules include:



- Music, Songs, Stories
- Finger Plays
- Art Experiences
- Small and Large Motor Skills
- Indoor and Outdoor Play



To take a tour and enroll, visit the YWCA Preschool office or call Geri Smiles, Director of Childhood Education at 203-869-6501, ext. 221 or email g.smiles@ywcagreenwich.org.

Tinker Tots & Tinker Tots Plus

Girls and Boys 3 – 5 Years

Creative preschool at its best. An atmosphere rich in experiences, concepts and ideas. The focus is on a developmentally appropriate curriculum and activities that encourage the social, emotional, cognitive and physical development of the child. Teaching methods encourage intellectual growth and creative expression. **The result: a child prepared the right way for kindergarten and beyond.** Our curriculum and activities include:

- **Literacy** – encourages verbal communication skills and the recognition of some letters
- **Hands-on Science** – forms a foundation for intellectual development
- **Art** – encourages individual creative thoughts and expressions
- **Hands-on Math** – introduces experiences associated with numerical concepts
- **Manipulatives** – develops concentration, fine motor skills and hand-eye coordination
- **Music** – develops an awareness of one's body through creative movement and rhythmic activities and explores the use of voice and musical instruments
- **Foreign Language** – an introduction to Spanish through stories, word play and songs
- **Swimming and Gymnastics Instruction** – teaches life-long skills and builds strength

Tinker Tots Plus is a full-day (7:30 am-6:00 pm), 5-day-per-week, 52-week program that offers the same curriculum as Tinker Tots and is ideal for working parents.



Tuition discounts are available for Full Members, as are scholarships for income-eligible families.

Scheduling Flexibility

We are all different...different family sizes...different backgrounds...different demands on our time...different needs. We need choices to fit our particular family lifestyle. At YWCA Greenwich Preschool, **you and your child get all the choices you need**. Attend morning sessions. Add lunch. Put them together. Choose what you want. The choices are up to you.

Choice 1	Day Segment	9:00 am – Noon
Choice 2	Lunch Bunch	Noon – 1:00 pm
Choice 3	Extended Day (3 - 5 years)	Add 1:00 – 3:30 pm
Choice 4	Extended Day Plus (3 - 5 years) (Early Drop Off and/or Late Pick Up)	Add 7:30 – 9:00 am and/or 3:30 – 6:00 pm
Choice 5	Number of Days per Week	15 month - 2-year-olds attend 2, 3 or 5 days 3-year-olds attend 4 or 5 days 4- and 5-year-olds attend 5 days
Choice 6	Full Day (3 - 5 years)	7:30 am – 6:00 pm all week/all year



Attending Preschool and Summer and Vacation Camps requires a YWCA membership. Scholarships are available for income-eligible families.

The only Preschool that adds 4 special classes at no extra cost: Gymnastics, Music, Spanish, and Swimming

Ages three, four and five are offered expert instruction in basic **gymnastics** (balance beam, uneven bars, vault table and tumbling), **music** (songs, rhythms, voice exploration and use of simple instruments), **Spanish** (simple phrases, words, colors, and numbers), and **swimming** (water safety, basic swimming skills and skill progressions). These special curriculum add-ons increase the child's learning experiences, as well as multiplying ways to have fun.

Only children attending five days per week get instruction in all four special courses.



Teaching Expertise

YWCA Greenwich maintains the highest standards in choosing a preschool staff to teach your child.

We search for strong candidates, who have in-depth experience with children and are passionate about child development. Our teachers are sensitive to each child's individual personality and talents. We pride ourselves on staff retention. Teacher tenure averages six years.

Our teachers regularly attend educational workshops throughout the year to enhance their skills. All receive CPR and First Aid instruction and training to administer any medicines needed.



Preschool Parents Community

It is important that a partnership exists between the YWCA Preschool staff and the parents of the children they teach. **We invite you to be involved.** Our ears are open to your thoughts and suggestions.

Join us for **coffees, special programs, speakers and holiday celebrations.** Make friends. Explore common interests. And consider becoming a **Class Parent.**

Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled throughout the year to discuss your child's progress, and we will schedule additional ones upon your request. Conferences are by appointment at a mutually convenient time.

Working together, your child will have a wonderful preschool experience: making new friends, discovering new worlds, learning and becoming well prepared for Kindergarten.



DIVERSITY



At YWCA Greenwich, we are proud of our international preschool population. We believe it is important for young minds to begin to understand and appreciate others in their classroom who look different and come from different cultures.



Today, we teach children of various racial, ethnic and economic backgrounds who represent not only the United States, but also the countries of Australia, Brazil, China, Colombia, Denmark, England, France, Germany, Holland, India, Ireland, Japan, Mexico, Nepal, Russia, Spain and Uruguay.



Older students take “Trips Around the World,” where they “visit” a country, sample food and listen to parents tell about that particular land. The more we can teach the young about the differences among us...the more we build toward a society that embraces diversity.



Continue the Happiness at YWCA Preschool Summer Camp

Your child adores YWCA Preschool...can't wait to get there...doesn't want to leave... loves the whole experience, while you're enjoying a little more free time for yourself. Here's a way to continue that family lifestyle through the summer.

Girls and Boys Ages 15 Months – 5 Years

June – August

The same scheduling flexibility as our academic year program (see page 6). Gift your child a splash in the Water Playground...a slide in the Kompan Structures Playground...a sculpture in the Sand Play area...swimming and gymnastics instruction...songs to sing... stories to hear...science and nature activities...and more.

Teachers/counselors nurture Summer Campers at all times to ensure that they enjoy social, educational and recreational enrichment.



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Steven & Alexandra Cohen Preschool



Where graduates are Kindergarten-ready

eliminating racism
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