

# WHITTIER KIDS PRESCHOOL

Whittier Kids Preschool is dedicated to nurturing the growth and development of early learners in a caring, safe and fun environment onsite at Whittier Elementary School. Our play-oriented, research-based curriculum fosters creativity, curiosity, social confidence and independent learning skills. Whittier Kids uses an all-encompassing approach to build a strong foundation for school readiness. We offer a professional staff, engaging activities, nutritious snacks, nationally recognized assessment tools and opportunities for family involvement. We are licensed and monitored by the Department of Children, Youth and Families and earned a Level 4 high quality program rating from Early Achievers, Washington's early childhood quality initiative.



## Program Highlights:

- ◆ Play-oriented, research-based framework for early childhood education adapted weekly to meet children's emerging interests and learning goals.
- ◆ Teaching team of three staff with a maximum of 20 students.
- ◆ Ongoing individual assessments using Teaching Strategies Gold.
- ◆ Interest Centers with materials rotated weekly.
- ◆ One mixed age classroom of 3-5 year-olds.
- ◆ Children must be 3 years old and confidently potty trained.
- ◆ School Year program onsite at Whittier Elementary, Sept-June, 8 am-2pm, follows the Seattle Public Schools calendar.
- ◆ Schedule options: Monday-Friday, Mon/Wed/Fri, or Tues/Thurs. Monthly Tuition: Mon-Fri \$1200, 3 days/week MWF \$885, 2 days/week TTH \$660
- ◆ Whittier Kids is a program of [Phinney Neighborhood Association](#) PNA's mission is to build, engage and support our diverse community through programs, services and activities that connect neighbors and foster civic engagement.

## Whittier Kids Preschool activities include:

*Dramatic Play | Outside Time*

*Circle Time | Open Ended Art*

*Ongoing Science projects*

*Field Trips | Special Guests*

*Music & Movement*

*Opportunities to experience "Big School" by:*

*-Participating in Reading Buddies with an elementary student*

*-Attending school assemblies*

*-Riding a school bus on field trips*

*-Dressing up on Spirit Days*



Enrollment for 2021-22 school year begins in early spring 2021. We enroll off of our waitlist and year round as space is available. For more information or to join our waiting list please visit our website.



## Whittier Kids

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### Our Philosophy:

Whittier Kids Preschool believes that play is the most natural, relevant and effectual way for young children to engage in learning.

Research based tools we use as a framework for our play oriented curriculum and classroom environment:

- [Teaching Strategies Gold](#) (TSG) is an observation based assessment tool used with young children. Teachers use TSG reports in lesson planning and as a basis for parent/teacher conferences.
- [Creative Curriculum](#) offers a series of hands-on, project based investigations or “studies” that encourage critical thinking, team work and creativity. The curriculum directly aligns with TSG objectives and supports the [Washington State Early Learning and Development Guidelines](#).
- [ECCERS 3](#) sets standards for early childhood environments. Teachers use this tool to ensure our Interest Centers contain materials that are engaging, allow for experimentation, and support each child’s learning goals.



### Sample Curriculum Calendar

#### **Semester Investigation: What Do We Know About our Community?**

##### **September: Beginning the Year Study**

Learn about our classroom community and school

##### **October: Trees Study**

What trees grow in our community? What trees do not? Why?

##### **November: Building Study**

Investigate all kinds of buildings — starting with the ones in our neighborhood

##### **December: Music Study**

Explore and share music from our community and communities around the world

All of our studies incorporate action-based materials and activities that encourage children to use their blossoming math, reading, writing and critical thinking skills.

### Sample Preschool Daily Schedule

<b>8:00 – 8:15</b>	<b>Arrival -Handwashing, Greeting Circle</b>
8:15 – 8:45	Large Group: Singing, Reading and Shared Writing
8:45 – 9:20	Studies/Interest Centers –All areas open
9:20 – 9:40	Handwashing and snack
<b>9:40 – 10:30</b>	<b>Outside time</b>
10:30 – 11:20	Studies/Interest Centers – All areas open
<b>11:20 – 12:00</b>	<b>Handwashing and lunch</b>
12:00 – 12:15	Story Time
12:15—12:45	Rest and quiet reading
<b>12:45—1:15</b>	<b>Small Group– Literacy, Math, Science rotation</b>
1:15—1:30	Classroom Care & Organization
<b>1:30—2:00</b>	<b>Music &amp; Movement, Goodbye Circle</b>

\*Every Wednesday is Early Dismissal at 1:00, schedule adjusted

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## 2021-2022 School Calendar

September '21						
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August '22						
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- Preschool Closed/ Holiday
- Preschool Closed, SPS no school for students
- Preschool Early Release, 1pm
- First and Last Day of School
- No Preschool, K-5<sup>th</sup> Summer Camps



## 2021-2022 Whittier Kids Preschool Fees

Preschool Monthly Fees*	2021-2022 Rates Sept 2021-June 2022
<p><b>5 Days/Week</b>  <b>Monday-Friday</b>            (8:00am-2:00pm)</p>	\$1200
<p><b>3 Days/Week</b>  <b>Monday/Wednesday/Friday</b>            (8:00am-2:00pm)</p>	\$885
<p><b>2 Days/Week</b>  <b>Tuesday/Thursday</b>            (8:00am-2:00pm)</p>	\$660

\*Whittier Kids Preschool follows the Seattle Public Schools (SPS) calendar and is closed on all SPS closure days and will release early on SPS early release days. For the 2021-22 School year, **Preschool hours on Wednesdays are 8-1pm** as SPS will release 75 min early every Wednesday. Please reference our Preschool Program calendar for other calendar closures.

**Tuition:** Child care fees include mid-morning snack, all activities and field trips. Children will need to bring a lunch daily. Rates above are based on the school year divided equally into monthly payments. Monthly payments are the same each month regardless of the number of days of care per month, thereby giving families a consistent monthly payment. Full payment is charged each month regardless of absences, holidays and school breaks.

**Other Fees:** \$100 Annual Registration Fee and an annual [PNA Membership](#) (varies \$60-\$100). Registration fee is due upon enrollment, PNA memberships are billed with September tuition.

**Payments:** Whittier Kids accepts checks, ACH drafts, Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover cards as payments. Autopay is available or monthly manual online payment. Payment options and details included with monthly invoices.

**Subsidies:** Whittier Kids accepts children on either [DSHS \(state of Washington\)](#) or [DHHS \(City of Seattle\)](#) subsidy programs. Written verification of a child's enrollment in either of these programs must be received by Whittier Kids to reserve space. Please reach out for more information on either of these program that can help with child care costs.

**Schedule Changes:** Schedule changes may be made on a monthly basis if space is available. Schedule changes must be received by the fifteenth of the month in order to change the billing amount for the next month. There will be a \$25 schedule change fee assessed for all approved changes. Whittier Kids requires a minimum of 30 days' notice for withdrawal from our program.

**Late Pickups:** Our preschool program ends at 2pm (1pm on Wednesdays) and all preschoolers must be picked up at this time. If a child is picked up after 2pm, the late pick-up fee is \$5 for the first 1-5 minutes they are late and \$2 per minute for each additional minute until their child is picked up (see handbook for more details).

**Refund Policy:** Whittier Kids does not offer credits for absences, vacations or short-term weather related closures.

**Receipts:** The PNA tax identification number is 91-1112780 and is listed on all invoices. Receipts are provided by request. In January 2022, you will receive a year end statement detailing all payments made to Whittier Kids in 2021.

**Questions:** If you have any questions regarding registration, billing, payments or schedule changes, please contact Whittier Kids at [whittierkids@phinneycenter.org](mailto:whittierkids@phinneycenter.org) or (206) 782.2508.