



Busy Beach

Full Day UPK Program

The Universal Pre-Kindergarten program is a partnership with the New York City Department of Education and is licensed by the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. Prekindergarten programs lay the foundation for lifelong learning. Four-year-olds enter prekindergarten at varying stages of development, so instruction in the prekindergarten classroom recognizes and expands children's interests, strengths, and abilities. Prekindergarten classes focus on:

- Social and emotional development to foster a child's sense of self, enhance his or her ability to make friends, and create openness to learning.
- Physical development to strengthen large and small muscles, coordinate movement, and improve overall health and growth.
- Creative expression and aesthetic development to foster a child's appreciation for the arts — music, movement, dramatic play, and the visual arts.
- Cognitive development to promote intellectual growth and school success. When children use their language, literacy, mathematical and scientific thinking, and social studies cognitive skills to think, problem solve, and communicate, they are making sense of their world.

Prekindergarten programs also incorporate health, nutrition, social services, and parent and community involvement. In collaboration with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, the Sports, Play and Active Recreation for Kids (SPARK) program provides all prekindergarten children with a half-hour of structured and developmentally appropriate physical fitness activities. In addition, children participate in a weekly enhancement program with the Kinderdance program.

The UPK program is a five day a week program that is scheduled from 8:30am-2:50pm. There is an attendance and timely arrival requirement for the program. In addition, you have the option to enroll your child in our 5 day wrap around program as well. UPK subsidizes % of the regular tuition cost. Please see the separate tuition cost attachment for the UPK wrap around services. These rates are only applicable from September through June while UPK program is in attendance. Children who will be four years old by December 31 are eligible to enroll in prekindergarten.