

Good Shepherd Creative Play is a non-profit, non-denominational cooperative preschool. At Good Shepherd Creative Play, we are proud to provide a caring and safe environment for all preschool aged children. By following our mission, vision, and values, we create a nurturing, stimulating and welcoming learning environment for all children. We do not discriminate based on race, color, national or ethnic origin in the administration of our educational policies, admissions policies, and other school administration programs. In our non-UPK classes we do say a Christian based, child appropriate prayer before snack time.

Creative Play is a cooperative preschool serving children aged 2 to 5 years old. We provide a variety of half day programs including Toddler classes, 3-year-old cooperative classes, 4-year-old STEM based classes, Universal Pre-Kindergarten classes, as well as project-based classes (“Creative Creations”) and our Summer Camp program. The cooperative aspect of our program allows us to keep our tuition at a competitive rate and allows our families to be fully engaged in their child's school experience.

Our staff consists of 19 devoted, caring and educated members. Creative Play currently services over 160 families through 15 different classes. Our program started as a playgroup for community members and developed as a preschool program operating in its 55<sup>th</sup> year. We are prudent in following all that is required of our program and go beyond the typical experience in giving our students and their families an environment where they feel safe, accepted, heard, and cared for while meeting our educational goals and objectives.

We provide our students with the tools they need for future happiness and success. Our unique programs incorporate a variety of educational theories, while always keeping the child’s best interests in mind and allowing for hands-on, experiential learning. As a cooperative school we pride ourselves on being connected to our families; we understand how important and challenging it is for parents to find the right school for their child's needs. We strive to provide a process that is both supportive and transparent. Over time, we have designed and adapted programs to meet the lofty standards of today’s world of education. We are confident that we will continue to serve the Rockland County community through our comprehensive approach to early childhood development and a strong track record of educational success.

Respectfully submitted,  
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