



little birds drop off program

16 Erie Street
DOWNTOWN Jersey City

We believe, and research supports that children learn best through play. Our goal is to foster your child's natural creativity and inborn love of learning. We provide a stimulating environment filled with fun and educational toys, a rainbow of art supplies, beautiful books and plenty of opportunities for exploration and socializing. In short, we nurture the whole child by looking for the many teachable moments free-play and group activities can present.

Our Program

Our 2-hour program prepares children for school by easing them into a routine, while giving them the room to express themselves. This program is ideal for the little bird who may not need a full time program but is looking for a caring environment to learn to fly from the nest. Our nurturing teachers guide children through activities such as circle time, imaginative play, crafts, color/letter/number learning, sensory exploration, movement, snack/lunch, manners and story time – all of which tie into our weekly themes. With only five children in each class and two teachers, our cozy, creative program is perfect for your little bird who is learning to fly.

Our class provides opportunities to explore developmentally appropriate topics through learning centers dedicated to language arts, science, math, construction/blocks, and dramatic/creative play. We also maintain a special interest area, which provides experiential learning to accompany our “themes of the week”, and a quiet area where children can engage in quiet, independent activities or just refresh and recharge. Our class is structured to provide learning of routines and rules, yet free enough to allow children to engage in developmentally appropriate independent, self-directed activities.

Your little bird can register for two, three or four days according to availability. These classes are held Tuesday through Friday from 8:30am-10:30am, 10:30am-12:30pm and 12:30pm-2:30pm.



LET THE **Fun** BEGIN!



Parents

We encourage communication with parents to further develop your child's love of learning. We post lots of pictures on Facebook to highlight our activities, crafts, themes, songs and books. This not only informs parents what we accomplished for the day but also gives parents a starting point and visual cues to talk to their children about school and extend the lessons learned at school to home. We encourage parents to join our classroom to celebrate birthdays, holidays or other events. We also hold parent workshops throughout the year.

Teachers

We probably don't have to tell you that toddler-hood is an especially active time of experimentation and boundary testing. This is when kids' personalities begin to bloom, and when they begin learning about the world through lots and lots of questions. With this in mind, our experienced teachers gently guide and encourage every child—from the most tentative to the most bold to explore all areas of activity while respecting each one's individuality. The curriculum evolves with each class, as our teachers and children get to know one another.

Kristi Levine, the Director of our Programs both in our Uptown and Downtown locations has her Masters in Education with over 10 years experience. Our experienced head teacher Becky Sheridan has been with three little birds for 4 years and truly loves to play and guide our little birds in their first classroom experience.

Starting Our Program

The separation process between parent and child is just that: a process. As exciting as it is for children to grow up and become more independent, those first several drop-offs can be scary for all involved. We get it—we're parents, too. Our experienced teachers know that no two children are alike. They're prepared for all possible scenarios, and offer loving guidance while your child adjusts to being on his/her own. We will meet with you and your child before they start in our program to get to know each other before the first day.

Enrollment

September 2016-June 2017

Our enrollment is for the academic year. Classes begin September 6th and end June 23, 2017. We are closed the week of November 20th, 2016 and the week of December 25th, 2016.

Monthly prices

September, October, December, January, February, April, May, June	March	November
2 days: \$330 * 3 days: \$490 * 4 days \$650	2 days: \$410 * 3 days: \$610 * 4 days \$810	2 days: \$250 * 3 days: \$370 * 4 days \$480

* Commitment is for the full academic year. There will be no makeups for vacations, sickness, holidays, partial months or school cancellations. If you need to leave the program, we require that you give us 30 days notice. You will be responsible for that month's full tuition.

* Tuition deposit: A deposit equal to the last month of tuition is due upon registration. This deposit is non-refundable and will be applied to your last month's payment.

* New family registration fee of \$75 will be applied to your deposit.

* Registration Fee of \$200 per family for the year will also be applied to your deposit.

Join the fun by emailing us at chirp@threelittlebirdsinc.com with the following: your name, your phone number, your email, your child's name and date of birth as well as the days and times that work for you.

We will be in touch to schedule a tour and answer your questions.