

### Introduction

The Department of Continuing Education (DCE) offers (in cooperation with the Simsbury Public Schools) preschool programs at Tootin' Hills & Central Schools starting in September of each year. Our venture into this area developed as a result of our successful summer preschool programs that have operated for the past 27 years at our 5 elementary schools. These programs have become the most popular division of the Department servicing over 300 students per year.

### Philosophy

The philosophy of the Simsbury Preschools programs' is that all children learn through active exploration of their environment. We believe children should be given developmentally appropriate activities/materials and opportunities to observe, to explore, to experiment, to make choices, to pursue interests, and to solve problems that arise in the process. We believe play should be child-directed and teacher-supported. We believe intervention should occur within natural settings and in meaningful situations.

### Curriculum Goals

Our Classroom design is based on The Creative Curriculum for Early Childhood by Diane Trister Dodge. The goal of this curriculum is to help children become independent, self-confident, inquisitive learners. It allows children to learn at their own pace and in ways that are best for them. We're teaching them how to learn, not just in preschool, but all through their lives.

For an application or for information call DCE at (860) 658-3870.

## Class Offerings & Tuition

### Tootin' Hills School (860) 658-3696

Note: Tuitions include activity fees for field trips for students only.

#### Morning Classes:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Days</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Tuition</u>
PST-14	3'S	MWF	8:30-11	\$2050
PST-15	4'S	T-F	8:30-11	\$2800

#### Mid-Day Classes:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Days</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Tuition</u>
PST-16	4/4+S	M-F	12-2:30	\$3445
PST-16A	4/4+S	T-F	12-2:30	\$2800
*PST-17	4/4+S	T-F	8:30-2:30	\$6719
LBT-1	4/4+S	T-F	11-12N	\$1119

\*PST-17 (Students in this program will participate in both PST-15 and PST-16A. From 11-12Noon these students will participate in LBT-1 having a lunch and rest period.)

5-year old children not in kindergarten may be eligible to participate with approval of the Preschool Head Teacher.

**ATTENTION:** Children who turn 3 years old in January, February or March of 2010 are able to participate in this year's 2009-2010 school year program at Central & Tootin' Hills Schools starting on 1/5/2010 providing they meet all the criteria. Call the DCE office at (860) 658-3870 for further details.

## Class Offerings & Tuition

### Central School (860) 408-6149

Note: Tuitions include activity fees for field trips for students only.

#### Morning Classes:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Days</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Tuition</u>
PSC-18	3'S	T+R	8:45-11:15	\$1390
PSC-18A	3'S	TRF	8:45-11:15	\$2050
PSC-19	3'S	MWF	8:45-11:15	\$2050
PSC-20	4'S	M-R	8:55-11:25	\$2800

#### Mid-Day Classes:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Days</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Tuition</u>
PSC-21	4'S	MWF	11:50-2:20	\$2050
PSC-21A	4'S	T-F	11:50-2:20	\$2800
PSC-21B	4'S	M-F	11:50-2:20	\$3445
PSC-22	4'S	M-R	11:45-2:15	\$2800
PSC-22A	4'S	M-F	11:45-2:15	\$3445

### Enrollment

To qualify for the 3 year old class the child must be 3 as of December 31st and must be toilet trained by the beginning of school. To qualify for the 4 year old class the child must be 4 as of December 31st.

Each day children will participate in activities and use materials which:

- Enable them to become enthusiastic and confident learners by letting them try out their own ideas, experience success, solve problems, ask questions and use words to describe their ideas.
- Foster the development of social skills necessary for personal self-worth, lasting friendships and group participation.
- Enhance each child's motor skills so that they feel confident about what their bodies can do.
- Prepare each child for life-long learning through school readiness activities.

All classes will follow the Simsbury Public school year calendar.

#### Teacher Qualifications

Our head teacher/s has/have been certified by the State of Connecticut in Early Childhood and Kindergarten Education. All other classroom teachers meet the standards set by the State of Connecticut. All teachers work for the development of individual children and encourage each child to work at his/her own pace.

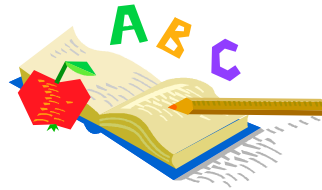
## Daily Activities



**Arrival**



**Group Time**



**Work Time**



**Snack Time**



**Story Time**



**Play Time**



**Going Home**

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