



## Half-Day Preschool

# 292

children attend our half-day preschool programs. (an additional 110 in full-day program)

# 92%

of children made growth in the areas of math and literacy in the 2015-2016 school year.

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The half-day preschool program encompasses three different classroom options for families.

**Taste of Preschool** is for young learners age 2½-3½ years. Children develop social skills while making new friends, discovering new ideas through creative play, and gaining independence.

**Half-Day Preschool** is for 3-5-year-old children with curriculum that focuses on social, emotional, cognitive, physical, and creative development

**Preschool to Kindergarten Connection** is an option for families whose child has a summer birthday or who will just miss the cutoff for kindergarten. This program prepares students, ages 4-5, academically and socially for the expectations of kindergarten.

All preschool programs partner with Early Childhood Special Education through Eastern Carver County Schools. The preschool programs offer the first experience of personalized learning in the district.

### Classroom Features

**The Pyramid Model**, supporting Social Emotional Competence in young children.

**Classroom Engagement Model**, providing a framework for improving engagement, independence and social relationships by promoting full participation of every child in a classroom setting.

**Reading Corps PreK**, an early literacy program helping students read successfully by third grade through personalized instruction, student assessment, data review and research-based response to intervention strategies.

Our licensed teaching staff are industry leaders and have over 122 combined years of experience.

### Curriculum and Assessment

Our classrooms use **Creative Curriculum** to help guide the environment and activities in the classroom partnered with **Teaching Strategies Gold** for the assessment of our early learners.

Our observation-based assessment system is directly linked to our curriculum allowing teachers to determine what each child knows and can do, individualize instruction as well as prepare developmental reports. This is based on 38 objectives for development and learning that are aligned with Minnesota's Early Learning Standards and the Early Childhood Indicators of Progress.



E. Carver Co. preschools received a 4-star rating, the highest possible, from Parent Aware.

### Fieldtrips

To enhance the classroom learning, preschool classes participate in field trips in the community. Some past experiences include: Deardorff Orchards, MN Landscape Arboretum, Kidcreate Studios, Lowry Nature Center Learning Lab visits, Gale Woods Farm, Hooked on Books author visits, Minnesota Zoo and Stages Theater.

### Expansions for 2017/2018

Next fall, the Family Learning Center will move to 110600 Village Road in Chaska (the current Kindergarten Center.) This building will be dedicated to early childhood and family programming.

We also have the opportunity to expand our programming into Victoria Elementary. All preschool class options will be offered at this new location.

Enrollment for next year begins on January 19. An open house will take place at the end of summer to celebrate the move into our new spaces.