

Early Childhood

at JCYS Northwest Family Center

Infant & Toddler Care, Preschool & Kindergarten Enrichment,
Before & After School Programs, Bus Transportation

Help your child build a strong foundation for the future.

JCYS is an all-inclusive school that welcomes families of all faiths and backgrounds.

Our priority is to provide high quality, age and developmentally appropriate programs that enhance self-esteem, socialization, problem solving skills and multi-cultural awareness. We strive to create an educational environment that is loving, respectful, challenging, creative, exciting and fun!

Basic Jewish values are included throughout the curriculum, including

family, caring about others, acceptance of all, tzedakah, the importance of education and caring about the world we live in.

Children participate in a cultural Jewish curriculum that explores Jewish traditions, holidays and customs through music, stories, art, games and cooking activities.

On Fridays, we celebrate Shabbat with blessings, songs and a snack of challah and juice.



Infant & Toddler Care

Ages 6 weeks - 24 months
Available 6:45 am - 6 pm
Two- to five-day weeks.

We have an open door policy that allows parents to stop by throughout the day, especially great for mothers that are still nursing.

Infant and toddler care is a partnership with your family. We work closely with you to establish an individualized program that revolves around your child's sleep, feeding and play schedule to help create a "home away from home" for your child.

Our visiting pediatric nurse can provide you with valuable resources on infant care and child rearing. You will also receive daily logs of your child's feeding, sleeping, diapering and learning activities.

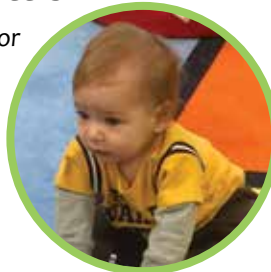
Infant & Transition Rooms

Ages 6 weeks - 15 months

A 3:1 teacher-to-infant ratio ensures that each child has our focused attention throughout the day.

We nurture your child's development and attend to their daily needs, from feeding and diapering to developing language and providing physical stimulation.

Rooms include separate eating areas, diapering stations, personal cribs, and gated "slippers only" play area that help ensure a clean and healthy environment for your baby.



Toddler Care

Ages 15 - 23 months

Half Day 9 am - 1 pm

Children become familiar with developmentally appropriate activities such as story time, music, and gross motor activities.

Full Day

A comprehensive program with an extended day, including breakfast, lunch, nap time, age-appropriate afternoon activities, and snacks.

Adult-Child Class: Tot Shabbat

Ages 12 - 24 months
Fridays 9:15 - 10:15 am

A semi-structured playtime and a first introduction to preschool with the security of having a parent or caregiver nearby.

You and your child will experience our learning-through-play philosophy in our age-appropriate, fully-equipped classrooms, playground and gymnasium.



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Preschool

Ages 2 – 5 years

Two- to five-day weeks.

Lays the foundation for cognitive functioning; behavioral, social and self-regulatory capacities; physical health; and school readiness to allow for an easier transition into Kindergarten.

Our curriculum nurtures each child's unique learning style and creates opportunities for social development that is critical for a strong beginning to successful education.

Half-Day

9 am – 1 pm

Enhances social, cognitive and physical abilities as well as social skills. Includes lunch.

Full-Day

Available 6:45 am - 6 pm

A developmentally-appropriate preschool program with an extended day including breakfast, lunch, nap time and snacks.



Explore N' More

Ages 3 – 5 years who are currently enrolled in a Northwest Family Center preschool program

We offer different enrichment classes every day. From technology and science, Spanish and art classes, to gym classes and cooking programs – there is something for everyone!



Morning or Afternoon Kindergarten Enrichment

Grade: K

Morning: 8 - 11:30 am

Afternoon: 11:30 am - 3 pm

Two- to five-day weeks.

Provides creative and thought-provoking activities and lessons. Allows children to enjoy social, recreational and educational opportunities that enhance their Kindergarten learning. Literature, art, drama, science, social studies and sports play an integral role. Includes hot lunch, and a snack!

Kindergarten Extended Day

Grade: K

Available 6:45 am - 6 pm

Two- to five-day weeks.

The solution to your family's early morning and late afternoon care needs. Our extended day program includes the extra care your child needs, including breakfast and after school snacks!



Before & After School

Grades 1-5

Two- to five-day weeks.

Before School Care

Available 6:45 - 9 am

Offers a warm and comfortable place for children before the hectic school day begins. We provide breakfast and open play before bus ride to elementary school.

After School Care

Available 3 - 6 pm

Students have the opportunity to join different "clubs" each week in which they participate in games, sports, crafts and more! Our supervised homework center provides support and guidance for kids who may need a little extra help. With outdoor play time, arts and crafts, games and nutritious snacks, our program nurtures children's social and emotional development.

Transportation to and from school

Grades K – 5

Two- to five-day weeks.

For families in District 96 (Ivy Hall, Kildeer and Prairie) transportation is available to and from Willow Grove Kindergarten Center in our white JCYS bus, providing the safe and reliable care your child needs.

District 102 (Pritchett and Tripp) schools provide transportation to and from our Family Center.