

Geneva Park District Friendship Station Preschool FAQ's



Where is Friendship Station Preschool located?

- The address is 2960 Blackman Road in Geneva. All five preschool classrooms will operate out of the current Friendship Station location at the Geneva Middle School South Building (East Wing near Randall Square Park).

What is the future for the Geneva Park District Friendship Station Preschool and Preschool age programs?

- 1.) The Park District, and staff, is excited for the future! We hope to see the program grow and have the opportunity to enhance our preschool offerings by adding All Day Preschool options and enrichment programming. We would also like to offer additional options for reading and math, as well as preschool readiness programs for toddlers. We have been in existence since 1975 and plan to continue providing a quality preschool that creates creative excited learners. If you have any ideas or suggestions, we are always looking for feedback. The future is bright, and we look forward to guiding the development of your children.

Who are the Friendship Station Preschool teachers?

- The Friendship Station Geneva Park District teachers are committed to providing your children with the top-quality experience you have come to expect. Returning teachers include:

Lead Teachers

Angie Carlson
Nicole Cook
Colleen Ortiz
Jan Parcell
Cindy Stuewe

Teacher Aides

Amy Avello
Kelly DeMaria
Cindy Diemand
Tina Fedora
Kimberly Marqui
Sherry Rogers
San Sandberg

What are the teacher's qualifications?

- All our lead teachers have a BA in early childhood education or a related field. Teachers also participate in seminars, workshops, and ongoing training to remain current in early childhood education developments.

What is the Friendship Station Preschool curriculum?

- 2.) Friendship Station preschool is a play based program that meets all Illinois State Board of Education and Illinois Early Learning and Development standards for early childhood education, in all developmental areas:
 1. Motor/Physical
 2. Cognitive
 3. Social/Emotional
 4. Communication/Language
 5. Self Help

- 3.) Friendship Station Preschool is guided by the philosophy of learning through play. Play is where the child learns how to share, create, cooperate, interact and solve problems. Because each child is individual and unique, emphasis is placed on developing a positive self-image.

How to Register for Preschool

Complete a Preschool Registration Form (available at Sunset Community Center or online at genevaparks.org; click programs, go to Friendship Preschool.) Indicate your 1st and 2nd choice for class time placement.

Bring the completed form, a \$50.00 deposit, a copy of your child's birth certificate, and (if applicable) proof of residency to Sunset Community Center 710 Western Avenue, Geneva. If you are a returning child to Friendship Station Preschool, no birth certificate is needed.

If your first choice of class time placement is available, you will receive notification through e-mail. Teacher assignments, as well as supply lists and other important information, will be provided at the Parent Orientation in August.

If your first choice of class time placement is not available, we will notify you and let you know if you are placed on a waitlist and put into your 2nd choice class time placement if available.

Waitlists will be formed for classes that reach capacity.

Dates and prices are subject to change based on the D304 calendar.

What are the age options for Friendship Station Preschool?

3 Year-Olds

2 Days a Week – Tu/Th

Half Day (9:00-11:30am or 12:30-3:00pm) & Full Day Options (9:00am-3:00pm)

Must turn 3 before or on 9/1 of school year

Child must be potty-trained

No diapers or pull-ups

The 3 year-old curriculum consists of colors, shapes, fundamental concepts, an introduction to letters and numbers, fine motor skills (cutting, name writing, drawing, etc.), and basic classroom skills.

4-5 Year-Olds

3 Days a Week – M/W/F

Half Day Options (9:00-11:30am or 12:30-3:00pm)

Must turn 4 before or on 9/1 of school year

Child must be potty-trained

No diapers or pull-ups

The 4-5 year-old curriculum consists of the following kindergarten readiness skills: letter and number knowledge, concepts, literacy, sequencing, rhyming, problem solving, music experiences, and fine and gross motor activities.

4-5 Year-Olds

3 Days (M/W/F) or 5 Days a Week (M-F)

3 or 5 Day Full Day Option (9:00am-3:00pm)

Must turn 4 before or on 9/1 of school year

Child must be potty-trained

No diapers or pull-ups

This full day program is designed to meet the needs of children who have had previous preschool experience or may not be ready to attend all-day Kindergarten. They consist of the same elements as the half-day programs, with the opportunity to further develop skills in problem solving, self-expression, and longer periods of engagement. Students will have a rest time early afternoon. Mat Fee \$25

Payments:

The annual tuition is divided into an installment plan, that includes \$50 registration fees and 9 equal monthly installments, based on the school calendar.

Cancellations and Late Payment Information:

The Geneva Park District office must receive any cancellations for the Fall Preschool program by 5:00 pm, July 15. An application for refund must be completed as cancellation verification. It is possible to receive a \$25 refund if we fill your spot before July 22. Deposits will not be refunded after this date. Payments received after the final payment due date listed will incur a \$10.00 charge each week the payment is past due and could result in losing your spot. Final payments will be pro-rated if the spot has been replaced.

Snacks

Due to food allergies and food sensitivities, parents are asked to send one snack for their child every day. We would like their snack to be carried to school in a small reusable lunch bag. Our classrooms are peanut-safe zones and we ask you to please be aware of this when choosing appropriate snacks for your child. Snack time is about 15 minutes long, and one item to eat and one item to drink is what works best. Please make sure all containers, including the lunch bag, are labeled with your child's name and that you include all necessary utensils (ie. napkins, spoons, etc.). Please be sure the snack is prepared the way your child will eat it.

Will the Park District accommodate children with special needs?

- The Park District works in close cooperation with the Fox Valley Special Recreation Association to meet the needs of all participants in any program that is offered through the Park District, preschool included, as mandated by federal ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) guidelines.

Will a nurse be on site?

- We will not have a nurse on site, as is consistent with all Park District facilities, programs, and camps. However, all of our teachers are Red Cross First Aid and CPR certified; qualified and capable of handling emergency situations when they arise.