



14TH STREET Y
EDUCATIONAL ALLIANCE

PRESCHOOL

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OUR PHILOSOPHY

At 14Y Preschool, children delight in creative exploration and inquiry while enjoying the resources of a vibrant community center. We create environments throughout our building that foster every child's inherent curiosity and joyful learning. Our Reggio Emilia approach to teaching is guided by our Jewish values and the belief that each child has a unique ability to make the world a better place.

Welcome to the 14Y preschool community. You belong here.



PROGRAM

14Y Preschool is part of a vibrant downtown community center. Our students have access to our entire modern four-story facility, including our heated, indoor swimming pool, recently refinished gymnasium, professional black box theater, and rooftop playground.

Tailored for children ages two to five, our nurturing program offers families flexible scheduling options, after school enrichment classes, and opportunities for family engagement. Through the celebration of Shabbat and holidays, our preschoolers experience the joys of Jewish culture; guided by these values, we are an inclusive community where everyone feels welcome.



Age	Days per Week	Times
2's	2, 3 or 5	9am-1pm or 9am-3pm
3's	5	9am-1pm or 9am-3pm
4's	5	9am-1pm or 9am-3pm

All students have the option of enrolling in Early Drop Off (8:15am-9am) or Extended Day (from 3pm onward)



OUR TEAM

Our dedicated preschool team is comprised of expert teachers and trained specialists in movement, arts, and swim instruction. Leadership and faculty have substantial years of experience, and many possess Master's Degrees from leading educational institutions. The high retention rate among our faculty members reflects their dedication to our program, as well as the genuine warmth and care they bring to the classroom and beyond.



OUR CLASSROOMS

We deeply value the role of our classroom in shaping our children's educational journey. Each sun-filled classroom is designed to foster a Reggio-based curriculum with collaboration among students and teachers. Our faculty prioritizes the needs and interests of every preschooler, with classroom art and other materials updated throughout the year to reflect the unique focus and curriculum of each class.



CREATIVE ARTS

Studio Art, Music, Movement, and Theater

We nurture our young artists and foster a lifelong appreciation for creative expression.

Our dedicated art teacher focuses on developing individual and group projects for students as they explore colors, texture, and materials in the school's studio space. Every week, our music teacher introduces students to songs from different cultures worldwide, as they discover the impact of melody and rhythm. During our movement classes, children develop fine and gross motor skills through creative movement, yoga, and open play.

In addition, preschoolers attend full-scale performances in our 100-seat professional black box theater, experiencing the indelible magic of live entertainment.



ROOFTOP OUTDOOR PLAY

Our roof playground supports holistic development, allowing children to discover the world around them from atop our very own building. The playground climbing structures are tailored to nurture the growth and development of our preschoolers' gross motor skills in a secure, stimulating environment suited to both independent and structured play.

On sunny days, we don't have to travel far to enjoy all school music time and picnic lunches out in the fresh air. Along with running, climbing, sliding, and pedaling bikes, our preschoolers delight in bringing classroom activities outdoors – such as science, art, and building.



AQUATICS

One of the greatest benefits of being a preschool within a dynamic community center is access to our heated indoor pool! Students in our full day programs swim as a regular part of their curriculum. 14Y Preschoolers learn the basics of swimming and water safety while building confidence and having fun in the water. Children head to kindergarten adept at floating, breathing underwater, and executing simple swimming strokes.



EXTENDED DAY ENRICHMENT

Extend your preschool day with specialized enrichment courses! Preschool teachers work alongside 14Y's teaching artists and coaches and offer classes in swim, Spanish language, ballet, soccer, theater, science, and more. Classes are offered for all age groups, Monday-Friday, following our 3pm dismissal.



ONGOING SCHOOL PLACEMENT

Our students go on to many public and private schools throughout the city. Our school's Education Director is here to support your family as you explore the next step in your child's education.

We are proud to partner with the Parent League of New York, a community of reliable experts who supplement the individualized guidance you'll receive from your dedicated team here at 14Y.

Our students have gone on to attend Friends Seminary, Grace Church, Heschel, Little Red Schoolhouse, NEST+m, PS. 40, PS. 41, PS 340, and more.

Let us help you find the perfect place where your rising kindergartener will continue to learn and thrive.



FAMILY ENGAGEMENT AND SUPPORT

14Y is a hub of the Downtown parenting community.

From captivating art shows that feature your child's work to our annual Shabbatikah Hanukkah holiday mashup, we invite parents and caregivers to join us as we create meaningful connections between families and the classroom. Social events like Parents Night Out and Parenting Coffees help you make meaningful connections and find your own voice as a parent.

14Y offers a variety of weekend events that build an enduring sense of community for the whole family.



JEWISH LIFE

Our Jewish values build a joyful foundation through which to teach our preschoolers about the importance of gratitude, kindness, and social justice. Our students look forward to celebrating Shabbat each week and to exploring holidays through song, art, and more.

Whether participating in our Tkiya music program, making menorahs in our art studio, or visiting our community sukkah on the 14Y roof, our students experience Jewish culture in an accessible, engaging way.



EARLY CHILDHOOD AT 14Y

For families who want to start their child's 14Y journey at an even younger age, we are here to support you and your baby/toddler. At our new parents meet up, you can share your experiences in a supportive community of parents experiencing similar joys and challenges.

As your child grows, our offerings will stimulate your baby's senses and promote their development with exciting new activities. And Prelude to Preschool emphasizes gradual independence as your toddler prepares to become a preschooler.

Our early childhood options are especially popular with younger siblings!





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