

**The Learning Center
typical day
might include:**

Signing in at arrival and
beginning journal entries

Meeting times to plan daily
activities, share news and
conversation, and conduct
classroom business

Activity periods with access
to sensory materials, painting
and gluing tables, science
and observation, dough or clay,
blocks, math manipulatives,
puzzles, dramatic play,
writing tables, computer

Nutritious and varied snack

Quiet reading times

Small group music and
creative movement

Small group library and
book discussion times

Science and observation walks
on the school property and at
neighboring Brookwood Farm

Outdoor play

Meeting to say goodbye and
reflect on the day

Program description

Kindergarten Monday thru Thursday 8:30 - 2:45
Plus Friday 8:30 - 11:45

Early drop off and/or Extended Day may be available
in any given school year if there is sufficient interest.
Please ask about availability of these extended hours.

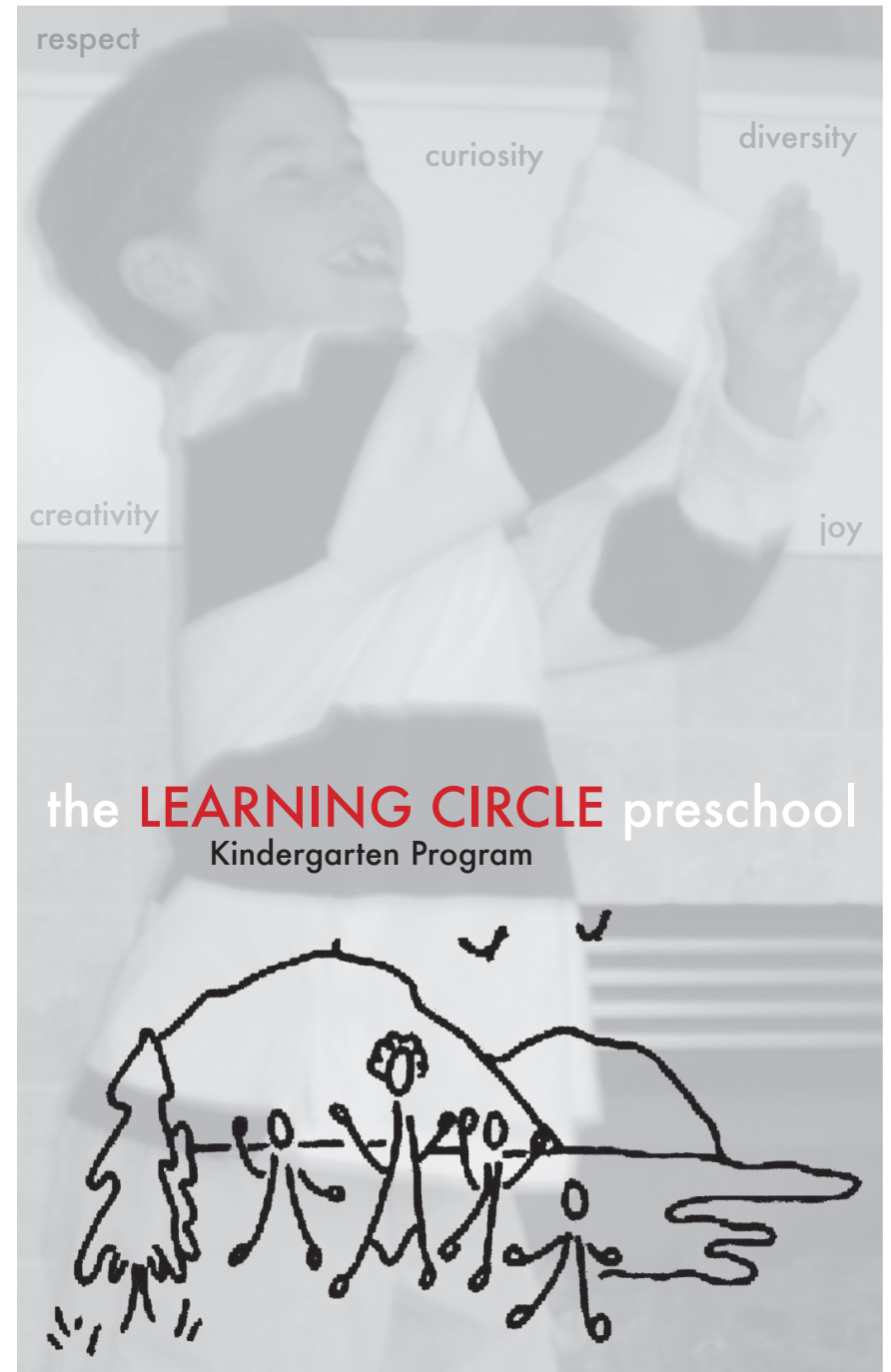
How to Enroll

Please begin the registration process by telephoning
the Director, Ms. Katrina Selawsky, at (781) 828-4800,
or use email: info@learningcirclepreschool.org. We
can arrange a meeting to discuss the program and
your needs, and make sure you receive registration
materials.

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*The Learning Circle is a non-profit, non-sectarian
school, welcoming children and families of all races
and religions, without regard to race, cultural heritage,
marital status, sexual orientation, national origin,
disability or the union membership or political
affiliation of guardians.*

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the **LEARNING CIRCLE** preschool
Kindergarten Program

The **LEARNING CIRCLE** preschool is located at the foot of the beautiful Blue Hills.

The Learning Circle is a preschool and kindergarten for children ages 2.9 – 7, serving Canton, Milton, and the surrounding communities.

The Learning Circle facilities are located on the grounds of Trinity Church, at the foot of the Blue Hills. The sunny classrooms utilize an open floor plan and include library spaces, musical instruments, sand and water tables, areas for dramatic play and graphic arts, blocks and construction games. Outdoor space features a spacious playground and expansive areas for exploration of the natural environment.

The Philosophy of the Learning Circle

preschool is founded on the following principles:

Respectful and nurturing interactions support each child's emotional security and sense of safety in school

RESPECT

Diversity among individuals is a value that can be supported through an anti-bias approach to curriculum development

DIVERSITY

Individual attention can be supported through an emergent curriculum model based on observations of each child's use of materials, interests, and interactions with peers

CURIOSITY

The environment at school can serve as a teacher, supporting the program's values and assuring that children find each classroom welcoming and clearly organized

JOY

Creativity and self expression can be supported by offering children both free access to open-ended materials, and teacher-directed support and stimulation in the arts

CREATIVITY

Self reflection and opportunities to share ideas about work deepen each child's learning at school

FAIRNESS

Small group participation offers invaluable support and stimulus to each child's development of language, cooperative skills, and problem solving abilities

COOPERATION

In our partnership with families, meaningful and on-going communication with parents is critical

INCLUSION

The Mission of the Learning Circle

preschool is to create child-centered, individualized, developmentally appropriate programs serving preschool children and their families. Founded on respectful and nurturing interactions between teachers and children, and building on each child's curiosity and creativity, we come together as a classroom community whose goal is to inspire a lifelong love of exploration, thought, and learning. Our emphasis is on play, as it is through play that young children learn. Our core values are inclusion, diversity, and fairness. We work in partnership with parents, communicating closely, encouraging family involvement in the program and offering support and education on issues relating to child development and early childhood education.

The Staff at the Learning Circle

preschool includes dedicated, experienced educators who have worked with children and families in the area for many years:

Barbara Lapal Certified Kindergarten Teacher with additional experience in centerbased preschool programs and private enrichment programs for children 3-8 (Bachelors of Elementary Education)

Katrina Selawsky Teacher and administrator in center based preschool programs and private music programs (Masters in Early Childhood Education, Bachelors in Music Education)

The Learning Circle places great emphasis on individual attention, and the children who attend enjoy a low student to teacher ratio (maximum class size of 10). The curriculum is linked to the Massachusetts Department of Education's frameworks and informed by NAEYC standards.

The Kindergarten classroom is carefully balanced to assure an enriching experience for all the children, and is staffed by a certified, professional, and experienced teacher.