

“We don’t just prepare kids for kindergarten, we prepare them for life.”

WHAT KIND OF PRESCHOOL DO YOU WANT FOR YOUR CHILD?

- ▶ A creative, child-focused school with dedicated teachers, a great facility and a flexible schedule.
- ▶ A place where children are happy, confident and learning every day.
- ▶ A diverse environment where kids mingle with teachers, peers and families from all over San Francisco.

Welcome to Phoebe A. Hearst Preschool. Our early-childhood program gives children ages 2 through 5 a solid foundation for later life and a fun and enriching place to spend the day. We’re a special place with a lot to offer your family.

we’ve been doing this a long time.

Phoebe A. Hearst Preschool is the oldest early-childhood education program in San Francisco and one of the oldest in the Western United States. Since 1879, our mission hasn’t changed: We’re dedicated to bringing out confidence, curiosity and creativity in young children.

a dedicated community.

Our director and many staff members have been here for a decade. We have very little teacher turnover. Our families return year-after-year—there are even a few kids here whose parents are alumni of the school. Our staff and families are dedicated to helping the school and students of Phoebe Hearst shine. Our Parent Committee is a dedicated group of parents who help fundraise to support our financial aid and enrichment programs. We also have dedicated volunteers from the Foster Grandparent Program who offer a wonderful intergenerational experience to our children.

built as a preschool.

Our current building was built as a preschool with ample indoor and outdoor space to learn and grow. Each preschool classroom opens onto a shared outdoor playground. Transitional Kindergarten students have their own separate playground. Classrooms are open and spacious. We also have a dedicated Art Room and a multipurpose activity room for special programs and rainy days. There are also Observation Rooms off each classroom that offer parents the opportunity to observe their child in everyday routine.

Creativity.

The foundation of our school is the idea that children learn and excel when they can express themselves through art. Art is a major part of the Phoebe A. Hearst Preschool curriculum, but it doesn’t stop there. We also enrich our daily programs with music, movement, dramatic play, and

many other activities. Our kids are confident, secure, and well-rounded, and later thrive in public and independent schools all over the Bay Area.

true diversity.

At Phoebe A. Hearst Preschool, you’ll find staff and families that represent the whole of San Francisco—from different ethnic and economic backgrounds, family structures, neighborhoods, and more. Each person here contributes a unique piece to our school, and all of those pieces create a fascinating, well-rounded place where learning doesn’t just happen in a classroom.

flexibility for all parents.

We know it’s hard to be a parent—juggling work, home, other kids and city life. We can provide a schedule that works for you. Our school is open year-round five days a week from 7:30 am to 6:00 pm. We offer two snacks and a hot lunch every day from our full kitchen. Kids have the option of staying until 12:30 pm, until 4:30 pm, or until 6:00 pm in extended care.



Come by and see for yourself what Phoebe A. Hearst
Preschool has to offer. We give tours throughout the
fall season. Call us to arrange your tour. We think
you'll like what you see. If you do, fill out an
application.



We accept children ages 2 through 5. Children need
not be toilet trained to enter school, but they must be
2 years of age by September. We notify families of
acceptance in March, and also maintain a wait pool
once we fill our classes.

For more information about
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