

Geneva Park District Friendship Station Preschool FAQ's



Why did the School District and Park District discontinue their partnership?

- The School District requested the separation and expressed their desire to expand the services they provide to children with special needs.

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.

Where will Friendship Station Preschool be located?

- All five preschool classrooms will operate out of the current Friendship Station location at the Geneva Middle School South, this includes the 5-day program which was previously located at Western Avenue School.

Will the teachers be the same?

- Yes, all of the Park District teachers remain committed to providing your children with the top-quality experience you have come to expect. Returning teachers include:

Lead Teachers

Angie Carlson
Cindy Stuewe
Carrie Hollman
Jan Parcell
Jodeen Rogers

Teacher Aides

Wendy Krampitz
Kari Bracey
Amy Belloli
Andrea Adams
Cindy Diemand
Kelly Davila
Sherry Rogers

Will the curriculum change?

No, the curriculum will remain the same as detailed below.

- 1.) 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
- 2.) 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.

For more detailed information on our preschool curriculum please contact Sarah Sielisch at 630.232.4542 or ssielisch@genevaparks.com

I am registered for next year, do I need to do anything?

- No. All children registered for next year do not need to do anything further. Please note, if you registered for the 5-day program at Western Avenue School, it will be relocated to Friendship Station next Fall.

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.

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.

What is the future for Park District preschool and preschool age programs?

- 3.) 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 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. We've learned and adapted through the years, we plan to continue that, to adjust to the expectations of future 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.