



Creative Hands Preschool

What is a Cooperative Preschool?

A cooperative preschool is a program that is operated by a group of parents who take an active interest in their children's first educational experience. Parents help the teacher in the classroom, are given opportunities for education, and are involved in decision-making.

Why Join a Cooperative Preschool?

- Above average adult to child ratio in the classroom allowing for many extra activities and learning opportunities throughout each day.
- A wonderful sense of school & classroom community is formed
- Parents in the co-op report an increased understanding of child development, education, and parenting. Parents increase their support networks for sharing and discussing problems and growth. They value the chance to observe other children of the same age.
- Studies show that parent involvement in education is the factor most highly correlated with children's school success. Parent involvement is more important than social class, teacher's input, or curriculum. Children are delighted that we value them and their education enough to want to share intimately in their first school experience. This builds both self esteem and motivation to learn.
- Lower Tuition than traditional preschools

Parent Requirements at Creative Hands:

- Parents volunteer in the classroom on average 1-2 times/month.
- They hold a job (see job sheet) outside of the classroom such as laundry helper, helping change out dramatic play, room parent, board positions, marketing and others.
- Attend parent orientation (Sept,) parent teacher training (Oct,) and parent education night/annual business meeting (April.)

See our website for more details. www.creativehandstigard.com