



HILLTOP
learning with love

Seeds and Sprouts Program for September 2025- June 2026

Hours: 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Days: Sprouts: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
Seeds: Thursday, Friday
Ages: 2.9 years through 6 years

- FEES:**
- A. Application Fee: \$50 (non-refundable, non-prorated)
Registration: \$125 new students, \$100 returning students (non-refundable, non-prorated)
Materials fee: \$200 (non-refundable, non-pro-rated)
 - B. Tuition:
 - 2 Days: \$390 per month
 - 3 Days: \$489 per month
 - 5 Days: \$879 per month

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*The above tuition is for standard parent participation as outlined below under “responsibilities.” We offer a limited number of flexible participation spots as well with varying tuition depending upon the level of participation. Please let us know if you are interested in flexible participation to get further details.

RESPONSIBILITIES (for full participation):

- A. Workdays: Parent workdays run from 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
 - 2 Days:** approximately 2 scheduled workdays plus 1 alternate day per month
 - 3 Days:** approximately 3 scheduled workdays plus 1 alternate day per month
 - 5 Days:** approximately 5 scheduled workdays plus 1 alternate day per month
- B. Ways & Means (Fundraising) Obligations: Parents are required to participate in major fundraising events a total of 5 hours per school year.
- C. Maintenance Obligations: Parents are required to perform 2 maintenance duties per school year, 1 of which must be a Clean-Up Day.
- D. Job Obligation: Parents are required to maintain a job or a committee position for the school year, i.e. librarian, secretary, or fundraising committee.
- E. General Meetings: Parents working in the classroom are required to attend monthly general meetings held on the third Tuesday evening of each month from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. All families are required to attend three mandatory meetings held on the third Tuesday evening of September, January, and April from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- F. Orientation and Philosophy: All parents are required to attend the Philosophy and Parent In-Service Day held before the start of the academic year. Parents planning to work in the classroom must also attend an Orientation and Classroom Mechanics Day (also held before the start of the academic year) before they are scheduled to work in the classroom.

Program Philosophy

Our philosophy of early childhood education begins with a school environment of unqualified love, warmth, acceptance, and understanding that each child is unique and individual.

The philosophy at Hilltop is based on the belief that self-esteem is the foundation upon which all learning rests. Young children develop it naturally when they believe in themselves, their abilities, and their worth. It happens in an environment where they can make choices, decisions, and sometimes mistakes. Learning always involves feelings. Young children must be allowed to freely express their emotions in a safe and validating environment if they are to learn and grow emotionally, as well as develop a healthy sense of self. If children feel safe, they can take risks, ask questions, make mistakes, and learn to trust and share their feelings. If taken seriously, they will develop the ability to respect others. If their emotional needs are met, they will have the ability to develop empathy.