



What is the Co-Op Experience?

Participating in our co-op is a unique and wonderful experience. Your child will receive a remarkable education with exceptional teachers and you will get the privilege of being in the classroom with your child once a month. The Ridgewood Co-Op is a warm and loving school that is organized by parents. This structure allows for a personal relationship with your child's teacher as you actively participate in your child's first school experience.

Enthusiastic parent support is one of the school's most valuable resources. Our parents gain a fresh perspective on their preschoolers as they share in the learning process. Children, in turn, gain a wider exposure to a variety of people as their worlds expand. Parent involvement can be as rewarding for the parents as it is for the children. The cooperative environment is a terrific way to get to know other families through special holiday programs, fundraisers, school concerts, and family fun events.

As a parent at the Ridgewood Co-Op, you can expect to:

- Assist as an occasional helper in the classroom about once a month (childcare is available on-site for younger siblings)
- Participate on the school's Board or one of the minor committees
- Attend our annual Spring Sing concert and dinner, a fun event that is also our main fundraiser for the year
- Attend our September Parent Meeting and one other family fun event.



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About the Co-Op

Founded in 1968, the Cooperative Nursery School of Ridgewood offers a unique and positive educational experience for children ages one and a half to six years. Children play and learn in a developmentally appropriate environment ideally suited to their individual needs. Our highly trained teaching staff guides your child in achieving social, emotional, and physical well-being. Our small classes enable our teachers to recognize each child as an exceptional and creative individual. Special attention to the needs of preschoolers provides a warm and caring environment as we encourage independence, self-discipline, and a love for school. Students receive an incredible educational foundation that prepares them for what lies ahead. The Co-Op promotes continuity between a child's home and school. Children, parents, and teachers come together to create a warm and extended community for growing and learning.

Certification

The Cooperative Nursery School of Ridgewood, its facility, staff, and program are all licensed by the State of NJ. Teachers are certified in CPR, first aid, and participate in numerous professional development seminars each year.



Our Curriculum

Our programs offer children a warm and nurturing environment in a comfortable group setting. Class activities provide children with a wealth of resources and challenges. Daily sessions include individual, small group, and whole class experiences.

Teachers plan several exciting interdisciplinary units throughout the year. Each unit incorporates a variety of play, artistic, dramatic, fine and gross motor, literacy, critical thinking, and scientific activities. Hands on exploration is always encouraged.

Children in the preschool program enjoy physical education and music classes with specialized teachers each week. In addition, students visit the updated library for an interactive literacy experience. They also borrow books related to the classroom curriculum. Classes enjoy several fieldtrips throughout the year to enhance learning. While the Co-Op is housed in the Ridgewood United Methodist Church, our curriculum does not include any religious instruction. Diversity is celebrated by honoring various holidays and traditions. Emphasis is placed on respect, caring for others, and learning to become a responsible member of the community.

Our Classes

The Co-Op will offer the following classes for the 2018-2019 school year:

Mommy & Me: Wednesdays, 9:30-11:00 am
Tuition is \$350 for the Fall Semester (Sept– Dec)
\$500 for the Spring Semester (Jan-June)

2 1/2 Year Olds: Mon/Wed, 9:00-11:30 am
Tuition is \$2150 for the year for 2 days a week

January 2 1/2 Year Olds: Tues/Thurs, 9:00-11:30 am
Tuition is \$1275 for the year for 2 days a week

3 Year Olds: Tues/Wed/Thurs, 9:00-11:30 am
Tuition is \$3000 for the year for 3 days a week

3 Year Olds: Mon-Thurs, 9:00-11:30 am
Tuition is \$3750 for the year for 4 days a week

4 Year Olds: Mon-Thurs, 9:00-11:30 am
Tuition is \$3750 for the year for 4 days a week

4 Year Olds: Mon-Fri, 9:00-11:30 am
Tuition is \$4650 for the year for 4 days a week

Discovery Friday: Fri, 9:00-11:30
2 1/2 and 3 year olds, no parent participation required, Tuition is \$850 for the year.

Extended Day Lunch & Play:

We have extended day options for classes Monday through Thursdays. Pricing available upon request.

Enrichment Classes (13 classes):

We offer 13 different preschool enrichment classes throughout the year. They are open to all students in our 3s and 4s programs. Each class is held once a week for 8 weeks from 12:30-2:00 pm. The cost per class (including the hour for Lunch & Play) is \$300. More details about our enrichment classes are available upon request.