



Thank you for your interest in Cold Spring Harbor Nursery School.

Our mission is to provide a warm, nurturing, and joyful learning environment that celebrates the education, growth, and difference of each and every child in our community. The curriculum at Cold Spring Harbor Nursery School is designed around the premise that children are naturally curious about their environment. Play is an essential ingredient of our preschool program. Through play, in an enriched environment, our children learn about themselves, their surroundings and their capabilities. Our staff is committed to providing a supportive environment in which students feel safe to ask questions, explore their curiosities, and in turn, develop their cognitive, social, and emotional potential. Fostering partnerships with our families helps teach our children a great sense of cooperation and community.

By virtue of our cooperative nature, parent involvement is imperative. While instruction is the responsibility of our highly-qualified teaching staff, a volunteer executive board of parents is responsible for the administration of the school. All families are expected to volunteer as a “class parent” and/or help with extended day activities, fundraisers, concerts, and other community events, making Cold Spring Harbor Nursery School a truly unique preschool environment.



Curriculum

The children in each of Cold Spring Harbor Nursery School's classes explore the following concepts but are not required to master them before entering Kindergarten. Each child will learn these concepts on developmentally appropriate levels and at their own pace. They will work with hands-on materials, songs, games, and explore different topics based on their interests. They will be assessed by observation and work samples.

Independence: The children will work towards becoming confident in taking care of themselves in the classroom.

- Following classroom procedures
- Self-help skills (taking off and putting on coat, hanging up bag, washing hands, using the bathroom, etc.)
- Signing into the classroom (identifying name)
- Cleaning up
- Building confidence

Social and Emotional Development: The children will explore their ability to identify one's feelings, develop self-control and build relationships.

- Communicate needs and wants
- Take responsibility
- Identify and manage feelings
- Follow rules and routines
- Maintain attention
- Transition and adapt
- Cooperate
- Care for and respond to others

Language and Literacy Development: The children will communicate and connect with others through listening, speaking, reading and writing.

- Understand spoken language
- Follow verbal directions
- Communicate ideas
- Build vocabulary
- Focus on small units of sound
- Identify rhyme and alliteration (repeat nursery rhymes and songs)
- Demonstrate concepts of print (identifying book cover, turning pages, left to right directionality)
- Identify letters and words
- Make letter sounds connections
- Respond to text and experiences through illustrations
- Retell, ask, and answer questions about stories
- Sequencing



Mathematics and Reasoning Development: The children will explore their ability to count, understand number sense, manipulate objects, create patterns, sort, compare and measure.

- Identify numbers
- Count to determine quantity
- Identify shapes
- Manipulates part and whole
- Identify and create patterns
- Match, sort, and chart
- Estimate and measure
- Compare (more than, less than, greatest, least)
- Use logic to solve problems

Science Development: The children will use inquiry and make predictions and observations.

- Identify and observe weather and climate
- Observe and perform experiments
- Explore science tools – magnets, magnifying glasses, scales, etc.
- Observe insect life
- Observe plant life
- Measure and mix ingredients for cooking
- Identify colors and explore color mixing
- Make observational drawings and dictation
- Explore the world with five senses

Social Studies Development: The children will understand oneself in relation to their surroundings.

- Identify community and family roles
- Explore cultures and traditions
- Identify different types of geography

Creative Development: The children will express ideas and imagination through music, dance, and dramatic play. They will be encouraged to take risks and explore their curiosity.

- Explore a variety of art processes: painting, drawing, sculpture, collage, etc.
- Use a variety of art materials: crayons, paint, pencils, chalk, clay, etc.
- Participate in movement songs and dances
- Use scarves, rhythm sticks, and bean bags to practice rhythms
- Participate in dramatic play
- Dramatize familiar stories

Physical Development: the children will build strength, balance, and coordination. They will tune fine and gross motor skills through movements using drawing/writing tools and other manipulatives.



**APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION
Toddler, Nursery, Pre-K**

Child's name Preferred name

Date of birth Gender

PARENT/GUARDIAN:

Name Relationship to Child

Home Address City State Zip

Home Phone Cell Phone Email address

Occupation & Employer

Work address Work phone & email address

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Please list other children living with the child:

Name	Age	School
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Has anyone in your family attended Cold Spring Harbor Nursery School? _____

If YES, who? _____

Why are you applying to Cold Spring Harbor Nursery School?

How would you like a school to contribute to your child's development?

Please describe, without relying on physical attributes, how someone would recognize your child among a group of peers involved in an activity.

Is there anything else notable about your child that would be important for us to know?



PLEASE NOTE:

In the interest of public health and safety, and in conjunction with the New York State Department of Education, Cold Spring Harbor Nursery School requires all children to be vaccinated prior to admission.

My child has received age-appropriate vaccinations. Yes _____ No _____

Please describe the child's general health:

I am aware that while the staff at Cold Spring Harbor Nursery School is CPR and EpiPen certified, there is no nurse on staff. *Please initial* _____

I am aware that Cold Spring Harbor Nursery School is a parent cooperative and that all families are required to volunteer their time and provide financial support for the school's continued success. *Please initial* _____

All information provided by you in this application is confidential and will be shared only with Cold Spring Harbor Nursery School's Enrollment Committee.

By signing this application, you verify that all information contained within is accurate and true.

Parent/Guardian: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

Date: _____

Please send completed application(s) to:

Enrollment Secretary
Cold Spring Harbor Nursery School
P.O. Box 129
Cold Spring Harbor, New York 11724

A non-refundable fee of \$75.00 must accompany your application.

Thank you for applying to Cold Spring Harbor Nursery School.

Cold Spring Harbor Nursery School is committed to fostering a diverse school community. The School does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, age, gender, gender expression, sexual orientation, marital or familial status, national origin, citizenship, socio-economic status, or physical ability. We strive to provide an inclusive and welcoming environment for all.