

Macalester Plymouth Preschool  
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### **History**

Macalester Plymouth Preschool was started in 1965 when the church recognized the need for a nursery school in the area. As a form of service to the community, a school was established. The preschool is nonreligious in nature, and open and available to any child 3 years to 5 years of age regardless of race, creed, nationality, or religion. Although the school operates separately from the formal church structure, the same rooms are shared cooperatively with the Sunday school classes. A Board of Directors is responsible for the general administration of the school, and all decisions are approved and finalized by it.

Macalester Plymouth Preschool is licensed by the Department of Human Services of Minnesota. We have regular inspections by the state licensing department, and the health and fire inspectors.

### **Philosophy**

Mac Plymouth Preschool recognizes that each child is unique and important. We emphasize the concept of self-worth, as well as the development of social interaction skills. We strive to create a climate for learning that encourages explorations, discoveries, and creative encounters. And we firmly believe that each child should have tons of fun!

We also feel that it is becoming increasingly important for young children to develop a global consciousness. Through art, music, stories, and special programs, we sow the seeds of cultural awareness that result in a respect for and joy in diversity. Our goal is for the children to accept and appreciate all people.

Finally, each child's inborn sense of wonder is a precious gift that we carefully nurture and keep alive. We understand that children intrinsically care about the Earth and all its creatures. They celebrate and delight in the mysteries of earth, sea, and sky. Our curriculum is designed to encourage compassion and respect for our planet. When students leave this program, we hope they will take with them a love of the Earth that will grow with them into adulthood.

### **Program**

Macalester Plymouth Preschool is licensed by the state of Minnesota to have 52 children on the site at one time.

- Room 1 is for children who have turned 3 years of age as of September 1 of the year of enrollment, with the discretion of the director.
- Room 2 is for children who have turned 4 years of age as of September 1 of the year of enrollment. Exceptions may be made with the consultation of the director, teacher and parents.

Parents who are new to our program and facilities are encouraged to visit the Preschool. This will also enable you to meet the staff and ask any question you have. Thank you for your interest in Macalester Plymouth Preschool.