

Barrow Street Nursery School

at Greenwich House



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Experiential
Learning

Parent
Participation

Respect for
Different
Learning Styles

Individual
Attention



Dear Parents,

BSNS is a nursery school that believes the ages of 2-5 are a magical time in children's lives. During these formative years they will become more curious, learn to solve problems, cultivate language and social skills and explore their creative potential. By forming warm, engaging and supportive relationships with your child, our highly qualified early childhood teachers will help provide the experiential foundations for his or her developing sense of self.

The vibrant school community maintains strong connections among parents, teachers, and the administration. At BSNS we foster an environment that values the creation of a diverse community. We believe this type of partnership sustains a dynamic that allows children to pursue their interests with the skills and confidence necessary for success.

It is our pleasure to partner with you and your children in the unique and exciting journey of nursery school.

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MISSION

Barrow Street Nursery School at Greenwich House (BSNS) is committed to providing young children with a variety of experiences in a safe and nurturing environment. Children develop social competence and pre-academic skills through a curriculum integrating creative problem solving, physical and sensory experience and constructive play. At BSNS we believe in a child-centered approach that recognizes children's individual differences and fosters the development of their personal interests and capabilities.

PHILOSOPHY

We believe that children learn best in an environment that is filled with opportunities to explore their world and to build on their previous experiences.

Early childhood teachers at BSNS understand that play is the work of children. It is the basis for developing meaningful social interactions, creative problem solving skills and a wide range of communication and physical abilities.

Our teachers value their student's diverse backgrounds and provide opportunities within the curriculum for the expression and the sharing of family traditions, languages and songs. Strong relationships among our families and our staff are cultivated through regular communication, community events and parent participation.

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES*

Cooking

The children acquire basic cooking techniques and learn how to follow simple recipe instructions such as measuring and mixing the ingredients together. There will be a new recipe every week that the children can take home and share with their families. The children will be able to taste the food they make and sometimes take some home for mom & dad.

Science

What do children and rocket scientists have in common? They observe their world and ask questions about it, which is what scientific thought is all about! Our science program will provide opportunities for children to explore, hypothesize and experiment with their world while learning to use it in their everyday lives.

Tada!

Our TADA! drama programs perform wonders by allowing children to explore voice, dance, acting and stage technique. They will gain self-confidence and learn responsibility, communication and teamwork. The children acquire these skills while having fun and discovering new ways to comfortably and effectively express themselves.

Super Soccer Stars

Get the ball rolling! Super Soccer Stars, New York City's most popular soccer development program, is here at Barrow Street Nursery School! Dynamic international coaches work with every student to develop skills, self-confidence and teamwork in a fun, non-competitive environment. Positive reinforcement and a low child-to-coach ratio ensure that each child will improve his or her soccer skills through engaging warm-ups, drills, and games -- all while having endless fun!

Bilingual Birdies

The Bilingual Birdie Language Program employs a unique method that makes the rhythm and sounds of a new language come alive through puppetry, singing and movement. Children are born with the ability to hear the sounds of all languages and from birth begin taking in these sounds in preparation to speak. With regular exposure young children are remarkably capable of picking up multiple speech systems.

*Please inquire about semester scheduling and cost.

SAMPLE CLASSROOM SCHEDULE

Arrival

Children put belongings in cubbies, put their picture card in the pocket chart and write or trace their names on the sign-in sheet.

Open Time

During this time, activities and materials are easily accessible, open-ended, and changed regularly to appeal to a variety of interests and developmental levels.

Welcome Meeting

This large group activity formally uses introductory songs, calendar, weather and news sharing to begin the day.

Roof/Gym/Track

Children play on the roof, gym or track with a wide variety of age appropriate equipment, games and materials.

Work Time

Using projects, this time explores and consolidates knowledge.

Music and Movement

Activities include dance, parachute, simple games, instrument use and neighborhood walks.

Snack

A variety of snacks are distributed such as fresh fruit, crackers, cheese and veggies. On occasion, children eat snacks prepared as a math/science activity.

Center Time

Making choices based on their own interests, children engage in free play with their peers.

Story Time

A wide variety of books, poems and flannel board stories are selected according to the projects and interests of the children.

Goodbye Meeting

Before the day ends, we take time to talk about what the children learned, what next steps to anticipate and additional things they can explore in their community to expand knowledge.

CURRICULUM

Our curriculum provides children with the building blocks of knowledge, thinking and reasoning. We incorporate age-appropriate skills into content areas, ensuring they become progressively more challenging as children master each set of skills. Social interaction, problem solving skills and a strong emphasis on language skills are integrated into our curriculum.

Twice yearly, teachers assess children's progress through the use of a developmental checklist, a descriptive write up and a portfolio of the child's work. Additionally, our staff sends weekly e-mail updates and posts photos online so you can view your children engaging in their school activities.

Language & Literacy

The teachers strengthen literacy skills by integrating vocabulary, language development, verbal expression and social interaction throughout the day. Children learn to name and classify shapes, letters, numbers and cultivate other pre-reading skills during circle time, story time, dramatic play, listening and writing centers.

Social Studies

In our Social Studies curriculum the children learn about diversity, their peers and members of their family and community as well as themselves. Some of the topics may include care for the Earth, introduction to other cultures in New York and around the world, holidays and caring for animals.

Math

Children are exposed to numerical concepts such as patterns, graphs, logical reasoning, number recognition and measurement through exploration of classroom materials. Children work on math activities in small groups and independently while participating in the different learning centers. We also find ways to introduce these skills through daily review of the calendar and attendance, blocks and manipulatives, puzzles, mazes and computer games.

CURRICULUM

Science

Children learn about the natural world through their interaction with objects, people and other living things. The science activities include cooking, water and air experiments, creating and building inventions, feeding class pets and planting. Children make predictions, explore possibilities and document the results of their experiments.

Arts Programs

MUSIC

Encouraging children to learn through rhythmic movement using their body, our music program involves games, singing and playing small percussion instruments, such as drums and bells. Children develop their sensitivity to listening, singing and physical movement by learning new songs and listening to different types of music from around the world.

AMERICAN BALLET THEATRE'S

Ballet for the New Audience Program

The American Ballet Theatre will be conducting workshops for our 3s and 4s classes this winter. The program will culminate with our 4s and their families spending a day at the American Ballet Theatre.

POTTERY

The Pottery School at Greenwich House, Inc., is offered twice a month to children of all age levels. The pottery teacher provides hands-on experiences with clay, pottery tools and paints. Children are encouraged to learn new skills allowing them to conceive, construct, realize, and share artistic ideas with others. Individual assistance is provided in each class, helping children advance at their own pace.

LIBRARY

We have a designated library space for children to have special story time with their teachers. The library is equipped with software that helps both parents and teachers by providing easy access when locating books to check out.

CURRICULUM

Physical Activities

GYM & TRACK

The teachers, along with our gym specialist, will teach the children games and skills each week during gym time. Children will work on gross and fine motor skill development while having fun and developing team-building skills. Our new gym equipment will allow for obstacle courses, climbing activities and open-ended creative play. The tricycle track provides another outlet for the development of their fine motor skills. In addition to our outdoor play equipment, children also play with balls, hoops, mats, balance bean and various other equipment.

ROOFTOP PLAYGROUND

Our newly redesigned rooftop playground features a jungle gym, a play house, picnic tables and umbrellas. It is an environment in which our children build and refine motor skills while enjoying the fresh air and garden.

YOGA

Yoga helps children develop better body awareness, self-control, flexibility and coordination. Yoga at an early age encourages self-esteem with a physical activity that is noncompetitive.

GREEN TEAM AND SERVICE LEARNING

Barrow Street Nursery School has gone green! We have launched new eco-friendly procedures, which include an environmentally-based curriculum and field trips, the use of green cleaning supplies, water and electricity conservation programs, and providing the children with organic and fresh snacks. Through the expansion of our recycled materials closet, the children are able to create innovative craft projects using eco-friendly and reusable materials.

We hope to empower our children to make a difference, and teach them environmental and health values that will stay with them for life. To support our green initiatives, we are collaborating with the organization Generation On, who advocate service-based learning opportunities.