



DID YOU KNOW WE HAVE A KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM HERE AT THE JCC!

We Believe Kindergarten is an important first step in your child's lifelong learning experience!!



Meet Our Teacher!

Mrs. Cohn has worked at the Albany JCC teaching Kindergarten for over 26 years! Kindergarten is spent building skills and independence along with tremendous growth and change. Mrs. Cohn loves reading, being outdoors, STEAM, art and much more! She incorporates all of this in to her daily activities and truly makes learning a positive experience.

Curriculum:

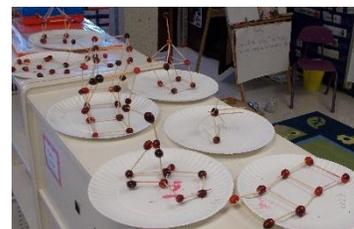
Kindergarten Curriculum is child based and developmentally appropriate. Having smaller ratios allows for differentiation and individualization. Our program is a good fit for both children preparing for first grade or children in need of a bridge program. We use a whole language and phonics based approach to literacy. Kindergarten does a STEAM project once a week. They are hands on sometimes child led and always fun and sometimes messy! Math is Common Core based to prepare them for school after the JCC. Here at the JCC Judaism is incorporated into our curriculum. Kindergarteners participate are projects, literacy activities, STEAM projects and music inspired by the Jewish Holidays. Twice a week we participate in a structured gym time to get bodies moving, along with outdoor play weather permitting.

Ratios:

Our ratios in Kindergarten are kept small to ensure children receive the individualized instruction that they need to succeed in future learning in a larger venue.

Extracurricular:

Our Kindergartners receive instructional swim lessons weekly and have the opportunity to participate in Amazing Athletes, Dance and Little Dragons!



The Sidney Albert Albany Jewish Community Center welcomes all members of the community to come and grow in mind, body and spirit in our safe, caring and inclusive environment.

Previous students:

We are pleased to write a recommendation for the JCC kindergarten program and teacher, Mrs. Christine Cohn. Our son, Matthew, now in 5th grade, completed his kindergarten year at the JCC, and our other son, Ryan, is currently enrolled. Both boys have benefited tremendously from the small class sizes, nurturing environment, and individualized attention the JCC offers. Mrs. Cohn makes learning fun and the kids often don't even realize the knowledge and skills they're gaining. As parents, we appreciate the open line of communication between us and Mrs. Cohn, and the accessibility to information about classroom activities and our sons' progress. We believe the strong foundation and positive relationship with school and learning they received at the JCC kindergarten will serve them well throughout their lives.

-Meg & Jamie McCarthy

My 10- and 12-year-old children went to the Early Childhood Center from the time they were 2 years old through Kindergarten. When they went to 1st grade, they were well prepared. They are both doing very well and love going to school. There is no doubt in my mind that we owe it to the Early Childhood Center for our children's success. With the smaller class sizes, the teachers ensure your child's abilities, in both physical and learning capacities, are progressing at the appropriate age levels. Should your child fall behind, the staff will have the opportunity to work individually with the student. Our 5-year-old is currently enrolled in the Kindergarten class at the Center. As soon as we were able to sign her up for Kindergarten, we did not hesitate. Next year will be bittersweet because it will be the last year any of our children will attend the Early Childhood Center, but we are positive she, like her sisters, will do very well in school.

For the Kindergarten Class, Mrs. Cohn was/is their teacher. She is amazing in the classroom, between reading stories, science, math and writing projects, she keeps her class engaged in their tasks. The children are invigorated by the layout of the classroom with each spaced dedicated to learning and playing. Mrs. Cohn is quite approachable and loves to talk to you about your child in the classroom. Through her many years of experience, she will make sure your child is ready for grade school and beyond with the skills she teaches. We have no regrets.

-John Scaringe

