

**BING NURSERY SCHOOL**  
**Academic Year 2023-2024**  
**STANFORD UNIVERSITY**

"Play is the highest expression of human development in childhood for it alone is the free expression of what is in a child's soul." - **Friedrich Froebel**

". . . each time one prematurely teaches a child something he could have discovered for himself, that child is kept from inventing it and, consequently, from understanding it completely." - **Jean Piaget**

"The nursery school is a place where children are given back some of the things modern life has tended to take away from them." - **Edith M. Dowley**, Founding Director of Bing Nursery School



Paloma, Age 5

**PROGRAM OFFERINGS FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2023-2024, September 11, 2023 to June 13, 2024**

The programs at Bing Nursery School have similar educational goals, values, and philosophy. In each of the programs, children use basic materials in a developmentally appropriate manner within a challenging and exciting learning environment. Play, setting the stage for learning, provides the medium through which the children may imitate, explore, test ideas, acquire information and draw conclusions. The spacious building and naturalistic grounds were carefully designed, constructed, and landscaped to meet the needs of young children. Our programs are the Nursery School Program for 3-, 4- and 5-year-old children, and the Two Year Old Program for children at least 24 months old at start of the program.

**Nursery School Program**

The Nursery School Program is designed to encourage a balance of child-initiated and teacher-facilitated activities for children who are 3 years old and above. This program offers children a variety of choices provided within a carefully prepared indoor and outdoor environment. The environment includes blocks (both unit blocks and large-scale hollow blocks), clay, paint, sand, water, art, dramatic play, manipulative materials, language arts, books, music, gardening, running, climbing, animal care and a variety of large and small motor activities. We encourage all children to follow their natural curiosity and interest in learning through active participation.

The emphasis in all of the Nursery School groups is on learning through play in an environment planned to encourage social interaction, discovery, and independence. In order to develop self-esteem and social competence, children are encouraged to take initiative and become increasingly more self-directed. To help children develop a sense of trust and feel comfortable from the start, a parent or consistent caregiver may be encouraged to remain in the classroom until the teaching staff indicates that a separation is appropriate and can be comfortably accomplished.

**Two's Program**

Our Two-Year-Old Program encourages the growth of independence, social awareness, sensory exploration, the development of physical skills and language acquisition for children at least 24 months old by the start of the summer or fall session. Children play in a planned indoor and outdoor environment designed to provide a variety of materials to explore. Activities include blocks, clay, or play dough, easel painting, sand, water, and large and small motor activities. Once a child is comfortable in the group environment (seeking out teachers for support and developing increased peer social skills) the teachers and parents plan for parent-child separation on an individualized basis. The time frame for accomplishing this separation can vary from a few days to several months. Parents and caregivers picking up their child are encouraged to join the class at the closing story time.

## **ADDITIONAL PROGRAM INFORMATION**

- **Application Fee** - A non-refundable \$50.00 fee and completed application form are required to place each child's name on our applicant list for admission.
- **Academic Year Reservation Fee** - Once a child is offered a space, a \$800.00 non-refundable reservation fee is required to hold that space. The reservation fee is applied to the academic year tuition.
- **Summer Session Reservation Fee** - There is a \$400.00 non-refundable reservation fee for Summer Session. The reservation fee is applied to summer session tuition.
- **Enrollment times** for all programs are for mornings or afternoons, but not for both. Children are enrolled for two or three day part-time sessions. There are a limited number of five-session spaces in the Nursery Program for some of the oldest children in their last year.
- **Extended Care** is offered, at an additional fee, for the Nursery School Program only (not for Two's program). For the morning Nursery sessions, early care (7:45 a.m.-8:15 a.m.) and lunch care (11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m.) are available. For the afternoon Nursery sessions, late care (4:15 p.m.-5:00 p.m.) is available. Extended care is by contract for one, two, three or five-sessions per week, based on the days the child is enrolled, and by arrangement with the business office.
- **Bing Nursery School funds a 20% reduction (Stanford Rate)** on tuition fees for children whose parent(s) are benefits eligible salaried/hourly Stanford University-paid employees at 50% time or higher, or full-time Stanford University students. Stanford status is verified both at the beginning of each academic year and at the beginning of the summer session.
- **Withdrawal and Refund Policies:** It is our expectation that children enroll for the full academic year. You can withdraw at any time with a thirty (30) day written notice. **Refunds: Tuition refunds will only be given for those who request in writing by MARCH 1 to withdraw or reduce days.** Up to one month of tuition for your classroom placement will be charged. No refunds will be given if request to withdraw or reduce days is received after March 1. (i.e., If you are requesting a Spring Quarter tuition refund, withdrawal or reduction in days, request must be received March 1.) If a withdrawal notice is received between July and the start of the Academic Year, or during December and the winter break, a fee equivalent to thirty (30) days of tuition for your classroom placement will be charged and your classroom placement will be forfeited. There are no tuition reductions or refunds for holidays, vacations, illness, absence, or for emergency school closures including but not limited to earthquakes, fires, pandemics, and un-anticipated school closure.

## **TUITION ASSISTANCE**

Bing Nursery School offers a needs-based scholarship program and strives to meet the demonstrated need of all families. Our scholarship program is available for the Nursery School and Two-Year Old programs, for both the academic year session, as well as the summer program. **Scholarship applications for Academic Year 2023-24 are available in the Business Office (or email [sandig@stanford.edu](mailto:sandig@stanford.edu)) and are due as soon as possible after a child is accepted.** Award letters are processed after placement is determined. Please contact the Bing Nursery School Administrative Director Sandi Gedeon ([sandig@stanford.edu](mailto:sandig@stanford.edu), 650-723-4166) if you have any questions, or would like to complete a confidential Scholarship Application. The Scholarship Fund is supported through generous donations to the school, as well as our annual Harvest Moon Auction. All parents are asked to participate and support this event.

## **ANNUAL FUND**

**The Bing School Annual Fund** is an essential part of the school budget. We hope all families can contribute to the level they are able. Combined with tuition, these tax-deductible gifts help support the school's annual budget for current programs, provide opportunities for teacher development and enrichment, allow for student assistants in the classrooms and support scholarships for children who would otherwise be unable to attend the school.

## **KORDESTANI FAMILY PROGRAM FOR PARENTS AND EDUCATORS**

**The Kordestani Family Program for Parents and Educators** is the fourth mission of the school and is meant to foster a community dedicated to improving the lives of young children and their families. Educators and parents are invited to join our dialogue about quality Early Childhood Education. Events are held throughout the year, both formal educator seminars and informal parent events, to examine the philosophy, program and practices that shape our educational model. More information can be found on our website.

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**NURSERY SCHOOL PROGRAM**

Class Size: 36 children per class, all rooms mixed ages 3-5 year olds, together in the same room.

Times: **8:15 – 11:45 a.m.**     or     **12:45 – 4:15 p.m.**

Tuition: Center, West & East Room Programs:

<b>2 Days: Tues/Thurs</b>	<b>AM or PM</b>	Academic Year Tuition: \$ 9,500	Stanford Rate: \$ 7,600
<b>3 Days: Mon/Wed/Fri</b>	<b>AM or PM</b>	Academic Year Tuition: \$13,000	Stanford Rate: \$10,400
<b>5 Days: Mon to Fri</b>	<b>AM or PM</b>	Academic Year Tuition: \$22,500	Stanford Rate: \$18,000

**TWO'S PROGRAM**

Class Size: 16 children per class, minimum age 24 months old by the start of the enrollment period.

Times: **8:45 – 11:15 a.m.**     or     **1:15 – 3:45 p.m.**

Tuition: Two-Year-Old Room Programs:

<b>2 Days: M/W</b>	<b>PM</b>	Academic Year Tuition: \$12,000	Stanford Rate: \$ 9,600
<b>2 Days: T/Th</b>	<b>AM or PM</b>	Academic Year Tuition: \$12,900	Stanford Rate: \$10,320
<b>3 Days: M/W/F</b>	<b>AM</b>	Academic Year Tuition: \$17,700	Stanford Rate: \$14,160