"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

"A Bunny. It jumps, and goes the speed of light.”
Mateusz, 5 yrs 2 mos.

PROGRAM OFFERINGS FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2017-2018, September 11, 2017 to June 14, 2018

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 the time they enter 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-Year-Old 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**

- **Enrollment times** for all programs are for mornings or afternoons, but not for both. Children are enrolled for two or three part-time sessions. There are a limited number of five-session spaces in the Nursery Program for some of the oldest children.

- **Extended Care** is offered, at an additional fee, for the Nursery School Program only (not for Two’s). 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 parents are regularly appointed Stanford University paid employees (at 50% time or more) and for children whose parents are full-time Stanford University students. Stanford status is verified at the beginning of each academic year and at the beginning of the summer session.

**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 2017-2018 are available in the business office 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 Business Manager, Sandra Gedeon (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, which will be held this academic year 2017-18 on November 11, 2017.

**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.

**BING PROGRAMS FOR PARENTS AND EDUCATORS**

The 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 about The Program for Parents and Educators can be found on our website.
NURSERY SCHOOL PROGRAM

Class Size: 36 children per group, mixed ages 3-4 year olds, together in the same room.
Times: 8:15-11:45 a.m. or 12:45-4:15 p.m.

Tuition:
2 days Tues/Thurs AM or PM  Academic Year Tuition: $7,265  Stanford Rate: $5,812
3 days Mon/Wed/Fri AM or PM  Academic Year Tuition: $9,970  Stanford Rate: $7,976
5 days Mon to Fri AM or PM  Academic Year Tuition: $17,235  Stanford Rate: $13,788

CENTER, WEST & EAST ROOM PROGRAMS:

Center Room-AM: Tues/Thurs Mornings  Center Room-PM: Tues/Thurs Afternoons
Center Room-AM: Mon/Wed/Fri Mornings  Center Room-PM: Mon/Wed/Fri Afternoons

West Room-AM: Tues/Thurs Mornings  West Room-PM: Tues/Thurs Afternoons
West Room-AM: Mon/Wed/Fri Mornings  West Room-PM: Mon/Wed/Fri Afternoons

East Room-AM: Tues/Thurs Mornings  East Room-PM: Tues/Thurs Afternoons
East Room-AM: Mon/Wed/Fri Mornings  East Room-PM: Mon/Wed/Fri Afternoons

TWO’S PROGRAM

Class Size: 16 children per group, minimum age 24 months old by the start of class.
Times: 8:45-11:15 a.m. or 1:15-3:45 p.m.

Tuition:
2 Days: M/W PM  Academic Year Tuition: $9,000  Stanford Rate: $7,200
2 Days: T/Th AM or PM  Academic Year Tuition: $9,795  Stanford Rate: $7,836
3 Days: M/W/F AM  Academic Year Tuition: $13,435  Stanford Rate: $10,748

TWO-YEAR-OLD ROOM PROGRAMS:
Two’s Classroom: Mon/Wed Afternoons:
Two’s Classroom: Tues/Thurs Mornings
Two’s Classroom: Tues/Thurs Afternoons
Two’s Classroom: Mon/Wed/Fri Mornings

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