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# VALUE OF THE SPROUTS ACADEMY EXPERIENCE ENRICHED EDUCATION

As exemplified in our Parent Testimonials, Sprouts Academy is a special place to send your child to experience the very best in Early Childhood Education. As the only preschool in Chicago that has been awarded both the prestigious **EDGE (Early Development for Global Education)** and **Eco-Healthy certifications**, you are providing your child the best path to early childhood development by sending him/her to Sprouts.



**EDUCATORS ENVIRONMENTALISTS HUMANITARIANS**

*Our son, (who will turn three in a week) has been at Sprouts for almost a year, and if I could design a school from scratch this would be it. There are many, many great things about this school - from the physical space to the organic food - but ultimately it's the teachers and the staff that make this place amazing." - S.E.*

The ultimate value of a Sprouts education is that we prepare your child to be accepted at and to flourish at the very best kindergarten and elementary schools in Chicago or elsewhere. The prestigious schools our Sprouts graduates have moved on to, and thrived in, include - **Latin School of Chicago, Lycee Francais de Chicago, The University of Chicago Lab Schools, Frances Xavier Warde, The Ogden International School of Chicago, and Francis W Parker.**

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*As Early Childhood Educators we feel it is our duty to facilitate enriched experiences that empower the young child's learning and growth in both child-directed and teacher-facilitated avenues.*

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**ENRICH THEIR FUTURES** - In aligning our curriculum with the Illinois Early Learning Standards and Kindergarten Prep courses we go beyond minimum Kindergarten Preparedness and expand to develop a way of learning to last them a lifetime. [Click here to learn more.](#)

- **Self-regulation** is the most sought after skill to be developed by Kindergarten teachers. Extended experiences in socio-dramatic play, conflict resolution, discussion, and planning are essential to this development.
- **Literacy and Math** skills are developed in real life, real time, and organic ways.





**ENRICH THEIR LEARNING** - Music, Yoga, Art, Science, and the Urban Farm are woven into our daily schedule at Sprouts to inspire deeper thinking and broaden how children initially experience the world. Our special classes like Book Club, museum visits, garden trips, and cooking classes, offer a chance for the whole family to be a part of our vibrant Sprouts community.

**ENRICH THEIR ENVIRONMENT** - Maintaining our EDGE and ECO HEALTHY accreditations means our environmental, recycling and sustainability teachings will become part of your child's every day school experience, and eventually a lifelong value.





**Eco-Healthy  
Child Care®**



**ENRICH THEIR NUTRITIONAL LIVES** - Sprouts will provide a complete “Seed to Table” experience for your child, starting with their helping to grow some of their own food at the Urban Farm. This experience and understanding, coupled with our daily, locally grown, organic meals helps ignite a life long learning cycle of nutrition, health and well being.

**ENRICH THEIR COMMUNITY AND BECOME GLOBAL CITIZENS** - Through ongoing participation in both local and international “Social Giveback” projects sponsored by Sprouts, your child will be learning community involvement and global awareness at a young and impressionable age. [Click here to learn more about some of our philanthropic projects.](#)

**ENRICH THEIR SELF** - Through Emergent Curriculum, Reggio Emilia philosophies, and Project Approach we facilitate the child to form their own learning experience and use the currency of their interests to guide them in self-exploration.

Preschoolers wonder Who, What, Where, When, and How as they explore and learn. To support this development we provide experiences to engage in intellectual examinations. Self-directed investigations and limited interruptions of learning through play are supported through our long and short term projects/studies.



**WE ARE PROUD TO BE ACCREDITED THROUGH THE  
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE EDUCATION OF YOUNG CHILDREN**

NAEYC strives to raise the quality of education for all children from birth through age eight. Accreditation systems are major part of NAEYC's efforts to improve early childhood education; they allow programs to provide the best learning experiences for young children and their educators by meeting national standards of quality.



**ASSESSMENT AT SPROUTS ACADEMY** - At Sprouts we take a dual-centered approach to assessments. We value the child as a whole being (portfolios) as well as strive to make them kindergarten ready (Illinois Early Learning Standards).

**PORTFOLIOS** - We are inspired by the authentic documentation and reflection that is practiced in Reggio Emilia schools. Every student at Sprouts has their own portfolio that is a combination of documented work, photos of them doing their “work”, verbal narratives and reflections from students written by teachers, and any materials students want to be included. It is designed to highlight their strengths and the things that are important to the student, despite what may or may not be alignable to a state standard. A student’s portfolio is viewable at anytime in the classroom.



**STANDARDS ASSESSMENT** - Students at Sprouts leave to go to the kindergarten of their choice in the fall after they turn 5 years old. The Illinois Early Learning Standards were created to outline for early educators the skills that a Kindergarten Teacher will be expecting a student to have by the time the child enters kindergarten. At Sprouts, our goal is to send them to Kindergarten prepared for these expectations. At Parent/Teacher Conferences (every December and June) teachers discuss with parents what standards have been met, not met, seen, or not seen. Depending on how often a child attends school and when they started school, you will see where they fall on skill development in all the domains of the standards. If there are ever any concerns with a particular set of skill development, teachers will gladly help refer you to specialists or therapists if needed.

Please visit this link to see the Illinois Early Learning Standards

<https://illinoisearlylearning.org/standards/>

**TAKE A LOOK INSIDE OUR CLASSROOMS!**





# **SAMPLE SCHEDULE**

**7:30-8:30am: School Opens - Open Learning Centers/Child-Directed Activities**

**8:30am-9am: Morning snack - Diaper/Potty Turns (Students should be dropped off no later than 9am)**

**9-9:30am: Circle/Group time-Morning Meeting**

**9:30-10am: Music Enrichment class-Open Learning Centers-Investigation/Study Centers- Morning Park/Walk trip-Garden Trip**

**10:30-11am: Spanish Enrichment Class-Yoga Enrichment Class- continue Open Centers/Park/Walk/Garden**

**11-11:30am: Lunch**

**11:30-12pm: Gross Motor Room-Diaper/Potty turns**

**12-12:15pm: Half Day pick up-story/quiet time**

**12:15/12:30-2:30: Nap Time**

**2:30-3pm: PM Snack-Diaper/Potty turns**

**3-4:30pm: Afternoon Enrichment classes-Open Learning Centers-Afternoon Park/Walk trip-Gross Motor Room**

**4:30-5pm: Circle/Group Time-Closing Meeting**

**5-5:30pm: Late snack-Diaper/Potty turns**

**5:30-6pm: School closes (late pick up fee is \$1/minute)**





***SPROUTS ACADEMY PRESCHOOL APPLICATION***  
***2018/2019 School Year***

**Date:** \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_

**Child's Full Name:**

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Child's Nickname:

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**DOB:** \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_

**Gender:** Male Female

**Parent/Guardian Name #1:**

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Cell Phone:

Work Phone:

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Home Address:

City/State:

Zip:

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Email:

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**Parent/Guardian Name #2:**

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Cell Phone:

Work Phone:

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Home Address(If different from above):

City/State:

Zip:

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Email:

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Please list the date you would like to start (earliest start date is typically within two weeks, but determined by Director based on space availability)

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Does your child require special accommodations because of disability, allergy, food requirements, or any other condition? If yes, please explain and list all allergies and food requirements (Sprouts only serves food provided by the school; no food from outside is allowed in the school):

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***Please Select Preference:***

**2 Year-Old Programs (tuition is higher due to lower ratios)**

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5 full days \$1987/month | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 half days \$1589/month |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4 full days \$1882/month | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 half days \$1505/month |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3 full days \$1301/month | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 half days \$1040/month |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 full days \$980/month  | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 half days \$783/month  |

**3-6 Year-Old Programs (must be fully potty-trained)**

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5 full days \$1960/month | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 half days \$1562/month |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4 full days \$1855/month | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 half days \$1479/month |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3 full days \$1275/month | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 half days \$1016/month |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 full days \$953/month  | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 half days \$760/month  |

\*Drop-in Rates: \$110/full day, \$75/half day

\*Tuition includes all diapers, wipes, and food

**Morning Enrichment Classes (included in tuition)**

Monday- Sports

Tuesday- Garden/Splash (summer only)

Wednesday- Music

Thursday- Spanish

Friday- Yoga

How did you hear about Sprouts Academy Preschool?

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If a current enrolled family has referred you to Sprouts Academy, please list name below.

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**Enrollment:** We must have both the Sprouts Academy Preschool Application filled out and signed by the Parent/Guardian(s) AND a \$300 non-refundable registration fee to hold a spot. You do not have the spot guaranteed until you receive a confirmation email from a director. Additionally, a copy of a certified birth certificate and an up-to-date child health examination report must be submitted on or before the first day of school.

**Re-Enrollment Fee:** There will be a non-refundable re-enrollment fee of \$150 if you choose to re-enroll after you have withdrawn from Sprouts Academy.

\*If you withdraw your child from Sprouts Academy Preschool for any period and want to return, you will need to reapply.

**Program Changes:** If you want to change your schedule at any time, you need to provide at least 2 weeks notice in writing, check availability of desired schedule, and must be before tuition is due.

**Payment Policies:** We require the first month tuition upon the date of entry to the school. Tuition is billed monthly and is due the 27th of the month prior.

You have 5 business days from that Wednesday to pay before a \$50 late fee is applied. You will be charged \$10 each day thereafter for up to 5 more business days. If we do not receive payment by the 10th business day at 6pm, your child may not return to school until payment is received. We have the right to terminate enrollment at any time.

Tuition will be not be reimbursed or credited for any missed days. Students missing days due to illness, vacation, or weather closings will not be credited or reimbursed. Sprouts annual closed days are already factored into tuition and cannot be credited or reimbursed.

Tuition is increased every September.

**Payment Options:** First month's tuition is required by check. After that, monthly tuition can be paid online (Family Information Center) with an ACH account.

**Withdrawal Notice:** To withdraw from school, 60 days written notice is required. This written or emailed notice must be given to a director only. If you give less than 60 days notice, you will be required to pay the full 60 days of tuition whether you attend or not.

Please initial that you understand the withdrawal policy \_\_\_\_\_

**By signing this agreement, the signing party is responsible for tuition and all school related fees.**

**By signing this form below, I have read and agree to all of the terms above.**

Parent/Guardian #1 Signature :

Date:

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Parent/Guardian #2 Signature :

Date:

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