



2021-22 Program Guide Addendum

Special Notice regarding COVID-19

The health and safety of our Gingerbread Preschool community is our top priority. As such, we feel it's important we take additional measures to significantly reduce risk of exposure.

Q: What safety measures are being provided for Gingerbread Preschool?

A: In accordance Alameda County Public Health guidelines, we are asking families to [pre-screen](#) their children symptoms and/or a fever prior to coming to school. Please do not send your child to school if they are symptomatic or feel unwell. Please notify the school at (925) 931-3430 if your child has been exposed to COVID-19 or has a positive COVID-19 test.

The City of Pleasanton will utilize its UV-C Robot to provide an additional layer of cleaning each evening. The robot uses a UV-V light technology to disinfect surfaces and airborne particles to prevent and reduce the spread of COVID-19 as well as other bacteria.

Prior to COVID-19, Gingerbread Preschool had a thorough cleaning protocol in place that we will continue throughout the school year. This includes professional janitorial services each evening, cleaning and sanitizing of all surfaces in the classroom multiple times per day, and deep cleaning of all classroom toys each session.

Q: How will social distancing be implemented in classrooms and play areas?

A: As you can imagine, social distancing with 3-5 year olds is very challenging. Limiting the number of children to no more than 16 in a classroom will naturally promote distancing between children. When possible, we will reconfigure spaces such as tables and circle time that bring children closer together and use opportunities to bring children outside using outdoor classroom models.

To best keep our students safe, we will continue our practice of frequent handwashing, require mask wearing for all children and staff, and conduct thorough cleaning protocols throughout the day.

Q: What are the drop off and pick up procedures?

A: For the safety of our children, staff will sign children in and out each day at the front entrance and escort them in the building. Parents will not enter the building during this time but we still encourage parents to wear a face mask and maintain social distance outside the building.

Q: Will kids be required to wear face coverings while at Gingerbread Preschool?

A: Alameda County Public Health requires face coverings to be worn indoors for children and staff. At Gingerbread, staff and students will continue to wear face coverings both inside and outside unless the student is eating or drinking.

Q: Will students in different classes be in the play yard at the same time?

A: No. Only one class will be allowed to be in the play yard at the same time to maintain our stable groups of 16 and ensure social distancing. Classes will not mix in any way throughout the day.

Q: How will snack time work?

A: Every child will need to bring their own snack. We will not be providing snacks nor are participants permitted to share snacks. Hands will be washed prior to and after children eat. Whenever possible, children will eat outdoors on the play yard.

Q: How many children and Teachers per class?

A: At this time, there will be 16 children in each class (subject to change). These children will remain in the same class for the entire session. We will have 1 teacher and 1 assistant per class.

Q: Will the curriculum remain the same?

A: Yes, our standard play-based curriculum will be used, including Learning without Tears.