



Pilgrim Preschool Mission Statement

We help children develop self-confidence, self-esteem, self-control and a love of learning. This is accomplished by knowledgeable, qualified and enthusiastic staff that guide, teach and nurture children through a variety of learning and play experiences in a warm and friendly preschool environment.

Pilgrim Preschool

Begun in 1955 as a non-denominational outreach service to the community by the Women's Association of the Glen Ridge Congregational Church, Pilgrim Preschool (formerly Pilgrim Nursery School) has been providing quality early childhood education for over 50 years. We are proud to see another generation of some of those original students pass through our doors!

Admission is and always has been open to children of all racial, ethnic and religious backgrounds. The school falls under the auspices of the Glen Ridge Congregational Church (see website at www.glenridgecong.org).

Pilgrim is governed by an Executive Board comprised of church and non-church members and parents.



Pilgrim Preschool

Setting roots, growing wings.

Located at the
Glen Ridge Congregational Church
195 Ridgewood Avenue
Corner of Ridgewood Avenue
and Clark Street
Glen Ridge NJ 07028
www.glenridgecong.org

For information:
973.743.5596 Ext 13
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Mary Duus, Director



Our Philosophy

Children's play is their work! Pilgrim is dedicated to providing a developmentally appropriate learning environment coupled with a warm and nurturing staff. The curriculum addresses the needs of the whole child: the development of social and emotional skills, physical abilities, language, cognitive abilities and creative expression. We respect that each child progresses at his or her own pace. Nothing is more important than helping your child have a successful early learning experience by gaining self-confidence, self-discipline and a sense of self-worth.

Accreditation

Pilgrim Preschool is licensed by the State of New Jersey. The local health, police and fire departments inspect our facility annually. Teachers are certified in First Aid and CPR. The Director and Pre-Kindergarten teacher are certified by the State of New Jersey. All applicable certificates are posted. A copy of the *Manual of Requirements for New Jersey Child Care Centers* is available to all parents for review. Pilgrim maintains an "open-door" policy with parents of enrolled children and encourages them to visit any time they choose.

Admission

Children are accepted to Pilgrim Preschool from the ages of 2½ to 5 years on a space available basis. Our program runs from 8:45 AM to 12:30 PM 5 days a week. We also offer an afternoon enrichment program on Tuesday and Thursday from 12:30 PM to 2:45 PM for our older students enrolled in the morning program. Call Mary Duus at 973.743.5596 Ext 13 for additional information.

Pilgrim is a non-profit institution. Tuition is kept as low as possible to cover staffing and supplies. A discount is offered for siblings enrolled in the same term. Families interested in our program may arrange a visit by calling Mary Duus at 973.743.5596 Ext 13.

Environment

Pilgrim Preschool offers a clean, safe and cheery environment. We are conveniently located at the Glen Ridge Congregational Church (195 Ridgewood Avenue, on the corner of Ridgewood Avenue and Clark Street). Our classrooms are bright and roomy, and the Jean Williams Memorial Playground is our jewel! The large play space allows children to climb, slide, bike and run. Additionally, we have a large indoor play space in Robinson Hall for use during inclement weather.

Staff

We are proud of our enthusiastic, nurturing and dedicated teachers. We serve as role models for the children by displaying positive attitudes and behaviors. Our teachers' experience, knowledge, and education help provide the solid base for our program. We meet all New Jersey licensing requirements. Our teacher-student ratios are kept below the New Jersey state standards. Teachers attend professional development seminars throughout the year. We will work with our families as partners – we have a shared purpose.

Special Events/Programs

In addition to our regular curriculum, our community comes together as a large family to celebrate these favorite and time-honored annual events:

- Yoga
- Spanish
- Music
- Halloween Parade
- Thanksgiving Feast
- Winter Holiday Program
- Pilgrim Field Day
- Year End Program

