

Over twenty years ago, a small group of Las Vegas families had the dream of a different kind of school...

a place where the gentle rhythms of a child's life are honored, where learning and play go hand in hand, where families and teachers work together for the good of every child...

that school is Kids' Co-Op Preschool & Kindergarten.



Who We Are

We are a licensed, self-funded, non-profit 501(C)(3) organization — a parent cooperative, which means that parents are active and essential partners with our certified teachers in the running of the school. Parents work as teaching assistants, maintain the buildings and grounds, and organize fund-raisers.

We are committed to enriching the lives of Las Vegas children and strengthening their families through our developmentally appropriate preschool and kindergarten programs, through parent education and through community service.

Kids' Co-Op is the only registered parent cooperative preschool in Nevada, and is affiliated with a regional council of parent cooperative schools.

Parents' Role

Central to our philosophy of early childhood education, and overwhelmingly supported by current research, is the belief that parental education and involvement play crucial roles in assuring a child's success, both in school and in life. Parents bring unique understanding of their children to the classroom, and with this knowledge, teachers and parents can work together to create learning experiences that meet the needs of each child.

Parents at Kids' Co-Op assist teachers in the classroom two or three times a month. They also attend group meetings during which teachers discuss the philosophy and reasoning behind specific educational practices, and address age and family related parenting concerns. Additionally, parents attend a 6 week "Becoming a Love and Logic Parent" class offered by Kids' Co-Op and serve on a committee of their choice.

Organization

Kids' Co-Op is owned and operated by its current membership. Each family participates by assisting in the classroom and by taking responsibility for some aspect of school operations.

A governing Board of Directors (elected by the members) conducts the school's business, including: daily operations, fund-raising endeavors, and planning for future growth. A qualified director and teachers are responsible for the planning and implementation of the preschool and kindergarten curriculum.

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Support

Kids' Co-Op seeks support for this worthy cause from agencies and individuals with an interest in enriching the lives of Las Vegas children and families.

By educating parents as well as children, we shape the future. The effects of positive parenting extend to succeeding generations, and stable families create stable communities, where all children are valued, and none are at risk.

These are the goals to which Kids' Co-Op remains committed. If you would like more information about our program, to make a donation or provide other support, please contact the school.



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Preschool

Our preschool offers a play-based curriculum designed to promote the growth of each child, individually, in all areas of development. The program is open to children aged 2 through pre-K.

Rather than teaching specific academic skills, a play-based approach helps children “learn how to learn.” Through exploration, experimentation and play, children develop a concrete understanding of the world, which is the crucial foundation for all higher learning. The acquisition of positive social skills is also emphasized at Kids’ Co-Op.

It is our goal to help children become creative, independent learners who grow in both self-esteem and self-control. Class size is limited to maintain a 4:1 child to adult ratio. Toilet training is not required.



Class Schedule

Kids’ Co-Op is in session from September – May, and roughly mirrors the schedule of the Clark County School District. Classes are held Monday – Friday, 9 am – 12 noon, plus an optional “Lunch Bunch” program from 12 noon – 1 pm.

Preschool children may attend either 3 days (Monday/Wednesday/Friday) or 2 days (Tuesday/Thursday) a week. Kindergarten children attend 5 days a week.

An Afternoon Enrichment Program is also available from 1 pm – 3 pm for children enrolled in any Kindergarten program (public or private).

In addition, various Summer Programs are offered.

Tuition & Fees

The parent cooperative system enables us to provide a top quality education program at a very reasonable price. For current rates, please visit www.kidscoop.org or call 702-656-6600.

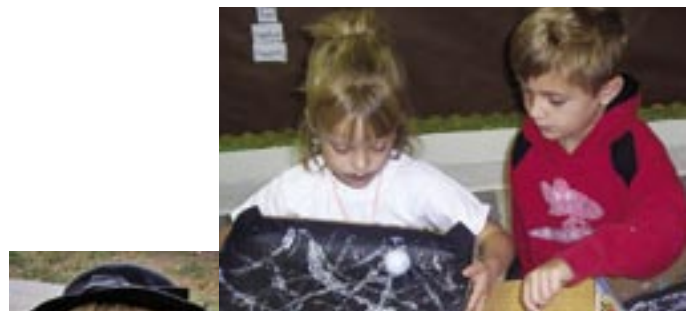


Kindergarten

“A developmentally appropriate kindergarten is like a good home, where children can learn through playing, cooking, watching, listening, acting, reading or pretend reading, and writing or pretend writing. It is a place where they can explore their environment, ask questions, and answer questions. ...having time to explore the community on field trips, and talking about those experiences together. It is a place where children clean up after themselves, ...and learn more about what interests them most—themselves. Most importantly, it is a place where children learn that reading provides both enjoyment and information, and they develop the desire to learn to read and write.”

— Month-By-Month Reading and Writing in Kindergarten, Carson-Dellosa Publishing, 1997

This quote exemplifies what our school is about. The kindergarten at Kids’ Co-Op is a state licensed kindergarten, taught by a fully licensed teacher, following all requirements set forth by the State of Nevada Department of Education. We follow the guidelines of the Clark County School District while adhering to our philosophy of using developmentally appropriate practices for teaching young children. Our small class size, along with parent participation, allows the teacher to make sure that each student receives the personalized, individual attention that he or she needs and deserves.



Looking to the Future

After 20 years of leasing space, Kids’ Co-Op has purchased its own facility. A multi-stage renovation and program expansion are currently underway. We look forward to maximizing our existing partnerships with local family support agencies and plan to offer more parenting seminars and family events that promote hands-on learning and parent-child interaction.

It is also our goal to serve as a model program to promote developmentally appropriate education through seminars, workshops, and on-site training opportunities for early childhood professionals and students.