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Frequently Asked Questions About Salt Creek Park District Preschool

Q: *When is Registration?*

A: We have open registration daily until classes are full.

Q: *Why does Palatine have two Park Districts?*

A: Salt Creek Park District was founded in 1956. Arlington Crest Civic Association with the cooperation of the Arlington Park Race Track formed the new district. Although considered a small Park District in terms of area and residents, the District's imaginative leadership has resulted in extraordinarily good, well-rounded recreation programs for the residents and non-residents who utilize the Park District.

Q: *Who is a Salt Creek resident?*

A: Salt Creek residents live in a small area bordered by Palatine Road, New Wilke Road, Euclid Avenue and Rohlwing Road. See map on next page for more details.

Q: *Where can I find more information?*

A: Please visit our website at www.saltcreekpd.com for details about the preschool, programs and camps. We also have parent manuals with details about classroom routine and curriculum which are handed out at observations, as well as online.

Q: *Can I observe a class?*

A: Absolutely! Parents are invited to stop by any time or call and make an appointment to observe a class in progress. Call the office at (847) 259-6890 to schedule an observation.



Map not to scale

PARK MAP

1. Rose Park
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Administrative Offices,
Playground, Open Field,
Picnic Shelter
 2. Greulich Park
1345 Joyce Avenue
Palatine, IL 60074
Tennis Courts, Playground,
Shelter, Basketball, Shuffleboard
 3. Twin Lakes Recreation Area
1200 Twin Lakes Drive
Palatine, IL 60074
847-934-6050
Clubhouse, Golf, Driving Range,
Boating, Fishing, Playground,
Tennis Courts, Open Field, Picnic
Shelters, Basketball, Walking
Paths, Horseshoe Pits
 4. South Park
2004 S. Theda Lane
Rolling Meadows, IL 60008
Tennis Courts, Playground,
Open Field, Picnic Shelter,
Basketball
 5. Salt Creek Sports Center
647 Consumers Avenue
Palatine, IL 60074
847-394-8806
In-Line Hockey Arena, Leagues,
Clinics, Programs, Camps,
Tournaments, Parties, Rentals
- Salt Creek Rural Park
District Boundaries:
(see shaded areas of map)
- Southwest corner of Palatine
 - A northwest portion of Rolling Meadows
 - A small section in West Central Arlington Heights



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Q: *What are my class options?*

A: All preschool classes are 2 ½ hour long. The 3-year-olds attend school in the morning from 9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. on M/W/F or T/TH. The 4-year-old Pre-Kindergarteners attend school in the afternoon from 12:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. on M/W/F or T/TH or M/T/W/TH.

Q: *What if my 3 year old misses the September 1st cut-off date?*

A: We offer a “Join in your Birthday Month” program. This will give your child a jump start for the next full year in the 3 year old program.

Q: *Does my child need to be fully potty trained?*

A: Each student must be toilet independent. They should be able to undress and redress their clothes and take care of personal hygiene. No pullups allowed. However, if your child becomes toilet independent during the school year and we have available spots, we will be happy to enroll your child.

Q: *Does my child need to speak English?*

A: No, not all children begin the school year fluent in English. One of the benefits of our programs is that we emphasize language activities that help all children become better learners and communicators.

Q: *How do I know my child will be safe?*

A: We do keep the front and back door of the Preschool locked during school hours and visitors must ring the doorbell to enter the school. We have an “open door policy” which means parents are welcome to drop in at any time.

Q: *What is your teacher to student ratio?*

A: Our ratio is 1 teacher for every 6 students for our 3-year-old program and 1 teacher for every 8 students for our Pre-Kindergarten program.

Q: What are your teacher's qualifications and experience?

A: All our teachers have degrees in education and have experience teaching early childhood.

Q: Do the children just "play" in the 3-year-old preschool?

A: Play is an integral part of any quality preschool program. Our friendly and nurturing environment helps the students to develop social skills and independence. At Salt Creek the children are given meaningful learning experiences with many materials. Teachers plan exciting activities that educate students while allowing them to have fun. Shapes, colors, letters, numbers, fine and large motor skills are a part of their daily routine. Various centers are situated throughout the room that focus on areas such as science, math, sensory, among others.

Q: What do they learn in the 4-year-old pre-kindergarten class?

A: The teachers are dedicated to help each child become a successful learner for kindergarten and beyond. Communication between Salt Creek and District 15 makes sure that our students can be prepared for the next big step of kindergarten! Salt Creek provides enriching activities that work on listening skills and taking instruction. The program will also focus on strengthening fine motor muscles used in writing and cutting and foster prereading skills and phonemic awareness. Each year is planned for all the students with plenty of fun, stimulating special events and creative art projects that focus on "process" and not final "product." The children are exposed to education in areas of nature, science, math, literacy, music and activities that emphasize motor skill development. Enrichment classes and Lunch Bunch are offered during the year to extend your child's day.

Q: What about summer?

A: We offer a Tot Camp program to keep the students on their toes during the summer months. Please check the website at www.saltcreekpd.com for a full description of activities and programs available for your new learners!