



Kinderhaven New Family Registration 2026/2027 School Year

Kinderhaven Preschool Academy is a developmental preschool for children ages 2 ½ to 6, licensed by the State of Illinois. Our curriculum has been influenced by the preschools of Reggio Emilia and are supported by short- and long-term projects that are inspired by the children's interests. Included in these projects are the tools and opportunities for all children to develop concepts and skills that will lead to a successful school experience and desire to learn.

Open House- Saturday, January 10th from 10am-12pm. Are you interested in a preschool that emphasizes a Reggio philosophy, art, and compassion? If you are, then Kinderhaven Preschool Academy is the place for you! Come see why KPA is such an exciting and vibrant place for your developing child's educational needs.

Resident New Family Lottery - via Zoom: Thursday, January 22nd at 3pm. We will be drawing names at random on zoom for all new families to register for Fall 2025 classes. Please email Jen Stluka if you would like a link to this zoom call (stlukaj@cityoflakeforest.com). If you cannot attend the zoom lottery live, an email will be sent after with your registration number and time. Actual registration will occur the following Tuesday, Jan 27th. This new registration format replaces our previous, very early morning, in-person lottery system.

Resident New Family Registration: Tuesday, January 27th starting at 8:30am in the Rec Center Main Office. The recreation office (400 Hastings Rd.) opens at 8:30 am. Families will be given a registration time and will register based on the lottery numbers drawn at the zoom lottery. This registration will be in-person only. You must be present when your name/number is called. If you are not present, your number will be skipped, and you will need to wait to register until all lottery families have completed registration. Consider arriving a few minutes before your registration time and bring the completed registration form and deposit.

Registration for Non-Resident Families: Tuesday, February 3rd. This includes any families living outside of Lake Forest/Lake Bluff/Mettawa.

Registration Information:

- Registration Fees: Families may choose to pay in four installments throughout the year (June, September, December, March) or pay in full at the time of registration.
- A deposit of \$200, per class (non-refundable) is due at time of registration.
- Please bring the completed registration form the day of registration. This will help speed up the registration process.
- Kinderhaven student paperwork will not be due until before school starts

Kinderhaven 2026/2027 Class Options:

Current Kinderhaven families are given priority registration. Availability in each class will be determined after current Kinderhaven student registration.

Purple Class: This class supports the child's early learning experience away from his or her primary caregiver through exploration of art materials, development of verbal and interactive skills, and creating projects that promote his or her interests.

- Meets: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 - 11 am
- Ages: Must be 2.5 years of age by 9/1/2025
- Option for Lunch Bunch that extends the day on T/Th until 12:30pm.
- Activity Codes
 - Purple Class: 50830201
 - Purple Lunch Bunch: 50830314

Blue Class: Intellectual development, curiosity, social skill development, and school related skill development are the primary focus of the Blue Class.

- Meets: Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 9 - 11:30 am
- Ages: Must be 3 years of age by 9/1/2025
- Option for Lunch Bunch that extends the day on M/W only until 1pm.
- Activity Codes:
 - Blue Class: 50830202
 - Blue Lunch Bunch: 50830314

Red Class: A continuation of intellectual development, curiosity, social skill development, and school-related skill development occurs in the Red Class. Developing a love of learning will make going to Kindergarten a joy! As is the case with all our classes, we spend a great deal of time outside, exploring nature.

- Meets: Monday through Thursday from 12:30 - 3:30 pm
- Ages: Designed for children 4 years of age by 9/1/2025
- Extension options through the rec including dance, karate & reading rookies.
- Activity Code: 50830203

Green Class: This is a class of fun and exploration, which allows students to get more in depth with distinct subject areas like science, art, literature, geography, history, and much more! Developed around the Reggio philosophy, the children's interests will spark exciting and fascinating projects!

- Meets: Tuesday and Thursdays from 9 - 12:30 pm
- Ages: Mixed Age Group. Must be 3.5 - 5.5 years of age by 9/1/2025
- Activity Code: 50830301