Early Childhood Curriculum

Waldorf education works with the growing capacities of your young child to cultivate a passion for learning:

- Joy in movement
- Development of the imagination
- Reverence for the natural world
- Plenty of outdoor play in nature
- Beautiful surroundings
- Emphasis on rhythm, simplicity and balance
- Rich story curriculum

Location

Three Cedars Waldorf School 556 – 124th Avenue NE, Bellevue **Preschool** We offer an innovative preschool experience for children age 2-1/2 to four years old. Our preschool provides our young students an expanded social circle within the context of a peaceful and nurturing setting for their imagination, physical challenges for their bodies and a loving, beautiful environment for their well-being. Our home-like classroom eases the child's transition from home life into school.

Mixed-Age Kindergarten Three Cedars Waldorf School offers a kindergarten experience for children five to six years old (younger with teacher assessment only). In our kindergarten the child's imagination is nurtured as a great treasure, healthy social interactions are guided, listening skills are sharpened and large and fine motor skills are nurtured to prepare the young child for future academic challenges in the grade school.

	PRESCHOOL	KINDERGARTEN
Daily Rhythm	Arrival and daily activity Indoor play Circle – story, songs and finger games Snack Walk Outdoor play Story Departure for half day students Lunch, rest/nap and afternoon program for full day students	Arrival and daily activity Indoor play Circle – story, songs and finger games Snack Walk Outdoor play Story Departure for half day students Lunch, rest/nap and afternoon program for full day students
Weekly Activities	Vegetable chopping Watercolor painting Drawing Sewing Finger knitting Grain grinding Bread baking Woodworking Gardening Cleaning	Vegetable chopping Watercolor painting Drawing Sewing Finger knitting Grain grinding Bread baking Woodworking Gardening Cleaning
Seasonal Rhythm	Crafts and circle activities, chosen to reflect the season, along with seasonal celebrations: Michaelmas, Lantern Walk, and Spring Parade	Crafts and circle activities, chosen to reflect the season, along with seasonal celebrations: Michaelmas, Lantern Walk, and Spring Parade
Age Range	For children ages 2-1/2 to 4 years old Must be 2-1/2 by Sept 1	Ages 5 – 6 years old Must be 5 by Sept 1 (younger with teacher assessment only.) Mixed-age program.
Schedule	2-day program: Thurs & Fri 3-day program: Mon – Wed 5-day program: Mon – Fri Choice of half or full day Half Day: 8:00 am – 12:00 pm or Full Day: 8:00 am – 2:45 pm	5 days per week Choice of half or full day Half Day: 8:00 am – 12:00 pm or Full Day: 8:00 am – 2:45 pm
Extended Care	From dismissal time until 6:00 pm, for full day students only	From dismissal time until 6:00 pm, for full day students only
Tuition & Fees	Please visit our website to learn more	