



What Makes Drumlin Farm Community Preschool Unique?

The learning opportunities found in our nature-based curriculum address the developmental needs of young children in the areas of cognitive, social/emotional, small and gross motor, and life skills. Art activities, music and movement, emergent math, science, and literacy activities are all embedded in the curriculum.

Outdoor play in nature

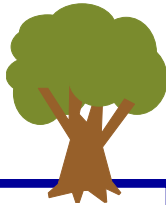
Sensory experiences with texture, sounds, smells, and sights through the changing seasons encourage vocabulary development as children describe the various habitats of the sanctuary. Spontaneous play experiences also encourage curiosity and inspire children's imagination.

Farm Chores

Feeding the farm animals, milking the cow, collecting eggs, and grooming the pony teach children about life cycles, as well as cooperation, persistence, empathy, respect, and caring. These experiences also instill values of humane treatment of animals.

Explorations of forest, field, ponds, and farm

Familiar habitat landmarks observed during the changing seasons infuse an emotional connection to the outdoors. Experiences out-of-doors also promote physical development, and provide a sense of discovery.



"As a mother, I am delighted to see the children come up the hill after their morning of exploring Drumlin Farm. Whether their cheeks are smudged from play in the dirt, or have a rosy tint from the winter wind, I feel lucky to have found such a wonderful place for my children to grow."

Wildlife visits

Guided by staff, children talk at their level of understanding about the appearance, behavior, habitat, and adaptations of our resident reptiles, birds and small mammals.

Planting and harvesting

The life cycle of plants is learned by planting bulbs in the fall; planting and harvesting lettuce and radishes in the spring; and planting pumpkin and squash seeds in June and harvesting them in the fall. In the process, children learn about farming, soil, water, and plants.



Drumlin Farm Community Preschool Mission

Drumlin Farm Community Preschool's philosophy is grounded in the idea that young children develop positive dispositions for learning by encouraging their curiosity, persistence, and discovery through multi-sensory exploration of the natural world. We believe that a hands-on, inquiry-based, emergent curriculum provides opportunities for cognitive, physical, social, and emotional growth in each child. A sense of self and community are built through cooperative experiences and shared discoveries.

Teachers

Each class is cotaught by highly qualified early childhood educators who are licensed by the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care. The maximum class size is 14 students. Staff to child ratio is 1:7.





Program History

Drumlin Farm Wildlife Sanctuary has been offering educational programs for young children for over 40 years. Drumlin Farm Community Preschool has been licensed by the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care since 2008.

Application Process / Enrollment

All interested families must submit an application, and \$50.00 fee, for enrollment. DFCP strives to balance each class based on both gender and age. Within this framework, admission is done in chronological order as applications are received. Applications may be found online at www.massaudubon.org/drumlin, click on Community Preschool. Application forms are accepted by mail, fax, or in person at the admissions window. Applications are accepted from all families without discrimination on the basis of race, religion, cultural history, political beliefs, marital status, sexual orientation, or disability.

Open Houses

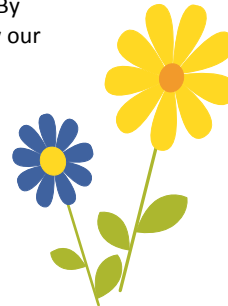
Saturday, October 1, 10:00 am– noon
 Saturday, November 5, 10:00 am– noon
 Saturday, December 3, 10:00 am– noon
 Saturday, January 7, 10:00 am– noon



Mass Audubon and Drumlin Farm

Mass Audubon works to protect the nature of Massachusetts for people and wildlife. Together with more than 100,000 members, we care for 34,000 acres of conservation land, provide educational programs for 225,000 children and adults annually, and advocate for sound environmental policies at local, state, and federal levels. Mass Audubon's mission and actions have expanded since our beginning in 1896 when our founders set out to stop the slaughter of birds for use on women's fashions. Today we are the largest conservation organization in New England. Our statewide network of wildlife sanctuaries, in 90 Massachusetts communities, welcomes visitors of all ages and serves as the base for our work. To support these important efforts, call 800-AUDUBON (283-8266) or visit www.massaudubon.org.

Drumlin Farm Wildlife Sanctuary strives to promote awareness of the interdependence of people, land, and wildlife through environmental education, stewardship of regionally significant habitat, and sustainable agricultural practices. By fostering an understanding of how our everyday choices affect the environment, we seek to inspire individuals, groups, and communities to develop and act upon their own conservation ethic in protecting the nature of Massachusetts.



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 awareness of, and
 appreciation for,
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 and the environment.*

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