

Specials

Each week throughout the 7-week program, Specialists visit the Co-op, offering children opportunities to experience science activities, music & movement, a magic show, live animal visits and more.

Snack

The Co-op provides a healthy snack each day, including fruits and vegetables in season. Water is served with the snack. Dietary restrictions are observed when necessary. Please discuss any allergies with staff.

Lunch

Children ages 3-5 eat their lunch at the Co-op each day. On Wednesdays, we include an optional pizza lunch for campers.

Dress

Practical clothing for summer weather and water play is essential. Upon enrollment, each camper is given a list of clothing and shoe suggestions appropriate for camp activities.



Westport Weston Cooperative Nursery School Summer Co-op

Staff

The Co-op maintains an excellent staff/child ratio. The Director and majority of teachers are employed by the Co-op year round. Staff employment is based on education, experience and personal commitment to providing a safe, enriching experience for children.

High School and College-age counselors assist with program delivery as well.

The school does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sexual orientation, national or ethnic origin in administration of its educational practices and admissions.



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SUMMER AT THE CO-OP is a 7-week program for children ages 2-5. Nature and the environment are emphasized in the curriculum. The Co-op's natural setting lends itself to a wonderful outdoor experience, with shade trees and the green lawn for sprinklers, games and picnics. Nature walks on the property also take place. The playground is available every day. Teachers often adapt activities to the outdoors.

Young children thrive with routine. The daily schedule is balanced with active play and quiet time, small and large group activities. Within these parameters, children engage in block building, arts and crafts, dramatic play, music and movement, and storytelling. Children are provided with many natural, open-ended materials that encourage and foster creativity.



2 TWO YEAR OLDS

Tuesday/Wednesday
9:00 am - 11:00 am

This program is offered to the youngest children who will be entering our Twos Program in September. Two hours in length, they have the experience of separating into the hands of nurturing caregivers. Individual care is balanced with group activities to provide a secure routine. Water play, art materials for exploration, story time, snack, as well as free play are all part of the program. Teachers choose age-appropriate themes on a weekly basis.

3 THREE YEAR OLDS

3 Days (T/W/Th): 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
5 Days: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Extended Day: 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Threes begin their day on the playground, strengthening their gross motor skills on the outdoor equipment, playing cooperatively with friends. Outdoor time is followed by a healthy snack. Children can choose to take part in arts and crafts, dramatic play, water play and more. The program offers a balance of classroom and outdoor activities. The day ends with lunch, which parents send with their child daily. Throughout the morning, children begin to learn self-help skills, with staff assisting as needed.

4/5 FOUR YEAR OLDS/PRE-K

Monday - Friday
9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Each day consists of a balance of classroom and outdoor activities. These include: arts and crafts, science and nature exploration, dramatic play, music and movement, water play and time on the playground. Every Tuesday and Thursday, children ride a school bus to Bisceglie Pond in Weston for water play and playground recreation. There are two lifeguards on duty and a 3:1 ratio of Co-op staff maintained at all times. High School and College-aged counselors participate as well. Children eat lunch picnic-style at the pond. Rainy weather days are spent at the Co-op.

Weekly Themes & Dates

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We Dig Dinosaurs

June 15 - June 19

2

Eric Carle Extravaganza

June 22 - June 26

3

Gardening Fun

June 29 - July 2

4

Bugs & Critters

July 6 - July 10

5

Rocks & Minerals

July 13 - July 17

6

Feathers & Fur

July 20 - July 24

7

Stars and Planets

July 27 - July 31

