

What Parents are saying...

"I have connected with every child in every class that my children have had at the preschool. Where else do you get an opportunity like that?"

"I wouldn't be the parent I am today without this preschool. It is such a community."

"It's nice to know that the preschool is doing everything to assure the children are hitting their developmental milestones by exposing them to different experiences. Thank you for that."

"During his four years at the Unitarian Cooperative Preschool, my son grew from a homebound toddler in diapers to a sturdy, stalwart boy. He's happy, social, playful, able to share his feelings 'in words.'"

"The staff at the Unitarian Cooperative Preschool truly care about the whole child."

"The cooperative experience enriches both parent and child."



"The relationships built at the Unitarian Cooperative Preschool will last a lifetime."

Mission Statement

The mission of the Unitarian Cooperative Preschool is to provide the highest quality care, while creating a nurturing and supportive community of children, parents, and highly skilled staff. Through a play-based program that attends to the whole child, we seek to enrich every child's experience, and to empower each child to joyfully develop at their own rate. Through the cooperative partnership of parents and staff, we provide a model of community that will sustain and enrich our children throughout their lives.

Church Welcome

The First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Diego started this school over 30 years ago. We are proud of the Preschool's accomplishments, and of the role the Church has played in supporting its efforts.

While the Preschool is not explicitly religious, its curriculum and educational philosophy are congruent with the Unitarian Universalist "Purposes and Principles" that affirm the inherent worth and dignity of every person, justice, equity and compassion in human relations, and a free and responsible search for truth and meaning.

We welcome your family not only to the preschool, but to this church should you care to know more about us. As Director of Religious Education I extend an invitation to you to visit our Sunday morning program, stop in the Religious Education office when you are on campus, or to call me at the church office to learn more about Unitarian Universalism and our religious education program.

-Elizabeth Jones, Director of Religious Education First Unitarian Universalist Church (619) 298-9978

*She looks up to you...
give her the start she deserves.*



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UNITARIAN COOPERATIVE PRESCHOOL
A Learning Community for the Whole Family

About Us

The Unitarian Cooperative Preschool, licensed by the State of California, is a parent cooperative preschool for children 18 months to 6 years of age. The preschool is located at the First Unitarian Church in the Hillcrest area of San Diego. Established in 1963, the preschool is an organization of the Church and is a part of the Church's outreach to the San Diego Community.

The Preschool Program

The philosophy of the Preschool is both child-centered and play-based. We believe children learn through play in a safe and nurturing environment. Our staff is knowledgeable in the field of child development and provides appropriate developmental experiences and opportunities for each child through careful planning and observation. The curriculum is designed to enrich the whole child, including social, emotional, physical, cognitive, and creative development. We see children as unique individuals and respect and respond to their individual needs.

Preschool Staff

The preschool Teachers and Assistant Teachers have expertise in the area of Child Development. They are required to have a BS or AA in Child Development and have expectations to continue in their professional growth. They are also chosen because of their qualities of warmth and responsiveness and experience working in the classroom.

The Director of the program holds a Master's Degree in Child Development and concurrently teaches Child Development classes for the Community Colleges. The Director works hand in hand with the Parent Board in carrying out duties and responsibilities.



Parents Role

In the classroom, parents work alongside the teacher facilitating the program. This participation offers a unique opportunity for parents to deepen the parent-child relationship. Parents are able to learn about their preschooler's development as well as skills and techniques for guiding young children.

Outside the classroom, parents play a critical role in running the school. Parent responsibilities include a school job, work party day participation, parent meetings, classroom cleaning and fundraising. There is an active Parent Board and monthly board meetings.

These activities are cornerstones of the cooperative model at the preschool.

Schedule of Classes

The children are grouped according to age, with a high ratio of adults to children. There are several schedules available, all Monday through Friday. This is a co-operative school where parents participate in their children's classroom two mornings per month from 8:45 am to 12:15 pm for each child enrolled in the Preschool. There are also a very limited number of half and non-co-op spots available to qualified families.

Monthly Tuition Options

7:30 – 12:00 (Toddler Room)	\$685/month
7:30 – 12:15 M-F	\$690/month
7:30 – 3:30 M-F	\$895/month
7:30 – 5:30 M-F	\$1,010/month