HOURS OF OPERATION

UPNS is open 7:30a-5:30p Monday - Friday

7:30 - 8:30a: Early Drop Off

(No Extra Charge)

8:30a - 12:30p: Morning Program 8:30a - 5:30p: Full-day Program 1:30p - 5:30p: Afternoon Program

Tours are by appointment only! Call 310-397-2735 for an appointment

Member of the Los Angeles Chapter of the California Council of Parent Participation Nursery Schools (www.ccppns.org)

Accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (www.naeyc.org)

UPNS scored 100% on all Criteria for the 2008 NAFYC Accreditation

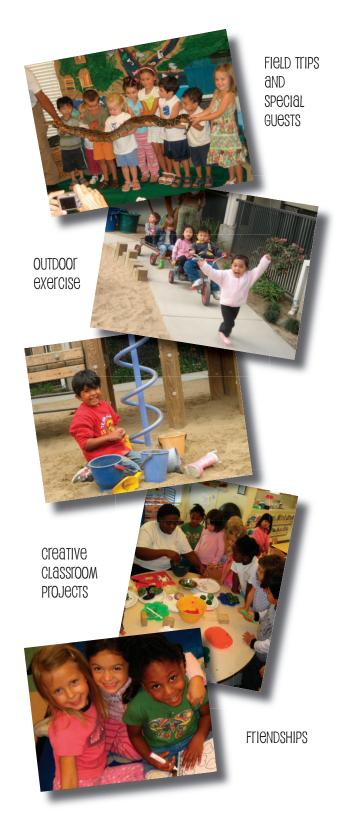
"... The gold standard of approval is accreditation by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)..."

- Parents Magazine



"I think one of the greatest advances to child care was the creation of the NAEYC Accreditation system, which has helped so much to raise the quality of programs."

-T. Berry Brazelton, M.D., The Brazelton Institute Children's Hospital Boston, Harvard Medical School



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Overview

The University Parents Nursery School (UPNS) encourages developmental learning and nurtures physical, intellectual, social and emotional growth in



two- to five-year old children. As a cooperative school, we encourage parents to take an active role in their children's learning and provide a bridge between home and the outside world. Our qualified teachers prepare children for their future by providing a warm and supportive learning environment that respects the diversity of the school's international and multicultural population.

UPNS gives admission priority to the children of current UCLA students, staff, and faculty.

Approximately 25% of families are UCLA alumni or are not affiliated with the university. Tuition rates vary depending on the family's affiliation status.

UPNS stresses balance in the formulation of its programs, between individual and group experiences, free play and structured activity, and small and large muscle development. Freedom is stressed, but always within the limits imposed by concern for the group. Activities include arts and crafts, storytelling, music and rhythm, games, sand and water play, clay, manipulatives, cooking and nutrition, and a wide variety of outdoor play.

Families can select a 3-5 day a week schedule of full or half days on a space available basis.

Morning/Full-Day Program Classrooms:

Kitten Room: 2-3 year olds (potty training not required)

Monkey Room: 3-4 year olds Dolphin Room: 4-5 year olds

Afternoon Program Classroom:

Koala Room: 3-5 year olds

Each classroom has two teachers and approximately 15–20 children. One to two co-oping parents are also in each classroom every day.

Parent Participation

As part of their membership, each family must co-op in the classroom twice per month for a total of 8 hours (two 4-hour sessions). While co-oping, parents assist teachers in the classroom by facilitating activities, helping with the set-up of the environment, and performing light housekeeping tasks. Co-oping is mandatory for all UPNS families, as it is essential for maintaining the proper adult/child ratio. Families can co-op on any day their child normally attends school. Kitten, Monkey and Dolphin parents co-op in the mornings (8:30am - 12:30pm) and Koala parents co-op in the afternoons (1:30pm - 5:30pm).

In addition to co-oping in the classroom, each family is responsible for attending quarterly general meetings and participating in quarterly workshops. During the workshops (9am - 12pm on a Saturday), members thoroughly clean the school inside and out. Workshops are an essential part of maintaining the school facilities. UPNS uses parent power to keep maintenance costs down, which helps keep tuition at its present level.

ENFOLLMENT

There is currently a waiting list for all UPNS classrooms. As vacancies occur they will be filled by waiting list order. To place your child's name on the waiting list, please fill out the UPNS application and submit a non-refundable application fee payable to UPNS. When your child is accepted from the wait list you will be notified by phone. Within one week of the day you are notified, you must inform UPNS of your intention to enroll or your child will be removed from the waiting list. Parents also have the option of declining a position and remaining on the waiting list. Within two weeks of the day that you are notified, you must pick up an enrollment packet for your child. If you fail to enroll within the two-week period, another child from the waiting list will be given the space.

Fees

There is a one-time enrollment fee, paid with your first month's tuition. UPNS does not charge any annual materials fees, and there are usually no other extra costs during the school year.

FUNDraising

UPNS sponsors a variety of family-oriented fundraising events throughout the year. Fundraising helps purchase classroom supplies and equipment and supports enrichment activities such as music and movement, field trips, and special programs. All families are required to meet a minimum fundraising obligation each year.

