

Tower Hill School



Dear Prospective Family:

Thank you for your interest in Tower Hill School. I am pleased to share with you information about our school. Enclosed you will find:

- The history and philosophy of the school
- Our theories regarding developmental learning
- Information about our Primary School and Cooperative Program in the Preschool, as well as the Extended and Sibling Care Programs we offer.
- Tuition and fee schedule

I invite you to review these materials and come visit our school to see our programs and meet our wonderful and experienced staff. In 2013, Tower Hill School is celebrating its 50th year anniversary of educating children throughout Monmouth County. Our cooperative preschool offers parents the opportunity to actively participate in their child's preschool experience. The primary school offers small class sizes and individualized learning.

Please call me at 732-747-1393 for more information. I look forward to meeting you.

Blessings,

Susan A. deBrigard
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Director

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History and Philosophy

Tower Hill School was founded in 1963 as a not-for-profit preschool for the members of The First Presbyterian Church at Red Bank and for the members of its surrounding communities. The school enrolled 30 children in two classes. Today, Tower Hill School has grown to offer both a pre-school and a primary school with an average yearly student body of 100, a staff of 25, a full service library and two exciting playgrounds as well as arguably one of the local area's best sledding hills. Our cooperative pre-school serves children beginning at age two-and-a-half through age four, and our primary school offers a developmental pre-kindergarten program, an extended day kindergarten plus first through third grades when enrollment warrants. Tower Hill School is a ministry of the First Presbyterian Church at Red Bank and welcomes children of all faiths and races while embracing universal Christian values of kindness, sharing, good manners, respect for others and respect for self.

At Tower Hill School, our philosophy is developmental; we aim to meet each child's individual needs. Small class sizes provide children with hands-on learning activities. In the preschool, independence and self confidence are developed through age-appropriate activities in a warm and nurturing classroom setting. The primary school believes that children learn best through active exploration. Tower Hill School strives to make learning an adventure and to cultivate each child's natural curiosity into a lifelong exuberance for learning. And because we believe that family involvement is essential in early education, parents of Tower Hill students are encouraged to participate actively in every aspect of their child's schooling, from working in the classroom (co-oping) to serving on committees that support the overall vitality of the school.

YOU AND YOUR CHILD ARE SPECIAL TO US

At Tower Hill School, each child's voice is heard. We facilitate an educational journey that is highly individualized, recognizing that each student has unique and special talents, and therefore learns differently. Our goal is to create an environment where each child's fullest potential is realized with the love and support of certified, experienced teachers.

In appreciation of this important goal, Tower Hill School employs small class sizes with an adult/student ratio of approximately 1 to 5 in our preschool program and a class size of approximately 15 children in our primary school. We have seen firsthand the tremendous benefits that small class sizes offer, as well as an increased opportunity for parents to share in classroom activities, special projects, attend class field trips and participate in conferences.

Even the smallest class can not be conducive to learning if it is not safe. At Tower Hill School, we believe that each child deserves a secure learning environment, and that parents deserve the peace of mind that their child's school is prepared for unexpected situations that may arise. In response to lessons learned in our modern world, and in line with our commitment to embrace students in a safe environment, Tower Hill School has assembled information from local police and emergency management authorities to create and implement a comprehensive Security Program. Although the likelihood of employing many of the program's directives is unlikely, parents can feel secure in the knowledge that Tower Hill School has taken every step to ensure the highest security measures for their children.

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Established in 1963, Tower Hill School is a non-profit Early Childhood Program licensed by the State of New Jersey, Department of Human Services, Bureau of Licensing, Division of Youth and Family Services. Children of all faiths and races are welcome to attend.

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Developmental Learning

Tower Hill School utilizes the theories and philosophies of developmental learning. The goals of a developmental pre-school program begin at the preschool level and continue throughout the primary school. The highlights of these goals include:

1. To support each child's individual needs and learning styles;
2. To facilitate learning through play using child-centered experiences and developmentally-appropriate toys;
3. To help each child develop independence;
4. To encourage positive self-concepts and cooperation skills;
5. To involve families in the child's learning experiences;
6. To provide for growth in the areas of fine/gross motor skills, social/environmental play, cognitive skills, and language skills.

Our preschool teachers realize these goals by applying developmental concepts through a variety of classroom activities that include:

Playing with blocks Children learn to exercise their imaginations, to sort and organize play things, to solve problems, to share and cooperate with friends, to create repeat patterns (a math skill), to express ideas, and to learn the concepts of size, shape, length, and location (reading and math skills).

Painting at the easel Children learn to develop their imaginations and creativity, to express feelings, to develop fine motor skills, to develop hand and eye coordination, to create shapes, to discover size and spatial relations, to learn the concepts of balance, symmetry, and design, and to recognize colors.

Playing at the collage table Children learn to use scissors and glue (fine motor skills for handwriting), to use their imagination and express themselves creatively, to create patterns and designs (math skills), to sort different colors and textures (a science and math skill), to distinguish patterns from background (a reading skill) and to learn the concepts of shape, size, location, and design (skills that will improve the reading learning process).

Playing at the sand table Children learn to use their imagination, to use tools, to solve problems, to play with others, to observe changes (a science skill), and to learn the concepts of size, shape and volume, empty and full, and heavy and light.

Singing songs, playing rhythm instruments and dancing Children learn to be conscious of mood and rhythm in music, to develop their vocabulary, memory, and sequencing skills, to distinguish different concepts of fast, slow, loud and soft, to discover that sounds have meaning (a reading skill), to become conscious of others, to further develop their balance and coordination, to understand signals and cues and to learn about other cultures.

Playing at the dress-up and housekeeping corner Children learn to exercise their imagination, to sort and organize play things, to socialize (solve problems and share with their friends), to have objects represent something different (abstract thinking), to improvise and use things in a symbolic way (language skills), to try on different adult roles, and to express themselves with words.

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Cooperative Preschool

Tower Hill School's preschool is cooperative in every sense of the word. We set the stage and provide the materials necessary for children to learn through discovery, experimentation, and play. Parents are then encouraged to contribute to their child's learning process by co-oping in the classroom an average of twice per month. The following is a list of the available co-op programs:

Program	Description	Time Commitment
2 day	Children Age 2 1/2 by October 1st	9 to 11 am
3 day	Children Age 3 by October 1st	9 to 11:30 am
4 day	Children Age 4 by October 1st	9 to 11:30 am

Preschool Curriculum Highlights

A day in the life of a Tower Hill preschool child consists of structured project time, free play, circle time, outdoor play, snack time, and a brief rest period. Daily projects are led by the teacher and supplemented with activity centers such as:

- * Cooking
- * Painting and drawing
- * Games and puzzles
- * Science and nature
- * Clay and play dough
- * Building blocks
- * Music
- * Dramatic play
- * Books and story time

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Primary School

In support of Tower Hill School's guiding vision to provide a strong academic foundation in a caring and supportive environment, the teaching staff at our primary school strives to make learning an adventure and to cultivate each child's natural curiosity. Our integrated curriculum is designed to be both challenging and stimulating.

The goals of the primary school classroom include:

1. Providing in-depth instruction so that students can truly master each subject area
2. Delivering tailored lesson plans for the instructional needs of each learner
3. Engaging multi-sensory strategies to address a variety of learning personalities
4. Nurturing each child's unique interests
5. Providing an environment where there is greater interaction, respect and cooperation among students
6. Keeping families actively involved in each child's learning experiences

Tower Hill School is committed to providing personalized attention to students. Studies show that students who were taught in a small class environment retain an academic advantage throughout their educational careers. Tower Hill School's dedication to maintaining small class sizes provides our students with individualized instruction and attention, resulting in lasting academic benefits.

Believing that children learn best through active exploration, the primary school's approach to academics is experience-oriented. Field trips, cooking, and nature exploration are just a few of the hands-on activities that enrich our students' academic experience.

For Pre-K classes, students must be 5 years old before February 28th. For kindergarten classes, students must meet the cut-off age required by their home district. The Tower Hill School Pre-K program offers a 5 day program from 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. and the Kindergarten program offers an extended day from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Class size is limited to 15 students with a certified teacher and an assistant teacher on staff.

Kindergarten Curriculum Highlights:

- * Curriculum is integrated across all disciplines. Reading, creative writing, grammar, math, science, social studies, art, music, computer, cooking and gardening concepts are blended to create thematic academic units.
- * In Kindergarten, curriculum is traditional in its emphasis on reading readiness, writing, and mathematic skill development.
- * Teaching phonological awareness is a top priority in Kindergarten.
- * Reading strategies include integrated-phonics/skill-based instruction in combination with literature reading/discussion/writing.
- * The writing process is taught to simplify and demystify writing composition (the four-step process includes brainstorming, rough copy, editing, and publishing).
- * Spelling, grammar, and vocabulary are emphasized.
- * Teaching the building-block skills (listening, study, communication, problem-solving) is part of every day school life.
- * Innovative "learn by doing" teaching strategies are used.
- * Music, art, computer lab, library, gym and "It's OK to Be Different" curriculum round out the school's strong academic program.

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Tuition Schedule

2013 – 2014 PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

	Tuition/Year
2-Day 2 ½ Year Old Program (2 hours)	\$1,525.00
3-Day Preschool Program (2 ½ hours)	2,210.00
4-Day Preschool Program (2 ½ hours)	2,940.00

PRIMARY SCHOOL PROGRAM

	Tuition/Year
5 Day Developmental Kindergarten Program	\$3,670.00
Kindergarten Program (Extended Day 9 am – 1 pm)	4,995.00

ADDITIONAL FEES

Preschool		Primary School	
Application Fee	\$ 75.00	Application Fee	\$ 75.00
Deposit	200.00	Deposit	300.00
		Activity Fee	
		Kindergarten	60.00
		Developmental K	40.00

Please note: All fees are non-refundable

Applications for the preschool and primary school will be available at all the open houses as well as the Parent Information Meeting in January. Applications received by the deadline indicated are all considered for placement for the upcoming school year. Priority for placement is given to current families and church families. Applications received after the deadline will be considered on a first-come, first-served basis for any remaining openings. The application fee *must* accompany completed applications.

Families will receive written notification of acceptance into our program and will have two weeks to return a tuition agreement form with deposit. If payment is not received within the two-week period, the space may be given to another family.

An orientation for parents/guardians of preschoolers is held in late August. An up-to-date health form with immunization record for all students must be returned by September 1 each school year.

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Above and Beyond

Tower Hill School offers two programs for children 3 months to 6 years of age beyond the regular school day.

The [Sibling Care Program](#) provides child care for younger siblings of Tower Hill School students while their parent is helping in the classroom. Under state regulations, parents must be on the premises. This program is open to children from 3 months to 3 years of age several days each week during the morning sessions. Caring, well-trained staff work with children on a 1 to 4 ratio in a quality environment allowing parents to co-op with their older child. Parents must supply necessities for their child and advance reservations are required. There is an hourly charge for attendance as well as an annual registration fee.

The [Extended Care Program](#) is available for children of school families from ages 3 to 6 and is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. This program follows the Tower Hill child-centered philosophy, but in a less structured way. Children may choose from a variety of creative play areas and can also join the “Lunch Bunch” group and bring their own lunch. Activities in Extended Care may follow a theme, for example, dinosaurs, the circus, underwater life, or space travel. Children must be toilet trained to attend this program and advance reservations are required. There is an hourly charge for attendance as well as an annual registration fee.

Additional programs offered at Tower Hill School are [Toddler Playtime](#) for children ages 18 to 30 months, [Preschool Enrichment](#) for 4 year old and Pre-K students, and [Kindergarten Enrichment](#). Brochures are available in the school office or upon request.

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Toddler Playtime



ACTIVITIES

The Toddler Playtime Program will engage children in fun activities and introduce the preschool philosophy with fun "playtime" learning and activities. Your child will experience activities that encourage:

- Large motor coordination
- Small motor coordination
- Social growth and development
- Cognitive growth
- Arts & crafts
- Story time
- Music

STAFFING

The "Playtime" program will be staffed by a certified teacher. A parent or caregiver will participate with their child during every session.

ELIGIBILITY

Any child who is 18 months to 30 months is eligible.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

The Toddler Playtime Program will be in session from October through May. Classes will be held once a week from 9:30 AM until 11:00 AM. The Program will follow the Tower Hill School calendar.



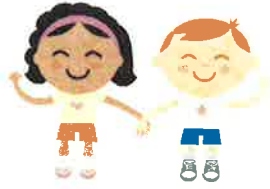
COST

The cost for the Toddler Playtime Program is \$15 per session. There is also a \$25 annual registration fee. You will be billed monthly. The registration fee and first month's program fees are due at the time of registration. A monthly commitment is required.

ENROLLMENT

Registration forms will be available in the Tower Hill School office beginning September between the hours of 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM. If you have any additional questions or wish further information, please call (732) 747-1393.

Preschool Enrichment



ACTIVITIES

The Preschool Enrichment Program will engage children in activities and extend the preschool curriculum with additional fun "hands-on" learning. The program will allow more time to be spent on various units including:

- Cooking & Nutrition
- Sports & Movement
- Spanish
- Computers
- Health & Safety
- Music & Drama
- Artists
- Social Interaction
- Science



STAFFING

One of Tower Hill's current four year old class teachers with ongoing input from other members of Tower Hill School's staff, including administrators, teachers and support staff, teach our enrichment program.

ELIGIBILITY

Any child who is currently enrolled in a four year old or Pre-K program at Tower Hill School is eligible.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

The Preschool Enrichment Program will be in session from October through May. Classes will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:00 PM until 1:30 PM. And optional "lunch bunch" program will be held in the classroom from 11:30 AM until 12:00 PM. The Program will follow the Tower Hill School calendar.



COST

The cost for the Preschool Enrichment Program is \$16 per session without the lunch option or \$20 per session including the lunch option. There is also a \$25 annual registration fee. You will be billed monthly with payment due the first class of each month. The registration fee and first month's program fees are due at the time of registration. A monthly commitment is required, however a yearly commitment is preferred to reserve a permanent yearly space for your child

ENROLLMENT

Registration forms will be available in the Tower Hill School office between the hours of 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM. Applications will be processed in the order they are received. If you have any additional questions or wish further information, please call (732) 747-1393.

Kindergarten Enrichment

ACTIVITIES

The Kindergarten Enrichment Program will engage children in activities and extensions of the kindergarten curriculum.

The program will allow more time to be spent on:

- Oral Language
- Phonemic awareness
- Language Arts
- Math
- Technology
- Music & Creative Movement
- Small Group Work
- Social Interaction
- Physical Education
- Science
- Theatre

STAFFING

Our current Kindergarten teacher with ongoing input from other members of Tower Hill School's staff, including administrators, teachers and support staff, teach our enrichment program.

ELIGIBILITY

Any child who is currently enrolled in a kindergarten program is eligible.

Children who are not currently enrolled in the Tower Hill School kindergarten will need to provide the following upon enrollment:

- Proof of age
- Completed and current immunization record

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

The Kindergarten Enrichment Program will be in session on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 1:00 PM until 3:00 PM. The Program will follow the Tower Hill School calendar.

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation will not be provided.

COST

The cost for the Kindergarten Enrichment Program is \$20 per session with a \$25 registration fee. You will be billed monthly with payment due the first class of each month. The registration fee and first month's program fees are due at the time of registration. A monthly commitment is required.

ENROLLMENT

Registration forms will be available in the Tower Hill School office Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM. If you have any additional questions or wish further information, please call (732) 747-1393.