

MORTON **MC** COLLEGE

Child Learning Center

The Morton College Learning Center is recipient of the Gold Circle of Quality award from ExceleRate Illinois – a new quality rating and improvement system for early learning and development preschool providers.

We provide warm and welcoming atmosphere, where children 3-5 years old feel secure and eager to learn and grow. Our center delivers an exemplary educational environment for young children and serves as a model of teaching methodology for Morton College Early Childhood Education students. The coursework is designed to enhance the student's teaching experiences with young children. Students are provided with active learning experiences, application-based assignments, use of technology, and time to collaborate with their peers.

Our program provides an innovative curriculum with materials, experiences and teaching methods that are grounded in the principles of child development including age and individual appropriateness. All learning activities are presented through play. Our daily routine encourages children to explore, experiment, imitate, ask questions, and develop their critical thinking and social-emotional competence.

All half-day sessions are available for children of students, faculty, staff and the community. We keep in touch through newsletters, progress reports, and open houses.

Our "Preschool for All" provides interactions and experiences to help children to:

- Advance in language, cognitive, physical, and social-emotional skills.
- Develop problem-solving skills.
- Develop conflict resolution skills.
- Manage emotions and behaviors.

Preschool Sessions: (Please Select One)

Monday - Friday

8:45am - 11:15am

9:00am - 11:30am

12:30pm - 3 :00pm

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Parents interested in enrolling their children (3 - 5 years old) should contact the center at (708) 656-8000, ext. 2284 & 2285.

**Currently, all sessions run remotely. We will return to campus as soon as the conditions allow.*

** We support each preschooler's development at home with the purchase and distribution of individual learning kit (\$149.00 value per set) that provides children with their very own activity materials. This kit is filled with essential, age-appropriate materials that promote literacy and critical thinking through play. Everything included is kid-safe and easy to clean. Parents also get teacher-recommended activity ideas for using the materials!*

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Please read testimonials from past and current families:

"The first day of school can be an exciting and anxious time for any parent. The first time we entrusted any other adult with the well-being of our children was their first day of Morton College Pre-K. We could not have asked for a better experience than what we received from this program. The faculty was beyond words. Ms. Jennifer, Ms. Nicole, and Ms. Sandra cared for our children as if they were family. Their caring and nurturing has allowed our children now in 3rd and 6th grade to grow academically and emotionally. Strong roots make for a healthy tree. These teachers hold a special place in our hearts and we are forever grateful. "

-The Guzman Family

"The experience that I have had with my children have been great at Morton College Preschool. They started with not knowing mostly nothing, but the patience and the knowledge of the teachers helped them learned many things that helped them start Kindergarten with a good advance of learning. The teachers and the director are great."

-The Gutierrez Family

"My experience at the Morton College preschool was nothing but AMAZING! From the wonderful teachers to the teaching techniques they use to keep the children involved. I highly recommend them!"

-Alondra Barajas

"Mi nombre es Lorena Carmona les recomiendo preescolar de Morton College - La mejor educación temprana -Excelentes maestras (personal cariñoso y muy preparado)- Super divertido"

"Morton College Preschool was a great experience for both of my sons who attended their 2 years of preschool there. It offers a safe, happy and friendly environment and extracurricular activities which prepared them for kindergarten. The teachers focus on the child's well-being and development. They are nurturing and provide individualized attention to every child. I recommend Morton College Preschool to parents looking for a fun, safe, safe, and educational program for their 3-5 year old."

-Sulma Rivas

"I've had 2 of my daughter's attend Morton College preschool and plan on bringing my 2 year in the near future. We had such a great experience here. The teachers were genuinely caring and attentive with all the children. They made everyone feel welcomed and loved. I liked how structured but fun everyday was. The moment the kids walked in they knew to wash their hands, check in and start practicing writing their name. Then came the classroom jobs, arts and crafts, free time and so much more. My girls left with not only educational knowledge but also life skills like focus, self-control, critical thinking and a lot more. Not to mention how far ahead both girls were once they started kindergarten. I'm so grateful to have met these great educators and to have my girls exceptional experience."

-Jennifer Bejar

"I am happy to write about my family's experience with the Morton College Pre-School program. My son, Leonel Arzola, attended the Morton College pre-school program from 2014-2017. I enjoyed having him close while I was working. I loved that all of the teachers really cared about the kids, and they were very patient. It was important for me to feel like Leonel was safe when he wasn't with me, and you all made both Leo and I feel safe. Thank you! I also enjoyed that Leonel had to do homework, it really prepared him for starting kindergarten. I hope that Morton College continues the pre-school program, it is a big help to the community and the staff.

-Nereida D. Arzola