

Meet our wonderful Fun Factory teachers:



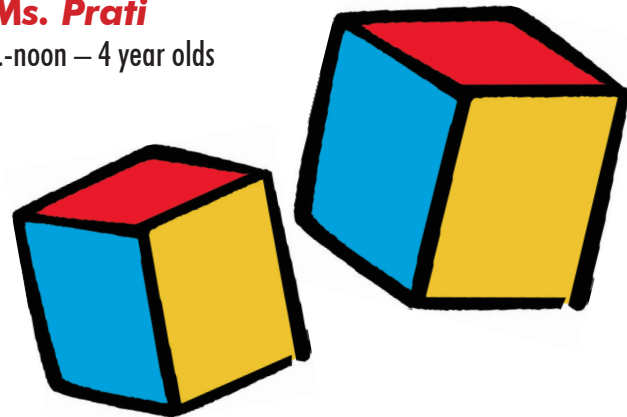
Ms. Michelle

Fun Factory at the Community Center
52 Natoma Street
with teacher **Ms. Michelle**
Monday/Wednesday/Friday • 9 a.m.-noon – 4 year olds



Ms. Prati

Fun Factory at the Andy Morin Sports Complex
66 Clarksville Road
with teacher **Ms. Prati**
Monday/Wednesday/Friday • 9 a.m.-noon – 4 year olds



Our Mission

The Mission of Fun Factory Preschool is to provide a fun, safe, nine-month structured program that strives to offer recreational and educational activities in a positive, non-stressful environment.

Program Goals

It is our hope that Fun Factory will help your child gain:

- Self awareness ■ Self confidence ■ Independence
- Social skills ■ Emotional growth ■ Enjoyment in learning new things

Typical Daily Activities

Days in Fun Factory are full and fun:

- Small group stations ■ Arts and crafts ■ Social time ■ Exercise time
- Snack time (children bring their own healthy snacks) ■ Carpet time twice daily ■ Star of the Week

Introduction to Concepts and Skills

In Fun Factory, your child will be introduced to concepts and skills including:

- Social-emotional development ■ Problem solving with peers ■ Self-control ■ Cooperation
- Fine and gross motor skills ■ Carpet time, sitting with whole body listening
- Five Senses ■ Numbers and Counting ■ Calendar: months, days of the week and seasons
- Name recognition and writing

We Keep You Informed

We provide parents/guardians with monthly calendars and newsletters.

Each month you'll receive a calendar and newsletter (distributed through child's Fun Factory cubby). These materials provide a brief overview of the subjects and skills that we'll focus on for the month and keep you informed of special days, events, and field trips. The information will also help you engage your child in a discussion about daily activities.

Fun Factory Preschool ■ Frequently Asked Questions

Registration Procedure

How, when and where do I register my child?

Email Whitney Kahn at wkahn@folsom.ca.us for more information.

How old does my child need to be?

If your child will be age three by September 1, they are eligible to enroll in our threes class. If your child will be age four by September 1, they are eligible to enroll in our fours class. If your child will be age five by September 1, we encourage you to contact your local school. Your child is eligible for kindergarten.

What are the tuition fees?

The fees for the 2022-23 school year will be announced soon.

Do I get a discount if I pay up front for the entire school year?

Unfortunately we do not give any discounts for paying the entire year up front.

What is the refund policy for tuition and fees?

The \$100 registration fee is non-refundable. We ask for a written two-week notice if you are dropping out of the program.

Schedules and Locations

When does school start?

School starts August 29 for the 4-year-olds and August 30 for the 3-year-olds.

Where and how do I drop-off/pick-up my child?

There is a sign-in/out table outside each classroom. Teachers open the door at 9 a.m. to welcome the children and dismissal time is 12 p.m. Until the teachers become acquainted with the parents/guardians, they will request a photo identification when you come to pick your child up to match against what is listed on your child's emergency form.

Where are the restrooms and how are restroom breaks handled?

Teachers will always escort the children to the restroom. When a child needs to visit the restroom, the teacher will usually ask the class to see if any other students may also need to use the restroom. We also have a group bathroom break before snack time.

Do the children have recess or outdoor play time? Where do they play?

After snack time, the children have an exercise time. Depending on the class location and weather conditions, it may be outside on the grass behind City Hall for the Community Center, or the backyard area at the Sports Complex. We provide balls, chalk, bubbles, a parachute, and other interactive toys; the teachers also lead group games.

Do the classes take field trips? What are the transportation arrangements for field trips?

We do take the occasional field trip, and we ask that each parent provide transportation and attend the field trip with their child. Field trips will be listed on the monthly calendar and newsletter.

What do I do if my child is sick and will miss class? Will my child need to make up work that is missed?

If your child will miss a day of class, we ask that you call the classroom to inform the teacher. The classroom phone number is always listed on the monthly calendar that is sent home with students. What is being worked on that day in class will determine whether or not there will be any make-up work to do at home. Most of the make-up work is done in class when your child returns. If your child has missed class due to illness, please make sure they are "fever free" for 24 hours prior to returning to class.

Classroom and Curriculum

How many children are in the classes?

The 3-year-old classes are comprised of seven students and one teacher. The 4-year-old classes are comprised of six students and one teacher. The number of students allowed to enroll in each class are subject to change as we make adjustments to follow current public health guidelines.

What can I expect my child to learn in this program?

Curriculum: Teachers have developed curriculum to meet incoming kindergarten expectations. Our teachers are constantly getting feedback from kindergarten teachers and former students and parents regarding their kindergarten entry assessments from year to year. This constant communication with teachers and parents helps us ensure that we are keeping up with what is being expected throughout the Folsom Cordova Unified School District.

Three-year-olds: This theme-based program introduces children to critical socialization skills, while increasing their awareness of the world around them. The preschoolers will work on some prewriting skills, including activities to help strengthen hand muscles needed for writing. We also work on counting and sorting by size, shape, and color. Both fine motor and gross motor activities are incorporated through play.

Four-year-olds: This program is based around the letters of the alphabet (not in ABC order), numbers, socialization and peer problem solving. Some of the topics and skills covered include: name writing, letter recognition (uppercase and lowercase), letter sounds, writing numbers 1-10, sight words, calendar (days of the week, months, and seasons), sitting properly on the carpet, and doing teacher and self-directed tasks. We pride ourselves on helping to create a foundation for your child to succeed in kindergarten and develop a lifelong love of learning.

Do you provide an evaluation to determine whether or not my child is ready for kindergarten?

In the 4-year-old class, we provide some evaluations and schedule parent conferences, usually in April, to inform parents of their child's progress and areas of strength.

How do you communicate with parents?

We have an open-door policy and are always open to chat with parents after class. We send home calendars and newsletters monthly, including notes on the white board. At any time, you may schedule an appointment to speak with the teacher about your child.

What is circle/carpet time?

This is the teacher's opportunity to lead songs, read and tell stories, and use movement and music, and tell the preschoolers what is planned for the day. We work on building self-confidence through classroom jobs and our "Star of the Week" program. For some preschoolers, this is the hardest part of the day, learning to sit and listen for a limited period of time.

How is discipline handled?

Discipline is handled on a case-by-case basis as situations arise. We discuss the situation with the child so that he/she can understand why their behavior is unacceptable; we occasionally re-direct and use a time-out chair if needed. If a child continues to have difficulties, a communication form may be sent home and a parent conference may be scheduled.

What if my child can't sit still?

Sometimes an aide will sit next to the child to help remind them. Other times, the child may be placed in a chair pulled up the edge of the carpet. As their attention spans and ability to sit increases, so does the length of carpet/circle time. We remind the children that this is a skill they need to master prior to kindergarten.

Does my child need to be toilet trained?

Yes, your child needs to be self-sufficient with all of their bathroom needs, including pulling up their pants/tights/clothing and wiping. We suggest that clothing bottoms are easy for your child to put on, such as pants with an elastic waist.

Supplies and Other Requirements

Does my child need to bring a snack and/or lunch?

Each child is required to bring their own snack – we recommend a small nutritious snack of fruit, crackers, cheese, and water or juice. Please note that we are a **nut-free** program due to the number of nut allergies we have each year.

What supplies/clothing do I need to send to school with my child?

Your child only needs to bring their snack bag each day; big backpacks are not necessary. A sweatshirt or jacket for cooler weather is also needed since we will still go outside as long as it is not raining. Please put your child's name on all outerwear.

What paperwork do I need to provide?

We require a copy of your child's birth certificate and immunization record when you register. We'll give you an emergency form to complete with your contact information, vital health or allergy information for your child, and a list of people who may pick your child up from school. We will not allow your child to go home with any person who is not listed on this form; the teacher will request a photo identification if they do not recognize an individual. This form may be updated to add additional people as the year progresses.

PLEASE NOTE: The entire registration packet must be completed and the required forms submitted when you register your child.

The COVID-19 protocols and guidelines we are following are detailed in our parent handbook.