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I tried to teach my child with books  
She gave me only troubled looks  
I tried to teach my child with words  
They passed her by often unheard  
Despairingly I turned aside,  
"How shall I teach this child?" I cried  
Into my hand she put a key  
"Come," she said, "Play with me."  
--Anonymous

#### How to Enroll

There are three steps to registering:

1. Submit an inquiry ([inquire.talmudtorah.com](http://inquire.talmudtorah.com))
2. Apply online ([apply.talmudtorah.com](http://apply.talmudtorah.com))
3. Receive an invitation to enroll

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**PLAY** is the child's work.

**PLAY** aids growth.

**PLAY** is a voluntary activity.

**PLAY** is a dynamic way of learning.

**PLAY** furthers interest and  
concentration.

**PLAY** is the way children investigate.

**PLAY** provides an imaginary world a  
child can master.

**PLAY** provides a base for language  
building.

**PLAY** creates complete involvement.

**PLAY** builds interpersonal relations.

**PLAY** is a way of learning adult roles.

**PLAY** gives the child the feeling of  
being "10 feet tall!"

**PLAY** nourishes reflective thinking,



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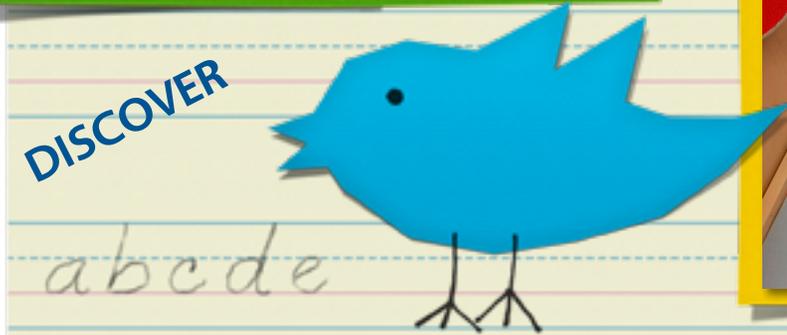


THE EARLY YEARS

**VANCOUVER  
TALMUD TORAH**



Head of School: Cathy Lowenstein  
Early Years Director: Lyora Nifco  
Director of Admissions: Jennifer Shecter-Balin  
Admissions Manager: Tammy Kalvari



**WELCOME!**

At Vancouver Talmud Torah preschool, we are dedicated to providing the highest quality Early Childhood Education program within a secure, nurturing, and stimulating Jewish environment. We are a play-based program that uses developmentally appropriate practice to ensure children's spiritual, emotional, physical, cognitive, creative and social growth. As educators we are committed to making each child's time with us successful, happy, rewarding and fun!

**THE ENVIRONMENT**

Our early years classes are arranged around a variety of learning centres that are planned to give children maximum opportunities to **EXPLORE, DISCOVER, CREATE** and **LEARN**. These areas provide the students



*Play is not a luxury, but rather a crucial dynamic of healthy physical, intellectual and socio-economic development at all ages.—David Elkind*



with the ability to make choices; interact with materials and peers; participate in imaginative play; learn to think and problem-solve; develop fine and gross motor skills; expand their vocabulary and communication skills; and be responsible to themselves and to others.

**THE PROGRAM**

Our early years program offers many opportunities to stimulate development of the whole child. With dual themes running simultaneously in Judaic and general studies, the students are cognitively, socially, creatively, physically, linguistically and emotionally enriched. In addition, the students meet with our art and music specialists once a week. (There is additional specialist time for full day students.) We also provide outlets for physical activity on the playground and in the classroom. Field trips richly contribute to classroom themes.

**JEWISH LIFE**

Students are introduced to Jewish holiday stories, vocabulary, and traditions that are age-appropriate. On Fridays, the children participate in a *Kabbalat Shabbat* (welcoming of the Sabbath) service experiencing the traditional rituals of Shabbat. We recognize that the earliest experiences of life are often the most lasting, and we want to ensure the development of a warm, positive attitude in the children towards their Jewish identity. In addition, once a month, the entire preschool comes together for a community Shabbat celebration.



**ATTENDANCE**

School is in session from 8:15 a.m. to noon or from 8:15a.m. to 3:20 p.m. (with the option of a 4:30 p.m. pick-up except on Shabbat and early dismissal days).

**COMMUNICATION**

We encourage open lines of communication with our families. Teachers are available to respond to parent inquiries any time during the year. Parent-Teacher conferences occur in the fall and in the spring.

**TOILET TRAINING**

Children must be independently toilet trained and wearing underwear before they can be accepted into our early years program. Nevertheless, we are willing to work with families towards this goal.