

ENROLLMENT

- Enrollment open to children 2-5 years of age
 - Children will need to bring with them daily:
 - Lunch*
 - Reusable water bottle
 - Fitted crib sheet
 - Blanket
 - Diapering supplies, as needed
- *Please note we are a nut-free facility
- Facility Tours- email thandley@ymcasd.org
 - Registration packet must be completed each year.

MONTHLY FEES

Monthly Member/Participant Tuition:

5 Day (M-F): \$1,434 (Up to 15% off with select Y memberships)

3 Day (M/W/F): \$975 (Up to 15% off with select Y memberships)

2 Day (T/TH): \$688 (Up to 15% off with select Y memberships)

Financial Assistance:

Financial assistance and scholarships are available for those families who qualify and are made possible through generous donations to the Annual Support Campaign from members and residents in the community. Though there are financial limits to the YMCA's ability to provide financial assistance, every effort will be made to assist any family needing aid. Confidential applications are available at the YMCA Welcome Desk or at ymcasd.org/mottino.

**JOE AND MARY MOTTINO
FAMILY YMCA**
4701 Mesa Drive, Oceanside, CA 92056
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PRESCHOOL HOURS
7:30am-5:30pm

PRESCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Preschool is closed* the following holidays:

- Preschool Staff Pre-Service & Prep Week (1 week in August)
- Labor Day
- Veterans Day
- Thanksgiving & Friday after Thanksgiving
- Christmas Eve & Christmas Day
- New Years Day
- Winter Prep Week (first week of January)
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- President's Day
- Memorial Day
- Juneteenth
- Independence Day

*Closures subject to change

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

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OUR MISSION:

We nurture a healthy spirit, mind, and body so all can thrive while honoring our faith-based heritage.



YMCA OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY
**COMMUNITY
WELL-BEING
& BELONGING**

NURTURING POTENTIAL

**JOE AND MARY MOTTINO
FAMILY YMCA
Preschool**



PRESCHOOL PHILOSOPHY

The Joe and Mary Mottino Family YMCA Preschool is committed to creating high-quality, imaginative, dynamic, educational programs for children, families and educators. We are an emergent, organic program inspired by the Reggio Emilia approach to early childhood education.

Based on our fundamental belief that children learn best when their world is meaningful, we integrate all areas of curriculum through short-term explorations and long-term projects. Children are viewed as protagonists in their learning and are encouraged to work in collaboration with their peers to co-construct new theories and ideas.

The role of our teachers is to extend and deepen children's ideas and theories. Through careful observation, documentation, thoughtful questions and deep reflections, our teachers work in partnership with the children to negotiate curriculum, extend thinking and develop explorations.

We understand and value the importance of children having time to connect with nature. Our beautiful outdoor environments give children time to explore nature through immersive experiences with sand, water and natural materials.

Research has shown that early experiences in programs such as the Joe and Mary Mottino Family YMCA Preschool, improve children's abilities to develop socially, intellectually and emotionally before they enter kindergarten, and that children who attend high-quality preschools like the YMCA's will have more successful academic careers and develop the social skills necessary to adapt more easily to an elementary school environment.

FLOW OF THE DAY

- **Free Play:** Children are free to explore various centers in the classroom. Blocks, art, library, science and manipulatives will be some of the available choices.
- **Outside Exploration:** Children are free to explore the outside environment. Bikes, sand play and other various activities will be available.
- **Group Meeting:** The children will meet to further explore the curriculum topics for the day.
- **Snack:** A healthy snack will be provided family style. Children will socialize with their peers, learn how to serve themselves and how to properly nourish their bodies.
- **Curriculum Experiences:** Small group experiences that are curriculum focused will be set up for all children to enjoy.
- **Assembly:** Children will meet to discuss the days events, read stories and sing songs.
- **Early Literacy:** Opportunities for story time and individual book time throughout the day.
- **Rest Time:** Teachers assist children with resting their bodies by patting their backs, dimming the lights, and playing soft music.



PROGRAM GOALS

- To develop creative, independent thinkers.
- To foster social-emotional development.
- To promote capable, productive and self-reliant children.
- To foster a sense of respect and responsibility for oneself, each other and our environment.
- To facilitate the understanding that we are part of a diverse multi-cultural community.



SNACKS, LUNCH & NAPS

2 nutritious snacks will be provided daily (morning & afternoon). Snacks meet the licensing guidelines, containing at least one item from 2 of 4 food groups. Children will need to bring their own lunch daily. Please send a lunch with healthy food choices.

All children will be provided a nap in the afternoon. Parents will need to provide a small pillow, crib sheet, blanket and anything else that will make your child feel comfortable at nap time.