



NISHI HONGWANJI CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

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HOURS OF OPERATION:

7:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M. daily

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WHO ARE WE?

“Nishi Center” is an extension of the **Los Angeles Homba Hongwanji Buddhist Temple** (aka: Nishi Hongwanji). The school is a licensed, non-profit organization established to meet the needs of the community by providing a quality child care program within an environment emphasizing the *Jodo Shinshu* Buddhist teachings.



PHILOSOPHY AND PROGRAM

The family is the most important influence on a child’s total development. The preschool can assist parents in this very important task.

Young children learn best through the active learning process. Integral parts of the process include: a staff that is sensitive to the needs and capabilities of each child, and a program that enriches and reinforces children by fostering experiences in the following areas:

1. Social and emotional growth
2. Cognition
3. Large motor development
4. Small motor development
5. Music and creative expression
6. Religious and cultural awareness

Children’s play is their work. Through their exploration and manipulation of the environment comes understanding and learning. Teachers’ role is to provide a safe, stimulating environment and serve as guides. The open classroom arrangement provides the child the opportunity to make choices, meet his own needs, become independent and enhance his/her self-esteem.



ENROLLMENT

Admissions requirements:

1. Completion of enrollment application
2. Child is at least 2.9 years old.
3. Child is toilet-trained to the satisfaction of the Center.

PRESCHOOL DAILY SCHEDULE

7:00 - 8:30

Option time
(self-selected activity)
Indoor and outdoor play

8:00 - 8:45

Morning snack

8:45 - 9:00

Circle time

9:00 - 9:15

Service

9:15 - 10:00

Outdoor play/snack/
Circle Time

10:00 - 10:30

Small group
(teacher initiated activity)

10:30 - 12:00

Plan, work, recall/outdoor
activities

12:00 - 12:30

Lunch

12:30 - 12:45

Toilet and brushing teeth

12:45 - 3:00

Naptime

3:00 - 4:00

Option time

4:00 - 4:30

Afternoon snack and story

4:30 - 5:00

Circle time

5:00 - 6:00

Option time



4. Child's immunization record is up-to-date.
5. Child is ready for the type of group experience that the program has to offer and the ability to benefit from the program.
6. The religious preference of the family is Buddhist.
7. Registration fee has been paid.

NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY:

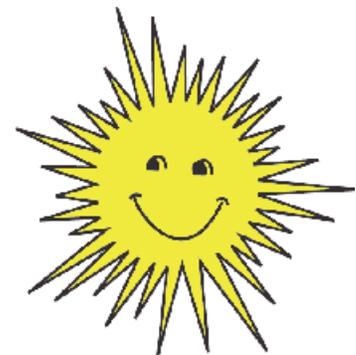
Nishi Center is operated on a non-discrimination basis, providing equal treatment and access to services without regard to race, color, national origin or ancestry. Nishi Center elects to serve children of the Buddhist religious faith but may not discriminate within the group on the basis of race, color, national origin or ancestry. Though openings occasionally occur throughout the year, most children are admitted in the Fall. Openings are filled on the basis of paid members of the temple receiving priority and subsequent spaces filled by all other applicants.

Application forms may be obtained upon request. There is presently a waiting list.



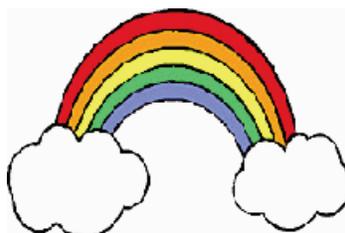
CENTER CAPACITY

Nishi Center is licensed to accommodate 45 students divided amongst two preschool and one kindergarten classrooms.



STAFF

Nishi Center has a director, three full-time teachers and six assistant teachers. The staff is sanctioned to teach under the licensing requirements of the *State of California Social Services Department*. The staff members have broad experiences in working with young children in various settings, which enriches the program of the Center.



NUTRITION

Morning and afternoon snacks are provided daily. Snacks are planned with the children's nutritional needs in mind.



**Children bring their own lunch.
Milk is provided at all meals.**

ART CLASSES

The Art Classes are taught by a professional art teacher. Each student attends a weekly art class as part of the regular curriculum.

MUSIC LESSONS

Music lessons are taught by a professional music teacher. Weekly lessons are available for any student for an extra monthly fee. A choice of private or group lessons are options. Students take part in a recital in June.



FEES

Tuition is paid on a monthly basis, due on or before the first day of the month.

Please contact the school for information regarding current tuition and fees."

Parents are also asked to pay fees for field trips and other special activities. Optional music classes are also available for an additional fee.

KINDERGARTEN

Nishi Center's Kindergarten class is taught by a California State Credentialed teacher. The kindergarten material taught closely follows the curriculum mandated by the state of California which will prepare the child for the subsequent first grade.

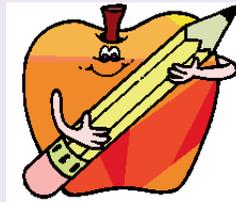
KINDERGARTEN DAILY SCHEDULE

7:00 9:00 See preschool daily schedule

9:00-9:15 Service

9:15 -9:30 Bathroom, calendar, and opening exercises

9:30 - 10:00 Math



10:00 - 11:00 Reading / Language Arts

11:00 - 11:30 Recess

11:30 - 12:00 Homework/Social studies / Science

12:00 - 12:30 Lunch

12:30 - 1:00 Brushing Teeth and Storytime

1:00 - 2:50 Nap

3:00 - 6:00 See preschool daily schedule

Wednesdays 1:00 - 1:45 Art Class

Thursdays 3:15 - 4:15 Japanese Class