

In 2008, the Kehillah Jewish Preschool opened a new Pre-K classroom with expanded hours (8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.) to closely match the local Kindergarten school day.

Children in this class participate in a broad range of activities that are designed to help children develop cognitive, reasoning, and social skills as well as learn the basics that will ensure their success in Kindergarten and beyond.

For example, one subject that this class studied was the solar system. As a part of this study, each child enrolled in the class was assigned a planet to research. The class then had daily discussions to share the facts each child learned about his/her planet, including highlighting the debate among scientists about whether or not Pluto is a planet. They crafted an indoor planetarium and used flashlights to see the constellations. New vocabulary words were introduced (planet, asteroid, meteor, comet, star, constellation) with an emphasis on recognizing letters in the planet names and the new words. In addition, this class made moon rocks, constructed a rocket ship, created solar system mobiles, made paper mache planets, and participated in several cooking projects. Throughout each activity, the teacher emphasized important skills such as counting and math skills, letter recognition, writing, reasoning, and working cooperatively.

This class provides everything that a child preparing for Kindergarten will need within a warm, caring Jewish community of learners!

There are still spaces available in this classroom for the 2009-2010 school year. If you are interested in enrolling your child in this program, please contact Megan Hans at (919) 942-0233 or preschool@chkehillah.org.