



# RAVINIA NURSERY SCHOOL *at a glance*

Ravinia Nursery School is a developmental play-based preschool for children ages two through five years. As a child's first school experience, it is our intention at RNS to inspire a love for learning by providing an environment that supports and honors each child's unique development and interests. At RNS, we believe children learn best through play. When children are free to explore their environment and the materials around them, the learning they acquire is meaningful. It is through this exploration that a child learns about the world in which they live.

Building a strong social and emotional foundation is our primary goal for preparing children for kindergarten and beyond. Our program is deeply rooted in community, and we encourage parent engagement in their child's learning, providing many opportunities for participation year-round.



## *Did you know?*

We are the second oldest preschool in Illinois, and the first in Lake County to be accredited by the National Academy of Early Childhood Programs (NAEYC). We are affiliated with Alliance for Early Childhood Education.

Founded in 1926, the "Little Blue School" has grown and matured while maintaining the coziness of home.

Our magical community includes 85 current families, representing multiple generations of RNS students...including a current faculty member who is an RNS graduate!



**AGE BY  
SEPT 1**

15-23 mo.

2

3

4



**DAY(S)  
& TIME**

M  
9:15-10:30

W/F or Tu/Th  
9:15-11:15

M-F  
9:00-11:30\*

M-F  
12:30-3:00\*



**STUDENT:  
TEACHER  
RATIO**

1:1  
with parents

4:1

5:1

5:1



**TUITION  
'24-'25\*\***

\$1,500

\$3,250

\$6,680

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\*Families can extend the day for older children by registering for lunch bunch 1-2 days/week (1 hour).

\*\*Tuition can be paid in 1, 2 or 4 installments. Tuition assistance is available for families who qualify.



# PROGRAMMATIC HIGHLIGHTS

## Curriculum Objectives

- ⦿ Emotional development
- ⦿ Social development
- ⦿ Cognitive development
- ⦿ Gross & fine motor development

### Learn more about our programs:

[ravinianurseryschool.com/programs](http://ravinianurseryschool.com/programs)

### Learn about family engagement:

How to participate @ RNS

*Get in touch!* We look forward to meeting your family at a school tour.



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## Outdoor Environment



We believe year-round, outdoor play gives children the opportunity to expand their imagination and develop curiosities while promoting gross motor development. Our expansive, fenced playground boasts mature trees, paved bike paths, grass- and woodchip-surfaces and two sandboxes. We also access the nearby wooded area for further investigation of the natural world.

## Child-Directed Play



We utilize developmentally appropriate materials in our classroom environments to facilitate creative expression, and initiate learning in the areas of literacy, numeracy, and science. It is through a child's self-selected play that cooperative social interactions are practiced, and learning becomes meaningful.

## Project-Based Learning



We engage in an active learning process where children investigate a subject of interest. As children develop their curiosity, they begin to problem-solve and learn how to think critically. Teachers support this investigation by offering provocations to support the children's learning as they construct their ideas around this subject.

## Weekly Enrichment



We collaborate with experienced early childhood educators who engage children in yoga and breathwork, teaching mindfulness and supporting their development of emotional regulation. Our music program provides opportunities for singing, dancing and an introduction to rhythm instruments.