

## Program Highlights

areas to explore ALL five senses

- Process Art
- Sand, Water, & Mud Play
- Building
- Gardening
- Cooking
- Reading
- Music & Movement
- Science

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# Hillside Playschool

Piedmont Recreation Department

**2024/2025 School Year**

## Let's Get Closer

### Program Class Times

Monday–Thursday  
9:00 am–1:00 pm

### Address

801 Magnolia Avenue, East Wing  
Piedmont, CA 94611

### Email

[prdpreschools@piedmont.ca.gov](mailto:prdpreschools@piedmont.ca.gov)

### Website

[piedmont.ca.gov/preschools](http://piedmont.ca.gov/preschools)

2024/2025 SCHOOL YEAR ADMISSION  
REGISTRATION DEADLINES:

**Piedmont Residents: Friday,  
February 2, 2024 at 4:00 pm**

**Non-Residents: Friday,  
February 9, 2024 at 4:00 pm**



# HILLSIDE PLAYSCHOOL

3 years BY August 1 or 5 years  
AFTER December 31, 2024

"We love teaching children at Hillside Playschool  
and treasure their curiosity, imagination,  
hugs, and laughter!"

## Hillside Playschool Deets

Ages 3 & 4 Years

Program Dates: Monday–Thursday

August 19, 2024–May 22, 2025

9:00 am–1:00 pm

Monthly Tuition\*: R \$1,109 | NR \$1,139

Hillside Playschool is a play-based program that emphasizes learning through active engagement with the environment. With an emergent curriculum, children follow their interests and learn at their own pace with short and long term activities. Our classroom has areas to explore using all five senses. We have areas to paint, work on process art, use sand, water and mud, make music, build with various loose parts, tend our garden boxes, work on cooking projects, read books, dance, run, climb and balance, discover bugs and birds visiting our garden, talk with friends, build tents, learn simple kid friendly yoga, laugh, and sing! All these various areas give children the opportunity to flex their early math/problem solving, literacy and critical thinking skills through play! Being outside in the fresh air helps promote healthy bodies and minds.

We strive to support self-confidence and independence while encouraging empathy and positive social skills. We emphasize kindness and respect of each other and the world around us. We take lots of neighborhood walks, including daily outdoor visits to the Piedmont Recreation Department and weekly creek exploring in Piedmont Park.

\*Participants MUST be toilet-trained prior to program start

\*effective 2024/2025 fiscal year, monthly tuition may adjust

### Preschool Director

Kara Grover

Hi, I'm Kara Grover, Director/Teacher at Piedmont Recreation Department's Hillside Playschool. I have been working in Early Education for over 30 years! I have passionately developed, taught, and directed play-based programs while living in Yosemite National Park as well as the cities of Oakland and Piedmont.

I love spending time with my two sons, camping in National Parks, walking in the hills, going to the beach, gardening, reading, and playing with my two grandkids!

I have been teaching at Hillside Playschool for the last 22 years and I look forward to many wonderful years ahead!



**Online Registration OPENS**  
**Piedmont Residents: January 22**  
**Non-Residents: February 5**

### PRD Preschool 2024/2025 Programs Parent Observations and Locations:

#### Locations:

- Tiddlywinks & Pre-K: Piedmont Community Hall, 711 Highland Avenue, Lower Level
- Skipping Stones: Wildwood Schoolmates, 301 Wildwood Avenue
- Hillside Playschool: 801 Magnolia East Wing, 801 Magnolia Avenue

#### To Schedule a Parent Observation:

- Visit [signupgenius.com](https://signupgenius.com) and search "prdpreschools@piedmont.ca.gov"