

Staff

Lynn Craver, Lead Teacher

Lynn has been a lead teacher within our organization for 5 years. She is beginning her second year in the CNS classroom. Previously, Lynn was the head teacher at The Nest, where she began at its inception in 2004. She has worked in the early childhood education field for 15 years as a toddler teacher's assistant and an infant teacher at IC3 and as a preschool music teacher and toddler teacher at Washington Market School in Manhattan. Lynn holds a bachelor of music degree in vocal performance from Ithaca College and has a child development associate's certificate. She brings her beautiful voice and musical talents into our classroom each and everyday.

Flo Scaglione, Assistant Teacher

"Mrs. S" has been with CNS for over twenty years. She has a gentle and loving touch with our children and has been the consistent thread holding together and nurturing Community Nursery School throughout the years. Mrs. S brings years of wisdom to our program, but also thoroughly enjoys training to inspire new ideas.

Jen Demarest, Teacher's Aide

This is Jen's first year at CNS. Jen taught at Edgewood Cooperative Preschool in Rhode Island for two years, a program of which she not only was a founder, but also the lead teacher.

Enrollment and Tuition

Class meets 9 am to 12 pm. Enrollment is for two, three, or five days per week.

Tuitions for 2008–2009 are:

M–F	\$321
MWF	\$185
Tu/Th	\$136

Any increase in tuition for 2009–2010 year will be voted on at the first parent meeting in September. Tuition scholarships may be available upon request.

Daily School Schedule

8:50	Drop-off
9:00	Choice Time / Art Projects
9:50	Clean-up
10:00	Circle Time
10:20	Hand washing and Snack
10:40	Book and Quiet Time
11:00	Clean-up / Preparation for Outside
11:10	Outside / Gross Motor Skill
12:00	Parent Pick-up

Extended Day Options

We offer two ways to extend the morning under teacher supervision:

Early drop-off: from 8:30-9am; \$4 fee

Lunch bunch: from Noon to 1 pm;
Lunch provided by the family; \$5 fee.

Calendar

CNS follows the ICSD elementary school calendar. We are a ten month program, September to June.

**For further information or to enroll,
please contact our Registrar at
607-257-7648 or registrar@cnsithaca.org**



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Universal Pre-K Participant (UPK)

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*CNS admits persons of any race,
color, and national or ethnic origin.*

CNS is a cooperative, nonprofit, nonsectarian preschool. We are the only half-day preschool in the county that maintains a day care center license, accreditations, and community partnerships. CNS is primarily administered by the parents of enrolled students, who cooperate with our three trained and experienced teachers to create a vibrant and comfortable classroom. With teachers, volunteers from Cornell, and parent participation, our adult to child ratio is almost never lower than one to five.

The goal of the CNS program is to provide a nurturing, safe, child-centered environment to help our children develop socially, emotionally, intellectually, and physically. We bring visitors into our classroom and take field trips. Daily programs in art and music encourage creativity, and a variety of fine and gross motor activities foster physical development. For those ready to prepare for kindergarten, activities in language, math, and science are readily at hand.

NYS Day Care Center License

As the only licensed cooperative preschool in Ithaca, our license helps to ensure our children's safety by requiring our adherence to the highest public health and safety standards. We undergo rigorous day-care safety and fire inspections. All adults at our school (teachers, participating parents, etc.) are cleared by the NY State Central Register of child abuse convictions.

A further benefit of the licensing program is that to maintain our license, CNS teachers must actively continue their educational training and participate in professional development programs.

Universal Pre-kindergarten (UPK) Participant

In collaboration with the Ithaca City School District (ICSD), CNS is a community member of UPK. Our teachers have access to many of the same tools, including the curriculum, as the ICSD pre-school teachers and regularly share professional development opportunities with them. Early intervention services are accessible; our UPK children are screened at age four and follow all ICSD assessments throughout the school year.

At CNS, UPK participation is not financially based. All children are eligible who: reside in the ICSD, will be age four by December 1 of the enrollment year, and are enrolled for five days.

Our facilities

CNS is in Cayuga Heights within a half-mile of Cornell, on a regularly running bus route. We can be found in the lower level of the First Congregational Church, on a quiet street in a quiet neighborhood. Our building and shady fenced playground — with a new climbing structure, giant sandbox, swings, and riding toys — are far from any road. Our main classroom has large centers for free exploration of art and music; for block building, puzzles and games, and make-believe play; and for quiet reading and writing. Children can explore in our math and science area. The more energetic are invited to play during choice time in the adjoining indoor climbing room.

Children spend time each day that weather permits on the playground, and in inclement weather, in the climbing room or spacious bike room.

Cooperative Structure

At CNS it is easy to be involved in your child's early education experience. You are encouraged to join the classroom on your child's "special days", four to ten times per year. You are asked to provide a nutritional snack for the class on that day and help with light classroom clean-up at the end of the day.

As a cooperative, the quality of our program depends on the participation of all families, but responsibilities are light. We have only one or two parent meetings per year. Once a year families participate in a maintenance and cleaning day. Each family serves on the Board or on a committee to support the classroom experience — hospitality, fundraising, fix-it, yearbook, laundry, etc. Like other area preschools, we do ask that all of our families assist with minimal fundraising.

Enrollment Pre-requisites

All children must be potty trained. Children must be three years old by December 1.

If the child is not three at the start of the school year, an adult must attend with the child until her/his third birthday, or you may pay tuition to hold the place until your child's 3rd birthday. Please consider our sister classroom, The Nest @ CNS, as an alternative for your rising three-year-old.