

Manor Park AFTER-SCHOOL!

We want to continue to provide before- and after-school programs for your school in September 2012.

Simply put – we think our job is to develop and provide age-appropriate activities that are really interesting. And, most importantly, to have caring and engaged instructors.

It goes without saying that the safety and well-being of each child is a priority. In our experience, this is enhanced by being in a school.

We want happy children and happy families because that is what makes our enrolment grow.

In after-school programming we look for balance.

This doesn't mean that indoor all these things happen in one day – but generally balance out in the course of a few days or a few weeks.

Indoor / outdoor

Individual / group play

Arts / sports

Active time / quiet time

Programming is planned and scheduled in advance – much like you would a birthday party in your home. We distribute monthly calendars.

The key is being flexible and relaxed – to take advantage of weather, daylight and family arrival times.

A schedule is needed to create a predictable rhythm to the day and so that children can look forward to their favourite activities. Incidentally, this encourages good behaviour, discourages boredom and encourages children to try an activity.

We are careful to build a schedule that does not conflict with the arrival of parents. There is little more frustrating for a child to be part way through a special activity when their parent arrives to take them home. Little is more frustrating to a busy parent than having to wait!

As a general rule, there are no field trips.

Parents select the frequency of their visits to the after-school program and, if they choose 2, 3 or 4 days per week, what weekdays this will be. Whenever possible, we are flexible to the changing needs of families. We ask for a calendar months' notice for withdrawals from the program but can accommodate attendance changes quickly.