



Thank you for your interest in Piccola Italia Preschool, offering quality bilingual care and education for children ages 2.9 through 5 years. Let us give your child the gift of acquiring Italian as a second language. Enclosed you will find a brief description of our program, enrollment policies, scheduling options, tuition and other helpful information.

“Piccola Italia,” means “Little Italy,” which often refers to Italian neighborhoods, like the North End in Boston. We chose the name Piccola Italia Preschool (PIP) because it is a little Italian school for little children, originally located in the “Little Italy” of Newton, Massachusetts. We wholly believe that children should start learning their second and third languages early in life; research shows that multilingual children develop a more efficient set of cognitive skills, such as problem solving and abstract thinking, as compared to their monolingual counterparts. In addition to making their brains stronger, learning other languages will make your children more multiculturally aware and curious. Although the curriculum is similar to many preschools, at PIP your children will have the added advantages of learning another language and culture in a small group (ten children or less) and in the familial setting of our home. We have converted two rooms, which are completely separate from the rest of the home, and have been designed to promote independent learning and the acquisition of necessary skills. From art, yoga, and dramatic play to science, math and geography, your children will be educated following PIP’s theme based, emergent style curriculum.

There is an Italian saying that goes: “*Un bimbo che non gioca, felicità ne ha poca,*” which means, “a child who does not play, isn’t too happy” – at PIP we believe that play is the business of childhood. For this reason, we strive for an environment that is happy and engaging, giving your children the tools to learn by doing what they are best at: play!

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions. Taking a tour with your child is a great way to see how our program works and if it is right for your family. Call or email us to schedule a tour if you haven’t done so already. We hope you find these materials to be helpful in your search for a preschool program.

*Grazie per il vostro interesse in Piccola Italia Preschool,*

Rebecca Paxton Cianfrone & Mattia Cianfrone

Don’t forget to check out our website:

[www.piccolaitaliapreschool.com](http://www.piccolaitaliapreschool.com)

## Enrollment policy

Piccola Italia Preschool welcomes all families to participate in our program regardless of income, nationality, race, ethnic background, disability, marital status, sexual preference, political, or religious beliefs. Our Enrollment policy is one of first come first served, with a priority given to siblings of children currently enrolled in the program. From 2021-22, PIP will also accept children younger than 2.9 on a case-by-case basis with the rates shown below.

## Enrollment Process

Contact us to schedule a parent interview and tour of the school. Children are also welcome to visit with a parent.

Phone: 440.935.1742

E-mail: [piccolaitaliapreschool@gmail.com](mailto:piccolaitaliapreschool@gmail.com)

**All interested families should complete an Application Form and return it with a nonrefundable registration fee of \$40** (cash or check payable to Rebecca Paxton Cianfrone, although electronic payment is preferred) as soon as possible. If not sending electronically, please mail to this address:

Rebecca Paxton Cianfrone 51 Dix St. Waltham, MA 02453

Upon receipt of your Application Form, we will contact you regarding availability. Confirmations about availability and an Enrollment Packet will be sent out, at which time the Parent/Educator Agreement and a nonrefundable deposit (equal to 25% of your child's first month of tuition) must be submitted. This deposit is to hold your child's space in the program and it will be credited towards the first month's tuition. Spaces are filled on a first come first served basis, as deposits are received.

## Tuition Information for the 2021 – 2022 School Year

Tuition is determined according to the number of days per week of attendance. We are open between 8:30am and 4:30pm, Monday-Thursday. Late fees apply to those arriving after 1:30pm (if enrolled in the half day program) and to those arriving after 4:30 (if enrolled in the full day program). Tuition rates are to be paid monthly, due in full according to your contracted schedule by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the preceding month. For example, October's tuition would be due by September 20<sup>th</sup>. Extra hours (\$15/hr) may be scheduled as needed, provided there is space, and must be paid in advance.

### Tuition for Children Below 2.9

Schedule	2 days/week	3 days/week		4 days/week	
Half Day: 8:30 am – 1:30pm	\$520/ month	\$770/month		\$1,000/month	
Full Day: 8:30 am – 4:30pm	\$810/ month	\$1,150/month		\$1,500/month	
Mixed Half/Full Day Options	\$675/ month  <i>One full day, one half day</i>	\$900/ month  <i>One full day, two half days</i>	\$1,020/ month  <i>Two full days, one half day</i>	\$1,240/ month  <i>Two full days, two half days</i>	\$1,370/ month  <i>Three full days, one half day</i>

**If little to no Italian is spoken at home, we strongly recommend choosing our 4-day option or a full day schedule.**

# Application Form

Parent(s)/Guardian(s)Name(s):

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Home Address:

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Phone:

Email Address:

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Child's Name:

Date of Birth:

Desired Start Date:

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How did you hear about Piccola Italia Preschool?

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## Please Circle Your Needs/Preferences for Care

Your first child's age at the time of enrollment: \_\_\_\_\_ years, \_\_\_\_\_ months

Half Day Program

Full Day Program

Mixed Day Program

Circle Weekdays of Choice:

<b>Half</b>	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
<b>Full</b>	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday

Your second child's age at the time of enrollment: \_\_\_\_\_ years, \_\_\_\_\_ months

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