

Who are the Directors?

The Directors, Carol Modes & Susie Blau are the founders and creators of Extraordinary Kids, Ltd. Together they bring a unique blend of educational expertise to administer and teach this kindergarten enrichment program. The curriculum and materials have been personally created and developed by the Directors. Additionally, they personally select and train a staff of highly qualified teachers.

As parents who live in the community, they both have a personal commitment to providing a high quality educational program.

Carol Modes

Carol Modes worked for the Deerfield Public Schools District 109 for 14 years teaching kindergarten, second and fourth grade classes and as an instructor with the Talent Ability Potential (TAP) gifted program. She has a Bachelor of Science degree in elementary education from University of Illinois, Champaign, Illinois, with graduate studies in primary education.

Susie Blau

Susie Blau has a Master of Arts degree in behavioral psychology from Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa. She has been a consultant to families, teachers and schools for over 15 years. She is currently on the Deerfield High School P.T.O. board.

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Extraordinary Kids is a nurturing and challenging kindergarten enrichment program which:

- Encourages the intellectual, creative and social growth of each child
- Enhances the basic kindergarten curriculum
- Emphasizes fun and creativity
- Establishes a love of learning



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What is Extraordinary Kids?

Extraordinary Kids is a kindergarten enrichment program designed to give your child a life-long love of learning – the basis for any future endeavor.

This innovative program emphasizes fun and creativity while preparing young minds for the academic journey ahead. Each session will explore several thematic units that will be integrated into all areas of the curriculum: *science, math, language arts, children's literature, social studies, geography, creative dramatics, music and art.*

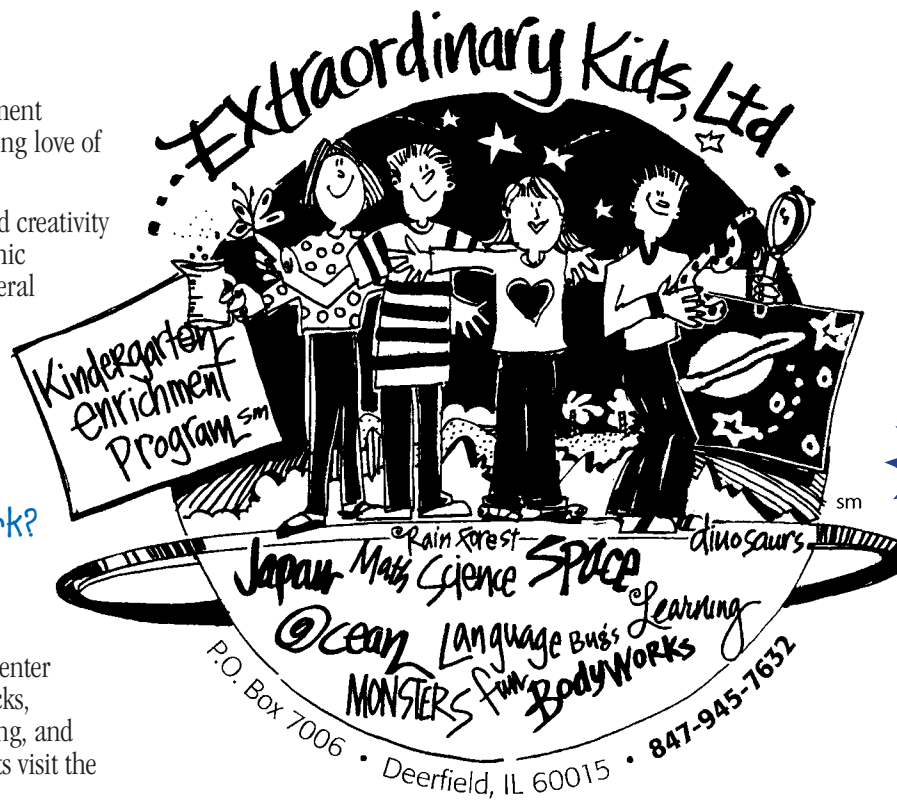
How does this program work?

One plus one becomes much more than two with a hands-on approach to math that inspires higher level thinking and problem solving. Manipulative activities at the math center include measurement, geometry, pattern blocks, estimation, and counting. Reasoning, thinking, and observation skills are developed when students visit the science center. Here science comes alive with possibilities when young minds focus on experiments such as do-it-yourself volcanoes.

The whole language reading approach is carefully interwoven into each lesson. Dramatics, art and journal "writing" all become part of this total learning experience to round out the fun.

What Would a Typical Day Be Like?

A typical day begins with an introduction to a theme through hands-on displays, poetry and literature. Next, a topic such as Antarctica is explored via two academic centers - math and science. At the math center the children play penguin partners, a graphing and counting game; the science center might find them using thermometers to take the temperature of melting and freezing liquids.



Extraordinary kids provides your child with a nurturing environment that will challenge him/her to experience the full learning spectrum of our world.

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What Subjects Will Be Studied?

Three units will be explored each session. Thematic units for upcoming sessions will include: *Human Bodyworks, Monsters, Africa, Dinosaurs, Polar Regions, Space, Rain Forest & Ecology, Oceans, Japan, Bugs and Insects.*

How Often Will Your Child Attend?

A child attends class once a week for two hours.



Where Are Classes Held?

Barrington Area (847) 381-0687

Barrington Park District
235 Lions Drive, Barrington

Buffalo Grove/Long Grove Area (847) 279-0900

JCYS – Northwest Family Center
1700 Weiland Road, Buffalo Grove

Deerfield Area (847) 945-7632

Congregational Church of Deerfield
225 Wilmot Road, Deerfield

Glenview Area (847) 724-5670

Glenview Park District
Schram Memorial Museum (across from Park Center)
1799 Patriot Blvd., Glenview

Highland Park/Northbrook Area (847) 205-9480

Bernard Weinger JCC
300 Revere Drive, Northbrook

Northbrook Area (847) 291-2995

Northbrook Park District, Leisure Center
3323 Walters Ave., Northbrook

Winnetka/Glencoe Area (847) 446-0537

Winnetka Community House
620 Lincoln Avenue, Winnetka

For registration dates see insert or call

847-945-7632

Mark your calendar! Space is limited!