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Smiles, laughter and busy children are the sounds and sights one first encounters when entering the Performing Arts Preschool.

So it comes as no surprise that after only three short years in business the Performing Arts Preschool is growing and expanding thanks to their unique and specialized programs of art, music, dance, and drama geared specifically to children ages two and a half to five and a half years.



"Our focus continues to be the children and their development as expressed through the arts," says Tony Filice, co-owner of the preschool. It has been proven that children involved with the arts perform better academically and socially. In fact, younger children are naturally drawn to the arts. "Children have huge imaginations and love the hands on experience that art, drama, dance and music provides." Says Rebecca Filice, co-owner of the preschool.

Every day the children are team taught by instructors specializing in their own fields giving the children uncompromised quality of instruction and experience in each discipline. "The emphasis is on appreciation and personal experience of that art medium," says Rebecca Filice. All art works and dramatizations are praised and because of this the children are confident and willing to try new and wonderful experiences.

While the primary focus is the performing arts, academics are also part of the daily programme. Jolly Phonics is taught, along with weekly themes, science and mathematics which round out the curriculum. And because there is so much to do, class sizes are kept small and intimate.

Evening and weekend classes in music and art are offered throughout the year apart from the preschool. These classes will be themed based and allow the children to explore art and music as an extra curricular activity. "Many of these classes are offered at the same time that siblings are dancing," says Rebecca Filice.

Classes begin in September and run until the end of June with ongoing registration throughout the summer. Spaces are limited. The Performing Arts Preschool is licensed by the Ministry of Community and Social Services. An Open Houses are being held August 30 from 6 to 7:30pm and September 6 from 9:30 to 11:00am. For more information call 519-657-5747 or visit the website at www.theperformingartspreschool.com (see link) or email them at performingartspreschool@bellnet.ca.

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