

Echo Makes Ready For Nursery School

There's a change of pace taking place at Echo Park in Bloomfield Hills these last short weeks of summer, emphasis veering from summer day camp (last day was Aug. 16) to winter nursery school, which opens Sept. 11.

Thirty-six acres of woods and meadows, a four-acre spring fed lake, a magnificent old mansion with five natural fireplaces (long-remembered by localites as "The Junipers", owned by the Newcombs of Newcomb-Endicott fame), a mile of nature trails, a swimming pool, a wading pool and a skating rink, together with well-equipped indoor playrooms and classrooms combine to give Echo Park proper facilities for the education of boys and girls from the age of two and one-half through kindergarten.

NOW IN ITS THIRD year of operation, Echo Park's curriculum is designed to prepare youngsters for a happy adjustment and constructive attitude to elementary grades.

Capitalizing on the natural setting, a special science room has recently been added containing a terrarium, collections and displays and material for making simple experiments.

Music forms an important part of the program and varies from learning simple nursery songs to creative movement-to-music. Painting, pasting, cutting and

crayoning also form a regular part of the indoor activity period.

A large new stable and corral is another new addition, with enough ponies to keep an outdoor ring filled with young riders most any sunny day.

THE PLAYGROUND includes equipment for climbing, jumping, swinging and sliding. A miniature drag strip, for triicycles, wagons and tractors, is complete with gas station and phone booth. Tree houses (with slide down) and trampolines, along with a pirate ship boasting a crow's nest, are additional activity centers.

All year 'round there are frequent hikes and nature rambles in the surrounding woods. Besides providing for the physical activity that young children need, the play area includes a variety of other activities—the care of school pets; a carpenter's bench and tools for woodwork; logs and planks for the construction of play huts and forts; a boat and bridge for creative play; small tables and easels for outdoor arts and crafts.



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All Dressed Up

In a dressy mood, this season's school boy likes natural-shoulder styling with some sharp details. This gray-brown wool sport jacket in a windowpane plaid features the important suede elbow patches and leather buttons, side vents and three flap pockets. His belt-loop slacks are finished off with plain bottoms. He wears a blue button-down oxford shirt, and a blue-on-blue stripe tie and dressy slippers.



the country look

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back to school

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