

FAMILY

Rainy days? Playrooms cater to kids

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Step into this 8,000-square-foot space, done up as a lush, green meadow, and you're as close as you can get to the great outdoors with a roof still overhead. There's open play midday (call for times for Bunch O' Bubbles), or you and your kids can take part in one of the classes. "Creative movement," meaning children's yoga and acting out, is the emphasis. There also are sessions that prepare kids for preschool or let them make videos.

Ages: Prenatal through 10 years.

Cost: Drop-in day pass is \$10 or attend a class for \$20 (adults free). Some class fees vary or require pre-registration. Memberships and reduced fees for second child available. Closed Sundays for parties.

Extras: Free parking and you can bring your own food. There are drop-off sessions for 3-year-olds and older, when parents can run errands or stay and hang out in the parents' lounge overlooking the main floor. Bathrooms with changing tables. Facility is hand-cleaned by the staff as needed and by a professional crew several times a week.

Other places like this: Sing 'n Dance, 2632 N. Halsted St., 773-528-7464 or www.singndance.com