



EARLY CHILDHOOD ACADEMY



**Early Childhood Education
for Children 6 Weeks Through 12 Years**

- **Infant**
- **Toddler**
- **Preschool**
- **Pre-Kindergarten**
- **Before & Afterschool**
- **Summer Care**

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Hello from Early Childhood Academy!

The first step in your child's future is an important one, and that's why we want to be sure that your first step is the right one!

We understand that finding the right child care provider is the key to unlocking your child's potential, and at Early Childhood Academy our team is committed to supporting your child as they grow and learn in order to create a foundation for lifelong success.

Early Childhood Academy is committed to providing a welcoming environment that allows children to develop confidently at their own pace.

Our team have considered everything that should be required of a high-quality setting:

- Highly experienced management team.
- A fully qualified team who are trained to deliver an elite education to your child.
- Safe, secure, and clean Academy.
- Nutritious and delicious meals.
- Daily outdoor play.
- Partner with parents to bring the best experience possible for every child that comes through our door.
- Only closed 12 planned days a year so you can count on care.

Our Vision

- Provide high-quality early childhood education to the community.
- Support/educate families and work in partnerships with families to ensure their children are supported.
- Put parents at ease so they feel safe leaving their children with us.
- We are influential role models that welcome, love, educate and have fun each day.
- Provide meaningful employment where everyone is acknowledged and appreciated each day.
- Be your #1 choice for early childhood education!

Our Academy & Services

Our setting is designed to ensure our space creates age-appropriate developmental opportunities that allow your child to grow and develop.

Our early childhood curriculum focuses on building relationships, developing physical skills, and teaching developmentally appropriate practices. At Early Childhood Academy, our curriculums are consistent with the goals of models that welcome, early learning standards that align with the age-appropriate milestones for child development and education. This allows us to stay on the leading edge of early childhood education and empowers our teaching staff to seamlessly integrate best practices to ensure your child is school ready!

Our Curriculum Goals

- Make learning meaningful and fun
- Facilitate the development of the whole child with developmentally appropriate activities
- Allow the teacher to adapt the curriculum to the individual needs of each child, where appropriate
- Encourage family involvement
- Provide creative, hands-on activities that allow children to learn and explore their curiosity
- Foster a positive self-image in each child.



What To Expect From Our Classrooms

We scale our learning from classroom to classroom to move students progressively towards a stronger education. We provide specialized assistance and testing when needed.

Infants: 6 weeks - 16 months

Infants learn through daily routines (diapering, eating, etc.). Teachers will talk and play with infants throughout the day.

Toddlers: 16 months - Up to 36 months

Toddlers learn through play and doing. Teachers will offer various activities and tasks to toddlers throughout the day.

Preschool: 33 months - PreK

Preschool children learn through play and self discovery. Teachers will offer various activities and tasks to preschool children throughout the day.

PreK: September before Kindergarten - Kindergarten

PreK daily activities focus on ensuring your child is Kindergarten ready. Our teachers ensure your child is prepared educationally, emotionally and socially for Kindergarten.

School-Age/Summer: Kindergarten - 12 years

School-aged children will participate in games, be engaged in various activities while having the opportunity to complete homework. Teachers offer various games and activities to challenge children throughout the day.

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Each child at Early Childhood Academy is treated as an individual. Our team works to build a positive and empowering learning environment for your little ones to provide a foundation for lifelong success. Hot, nutritious meals are included. We have a range of age-appropriate activities.

Infants

In our infant classroom, you'll see little ones forming secure attachments, clapping and laughing, using sign language, enjoying stories, creating art, and joyfully playing.

Milestones

- Vocalizes to communicate
- Uses sign language to communicate needs
- Enjoys tummy time
- Sorts objects
- Stacks objects
- Shows pride when accomplishments are reached

Toddlers

In our toddler classroom, you'll see our toddlers learning self-help skills, singing and dancing, participating at group time, learning with all five senses, playing outside, mastering potty-training and exploring the world that surrounds them.

Milestones

- Uses "please" and "thank you" and is kind to friends
- Gets excited when they go on the potty
- Learns to put their own shoes on
- Beginning to use clear understandable words to talk
- Uses utensils/cups
- Peels stickers from paper, uses crayons, paint brushes, and rips paper

Preschoolers

In our preschool classroom you'll see learning, fun and growing in action! Some exciting things your child will do: play outside daily, learn self-help skills, join group time, learn days of the week, challenge their mind and most importantly be safe and taken care of.

Milestones

- Learns to write name
- Cuts with scissors
- Learns letters, shapes, and numbers
- Recites days of the week, months of the year, today, yesterday, tomorrow
- Can do simple addition & subtraction
- Recognizes emotions and can self-regulate emotions

Pre-Kindergarten

In our classroom, we implement our Pre-K focused curriculum into your child's day. Our curriculum is award-winning and backed by extensive research. Our curriculum aligns with Kindergarten expectations, and our learning objectives focus on what is developmentally appropriate for each child.

Milestones

- Writes name using proper capitalization
- Follows 2-3 step directions
- Independently puts winter gear on, including zipping own jacket
- Participates in classroom discussions
- Masters fine motor skills
- Participates in independent play and games with friends



School-Age

Our school-aged children attend before & after school. Although their time with us is short, we incorporate various activities and keep them safe and engaged in our welcoming classroom. We accommodate hybrid and virtual learning schedules. Hot, nutritious meals included.

We offer care on non-school days and summer. Children will have a fun-filled day, which may include: sensory activities, card games, science experiments, in-house field trips, outside play, music and movement activities, video game day, cooking, as well as various arts and crafts.

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Early Childhood Academy is committed to providing quality child care and exceptional preschool education to all of our children. Each classroom has its own set of developmentally appropriate curriculum objectives.

It is our philosophy that a childcare facility should be an extension of each child's family. At Early Childhood Academy, teachers and parents are encouraged to work together to provide the love and support that your child needs as they reach developmental milestones and their own personal achievements!



The Academy Environment

Our classroom environment is carefully planned and has been designed to encourage children to develop at their own pace, in a non-competitive atmosphere and in cooperation with their peers and teachers.

Our fully qualified employees aim to bring the very best experience for each and every child that comes through our doors to lay a strong foundation for their educational journey and future success.



Our Promise to You

At Early Childhood Academy, we understand how important it is to maintain structure and routine for your child during this critical stage of their development.

Watching your child achieve important developmental milestones, grow, learn, and form strong relationships is what our teachers love about their career!

At Early Childhood Academy, early education is our passion. We are committed to creating a loving and nurturing environment in which children can explore their natural desire to learn. We believe that within our environment, children will thrive and blossom into confident and unique individuals.

Our team of highly trained and dedicated teachers will observe, mentor, and guide your child to reach their unique potential.



At our school, we understand that you need the peace-of-mind that comes with live information and paperless communications. We also know that you have a goal to fully document your child's early growth and learning with photos, videos, and updates throughout the day.

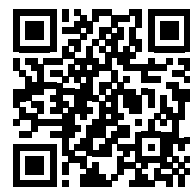
Our staff and parent portal app not only helps our teachers manage their classrooms efficiently, it gives you the flexibility you need to stay connected to your child, wherever you go.



Our Guarantees to You

- ✓ We will support you as needed to ensure that your child is fully settled into our academy.
- ✓ Your child will be safe, secure and cared for by our entire team.
- ✓ Each child at our academy will be treated as an individual and encouraged to learn at their own pace.
- ✓ Your opinions and values will always be listened to.
- ✓ Your child's progress will always be documented and shared.
- ✓ Our employees will always be friendly and prepared to go the extra mile to encourage your child's development.

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