



TOWN OF CUMBERLAND

Early Childhood Education @OCYL

OCYL, the Mayor's Office of Children, Youth and Learning, offers year-round educational opportunities.

Our early childhood classes are unique, joyful, dynamic, skills based and developmentally appropriate. The curriculum, which is aligned with the RI Early Learning & Development Standards, provides exploration and practice, and measures children's progress of specific learning goals. The classes also help develop language, social/emotional, cognitive and motor skills.



OCYL's Literacy and Number Sense classes are taught by certified teachers and assistants. Class time is split between learning centers, where children explore and play, and teacher led activities in 2-hour drop-off classes. Students are assigned to a Level A or B class.

Registration

Students ages 3-5 may register for Literacy and Number Sense for the entire school year which consists of 30 weeks of classes (60 Literacy classes and 30 Number Sense classes). Afternoon Lunch/Class Combos are offered seasonally for 8 weeks. The summer session runs for 6 weeks and also offers classes for students entering grades 1 & 2.



School Year Days & Times

Literacy meets 9:30-11:30 am twice per week on Mon/Wed. or Tues/Thu. Number Sense meets once per week on Fridays from 9:30-11:30 am.

Requirements

In order to participate in drop-off classes, children must:

- Be able to use the bathroom independently
- Separate easily from parent/guardian
- Be 3 years old on the first day of class

OCYL's Literacy and Number Sense classes offer:

- A low teacher to student ratio of 1:6-7
- Small class sizes at 12-14
- Aligned with RI ELDS
- Child Outreach Screenings
- Fall and Spring Assessments
- Parent-teacher Conferences
- A secure facility
- A nut-free snack
- An authorized pick-up procedure
- Opportunity to speak directly with teachers
- Caring and passionate teachers and staff



Additionally, our teachers are trained in the RI Early Learning & Development Standards (RIELDS), which provides a framework for early learning as children grow, develop and acquire skills.



8-WEEK Early Childhood Classes

MORNING CLASSES WITH PARENT/GUARDIAN

Music and Movement, Ages 0-3

*Tuesdays—9:45-10:30 am or 10:45-11:30 am
Wednesdays—9:45-10:30 am*

Sing, dance, and play with instruments in an upbeat and welcoming group class.

EVENING CLASSES WITH PARENT/GUARDIAN

Music and Movement, Ages 0-5

Tuesdays, 6:00-6:45 pm

Sing, dance, and play with instruments in an upbeat and welcoming group class.

AFTERNOON LUNCH/CLASS COMBOS MONDAYS-THURSDAYS

Options for Level B students to extend their days by registering for lunch/class combos that provide cafeteria style lunchtime segueing into afternoon classes. Great way to prepare for full-day K!

Lunch/Preschool Science

Mondays or Tuesdays, 11:35-1:15 pm

Science topics change with each 8-week session. Come explore, experiment and have fun!

Lunch/Preschool Music & Movement

Wednesdays, 11:35-1:15 pm

Explore music through story time & prop play, develop rhythm and tonal pattern, sing classic children's songs and learn new songs.

Lunch/Preschool Art

Fall & Winter Session, Thursdays, 11:35-1:15 pm

Process Art experiences with traditional and new materials and tools each week.

Lunch/Little STEAMERS

Spring Session, Thursdays, 11:35-1:15 pm

Develop creative & critical thinking and problem solving skills by participating in a process that is prompted by open-ended questions & challenges. Come explore, learn to use new tools and create!

* Level B students may attend afternoon combos opposite their scheduled Literacy days.

Literacy Classes

Children learn literacy skills through a targeted curriculum that includes songs, poems, circle time, literacy centers, small and whole group activities, and read-alouds. Children engage in play and activities that are related to phonological awareness, alphabet knowledge, print knowledge, comprehension, reading and writing.

Number Sense Classes

Children learn math concepts through games, circle time, songs, learning centers, whole group activities and everyday math related experiences and problem solving. Children engage in play and activities that are related to number recognition, counting and using numbers and language to compare quantities. Sorting, patterning, shapes, measurement, graphing, and number formation are included in the curriculum.

8-Week Afternoon Options

Level B students may extend their days by registering for Afternoon Lunch/Class Combos, including the following classes: Preschool Science, Preschool Music & Movement, Preschool Art, and Little STEAMERS. See the 8-Week Early Childhood Classes panel. ⇨

Choosing an Early Childhood Setting

Choosing a program in a school, or community based setting, is an important decision for families. OCYL may be your child's first experience in a formal learning environment. Children are assigned classrooms (levels) based on age and former learning experience to provide an appropriate learning environment for each child. An OCYL tour, or attendance at an open house, is strongly recommended.

Call for a tour! Visit www.ocyl.org for details and to register. Some Financial Assistance is available for qualifying Cumberland Residents. Apply online.