



TOWN OF CUMBERLAND

Mayor's Office Children, Youth and Learning



Where children engage in essential early learning experiences.



Registration for the 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR opens March 1st

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.

Meet the Teachers/Open House/Tours

Please join us! In September, we encourage families who are registered for the upcoming school year to a "Meet the Teachers" event. Bring your children to visit the classrooms in September the Tuesday before classes begin from 5:30 -7 PM. Families who have not yet registered are also welcome. We'll also have an Open House in March 2020 right before registration for Summer and the 2020-21 School Year begins. Register online to let us know you're coming! Also, feel free to contact us to schedule a special tour with the Early Childhood Coordinator, afternoons, M-F.

Curriculum and other details about our classes

- The curriculum is aligned with the RI Early Learning Development Standards (RIELDS) which provides a framework for early learning as children grow, develop and acquire skills
- Class time is split between learning centers, where children explore and play, and teacher led activities
- Small class sizes (12 – 14) with one lead teacher and one assistant (teacher to student ratio of 1:6-7)
- Child Outreach screenings are held during Literacy & Number Sense classes on-site in November.
- Children enrolled in Literacy & Number Sense are assessed in the Fall and Spring and parent-teacher conferences are held after Spring assessments
- OCYL doors are locked and monitored
- A nut-free snack is provided for all
- An "authorized pick-up" procedure is used
- Our open-door policy allows parents the opportunity to speak directly with teachers before and after class, or by appointment, throughout the school year and summer session



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School Year Classes: Literacy & Number Sense

School Year*: 30 Weeks, Sept. - May

** Please note that the schedule is NOT the same as Cumberland Public Schools. See OCYL Early Childhood 2019-2020 Calendar Under Programs.*

Seasonal 8-Week Classes and Lunch/Class Combos: Preschool Science, Music & Movement, Preschool Art and Little STEAMers

Fall: 8 weeks, beginning October 7th, 2019

Winter: 8 weeks, beginning January 6th, 2020

Spring: 8 weeks, beginning March 23th, 2020

Requirements for Drop-Off Classes

Children must:

- Be able to use the bathroom independently
- Separate easily from parent/guardian
- Be 3 years old by OCYL's first day of the school year
- Students enrolled in Level B classes are eligible for Afternoon Lunch/Class Combos

Payments

- Payments are non-refundable so please check your schedule before registering
- OCYL accepts Cash, Check and Credit Cards
- Amount due must be paid upon registration
- A minimum of 10% must be paid by families requesting financial assistance (see Financial Assistance section below)
- Registration that will be paid by cash or check must be processed in person during regular office hours
- School Year Literacy/Number Sense registrations may be paid with a 10% deposit and automated credit card payments
- Cumberland rates are subject to proof of residency
- Waitlisted students do not pay until offered a seat
- Please note: Cumberland residents pay a reduced rate due to the ongoing generous support of the Town of Cumberland.



Before you register

We realize that 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 to schedule your tour with our Early Childhood Coordinator or check online/Facebook for Open House dates.

Be aware that some classes fill and your child may end up on a waitlist. Sometimes students move from the waitlist into a class, but no payment is required until accepted into a class. Conversely, on occasion, a class will not have enough students enrolled before the start of class and it may be canceled. Refunds or credits would be issued only in this situation.

Registration

November 2019:

- Registration for Winter & Spring 2020 begins

March 1, 2020:

- Registration for School Year (2020-21) Literacy & Number Sense classes
- Registration for Fall 2020 Afternoon/8-week classes
- Registration for Summer, 2020

To register you will need:

- Credit card or electronic check when registering online through our point of sale program: ACTIVE Network.
- Cash or check when registering in-person during regular business hours, 8:30-4:30, Monday-Friday.
- Names and phone numbers for all adults and emergency contacts authorized to pick up your child.

Click the "Register Now" button at the top of the page to get started!