

## Early Childhood Drop-off Classes

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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 and we will work with you on a positive transition and appropriate placement to ensure a great start for a lifelong love of learning.

- A tour, or attendance at an open house, is *strongly* recommended before registering
- Children are assigned classrooms (levels) based on age and former learning experience to provide an appropriate learning environment for each child
- Class time is split between learning centers, where children explore and play, and teacher led activities in 2-hour drop-off classes
- Requirements: Children must be able to use the bathroom independently and not in pull-ups; separate easily from parent/guardian and; be at least 3 years old by September 1st
- We offer small class sizes (12 – 14 maximum) with one lead teacher and one assistant (teacher to student ratio of 1:6-7) Due to COVID, class sizes may be decreased for Summer 2021 and the 2021-22 School Year.
- Literacy & Number Sense children are assessed in the fall and spring. Parent/teacher conferences are held after spring assessments
- A nut-free snack is provided
- Child Outreach screenings are held 1x/year during Literacy & Number Sense classes

## Class Descriptions

### Morning Literacy & Number Sense for Levels A & B

#### Literacy | Ages 3-5 | Levels A & B

Children learn literacy skills through a targeted curriculum that includes songs, poems, circle time, learning 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 | Ages 3-5 | Levels A & B

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 also included.

### Afternoon Lunch/Class Combos | Ages 4-5 already enrolled in Level B ONLY

These classes support the transition to a longer school day, and the expectation of eating lunch away from home. During the school year, Level B (kindergarten bound) students learn to balance socialization and eating, and fuel-up for afternoon learning. Children will be guided in managing themselves as they eat their bagged lunches with an adult facilitator. The facilitator will guide; handwashing & bathroom time, carrying lunches to designated lunch area, setting up lunch in their prescribed space, managing eating and socializing in the prescribed time, cleaning and packing up, and transitioning to class.

- Lunches are provided by the families (healthy encouraged, no sweets, sugar drinks and absolutely no nuts)

#### Little STEAMers

Children develop creative thinking, critical thinking and problem-solving skills by participating in a process that is prompted by open-ended questions. Ingenuity soars while safely learning to use new tools and materials. Children are encouraged to persevere as they explore and create.

#### Preschool Process Art

Jump into the creative pool! Children experiment with a range of textures, materials and tools throughout these "process art" classes. The teacher will encourage students to share their thoughts about their experience and creations. Art clothing is strongly suggested!

#### Preschool Music & Movement

Prepare for fun! In our classes we will sing, dance and play instruments. We'll explore music through story time & prop play, develop rhythm and tonal pattern, sing classic children's songs and learn new songs. Additionally, we'll practice good listening and observational skills. Come sing, dance, and play with instruments in an upbeat group class.

#### Preschool Science

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

**Fall** - Water in Our World!

**Winter** - Yummy In My Tummy

**Spring** - Life Cycles: Things That Grow!

**Summer:** Buggin' Out!

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