

## Early Childhood General Information:

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At OCYL, early childhood classes are unique, joyful, dynamic, skills based and developmentally appropriate. The curriculum is aligned with the RI Early Learning & Development Standards which provides a framework for early learning as children grow, develop and acquire skills. Classes provide exploration and practice, and measure children's progress of specific learning goals. The classes also help develop language, social/emotional, cognitive and motor skills. School year classes are offered in Literacy and Number Sense with seasonal preschool p.m. classes offered in Process Art, Music & Movement, Science and Little STEAMers in STEAM. In addition, parent/guardian and child Music & Movement classes are held seasonally for our youngest students.

## Visit OCYL: Tours/Open Houses/Meet the Teachers

**Come visit us! Prospective drop-off students need to take a tour.**

We offer tours in the afternoons, Mon-Fri, year-round.

Contact us at the main desk at (401) 475-0929 Ext. 1 to schedule a tour with our Early Childhood Coordinator or email Lori Beauregard at [lbeauregard@cumberlandri.org](mailto:lbeauregard@cumberlandri.org). Please, bring your child(ren)!

Additionally, we typically hold a general interest Open House in February and an Open House/Meet the Teachers Event the first week of September right before the OCYL school year begins. Families who have not yet registered are also welcome! In 2021, visits will be by appointment only.

At the Open House/Meet the Teachers: Visit the classrooms, meet your teachers and meet other families/students. This casual event will help prepare your child for the first day of Literacy and Number Sense.

**If you have already visited/toured, click here for a shortcut to register:**

<https://campscui.active.com/orgs/TownofCumberlandOfficeofChildrenYouthandLearning>

## An overview of program policies and procedures

- 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. Note: Due to COVID, drop off and pick up will be outdoors until further notice. Parents will still have face-to-face contact with teachers.
- Waitlists:
  - ◇ Many classes fill and you may need to register your child for a waitlist
  - ◇ If your child is on a waitlist, no payment is required until accepted into a class
  - ◇ You will be contacted by our staff to inquire if you are still interested before being placed into the class
  - ◇ Payment will then be due within 5 days
- Under-enrollment:
  - ◇ In the rare case that a class does not have enough students enrolled 2 weeks before the start of class, it may be canceled
  - ◇ Refunds or an optional credit toward a future class would be issued
- Our pick-up procedure requires that all children must be signed out from every drop-off class:
  - ◇ All adults picking up a child may be asked for identification
  - ◇ You may access your child's online account via Active Network to update authorized pick up persons at any time
- Exterior doors are locked and monitored for the safety of the children
- A COVID-prevention plan is in place and will be available to families once registered or by request in advance

## Details & Class Description for Parent/Child Classes

### Parent/Child Music & Movement | Ages 0-5

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 class!

- Seasonal 8-Week Parent/Child Classes:
  - ◇ Several days and times are offered, [please check online for current class schedule](#)
  - ◇ Offered Fall, Winter & Spring, unless COVID protocols prevent us from holding these classes

Click here to register: <https://campscui.active.com/orgs/TownofCumberlandOfficeofChildrenYouthandLearning>

*We recommend you read class descriptions/information/policies completely before registering.*

**Please see page 2 for Drop-off Classes (Literacy & Number Sense, Level B PM classes)**