

Little Learners Academy

Experience a child care center where innovative learning and individual attention awaits your child. He/she will achieve academic and personal success in a loving, nurturing environment.



With a staff of experienced early childhood educators, Little Learners Academy recognizes that the first years of life are an extraordinary, unique time. We are committed to providing an educational foundation that teaches to the child, mirrors the senses of home and celebrates creative imagination. We welcome your child and invite your family to experience the finest in educational child care at Little Learners Academy!

Our Difference



We are confident that your visit to Little Learners Academy will convey our steadfast commitment to providing exceptional care for children. We take pride in welcoming every child by name, gifting each child with special attention, and celebrating each child's developmental milestone. Little Learners Academy offers: 1) Highly trained teaching faculty; 2) Large, indoor classrooms; 3) State-of-the-art security; 4) Custom designed access to *Excellence Doors and Indoor Window Monitoring*; 5) Individual age appropriate playgrounds; 6) An on-site Food & Nutrition Specialist; 7) Fun and Trike Trails; 8) A Green philosophy and Outdoor Nature Center; 9) Enrichment programs, and so much more. Experience the measurable difference at Little Learners Academy.

Our Teachers



Little Learners Academy attracts and retains the most talented and gifted teachers in Early Childhood Education. Our teachers reflect our commitment to providing exceptional care in a learning atmosphere. Carefully designed classroom settings enable teachers to capitalize on daily activities and turn them into "Teachable Moments." Teacher planned social activities and engagement positively impact social intelligence. Our teaching faculty are among the best in the industry and your children will benefit from their knowledge and experience.

Learning Methodology



The academic curriculum at Little Learners Academy is implemented and assessed daily in every classroom. Teachers prepare and follow weekly lesson plans that afford both group and individual instruction. Every child has his/her unique learning style and our teachers teach accordingly. Small group settings and low teacher-to-child ratios allow individualized attention. Our classrooms are fun, educational, and inviting for children to explore and discover their environment.

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Available Programs



Infants & Young Toddlers "Growing"

Infants learn through their eyes, ears, nose, hands, and mouths. As babies grow they learn to effectively use their senses to explore and discover their surroundings. Planned activities are designed to develop each child's unique style of learning. Little Learners Academy offers a loving, safe classroom in which teachers communicate with children using words, body, and baby sign language. The academic curriculum is supplemented through art and music and learning beyond the classroom to the outdoor Little Tot Tree House.



Toddlers "Discovering"

Children learn through play and observation of the world around them. Our highly trained teachers engage toddlers through the implementation of an academic curriculum and planned activities. Toddlers glee with excitement of meeting new friends, experience reading by watching and listening and anxiously absorbing new information. Learning extends outside the classroom to the outdoor playground and Little Tot Tree house. Little Learner's Creative Curriculum invites toddlers to learn while engaged in growthful discovery.



Early Preschool & PreSchool "Explorers"

Little Learners engages early preschoolers through activities that promote exploration, growth, discovery and responsibility. The academic curriculum includes activities in Music and Movement, Block Building, Information Technology, Dramatic Play, Art, and Literature. Our talented teachers help children solve problems and develop decision making skills. Learners Academy offers an educational environment that invites children to explore through play with friends, imaginative play, and teacher planned curriculum activities. Georgia Pre-K is available to children who are 4 years old on or before September 1 of each academic year.



After School, Summer & Holiday Camps "Learn, Play, Grow, and Discover"

Little Learners Academy's offers an abundance of educational and fun programs through After School for elementary school children. We offer assistance to children in completing their homework, a snack, and then time to unwind with outside play time. Little Learners Academy's after school program expands on the school day's lessons through activities that is both fun and educational.



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About Us

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Little Learners Academy of Marietta is owned and operated by Dr. Brenda "B" Woods and Steven Koepsell. Steven and B are passionate about providing families with exceptional child care in an academic learning environment. Together for seventeen years, they are committed to and have established a stellar reputation in the child care industry. They are dedicated to young children and the development of happy, healthy, life-long learners.

Our Curriculum

The academic curriculum at Little Learners Academy is based on early childhood education, theory and research. Studies of young learners continue to provide significant information about childhood as a unique and distinct life stage. Decades of notable research studies provide evidence as to the importance of understanding the relationship between how children think and feel and what we as educators can do to assist children in becoming life-long learners.

The Creative Curriculum at Little Learners Academy puts theory and research into measurable practice. Evidence of effectiveness is measured through the gathering, collection, and analysis of classroom work for the purpose of continuous improvement. Changes are made to the curriculum based on regular assessments of every child. Early childhood education, theory and research are the foundation for the Creative Curriculum. New research on learning, resiliency and the human brain findings serve to further guide and inform our decision making.

Listed below are a few of the research scientists, educational psychologists and pioneer theorists upon which many components of Creative Curriculum are based:

- Abraham Maslow--Basic needs and learning
- Erik Erikson--The emotions and learning
- Jean Piaget--Logical thinking and reasoning
- Lev Vygotsky--Social interaction and learning
- Howard Gardner--Multiple intelligences
- Sara Smilansky--Play and learning



We are proud to serve families and develop children into caring, responsible, life-long learners. It is our pleasure to respond to any questions about Little Learners Academy. We hope to see you soon!

Steven and B



After School Pick-up locations

Russell Elementary School

3920 S Hurt Rd SW, Smyrna, GA - (770) 437-5937

Milford Elementary School

2390 Austell Rd SW, Marietta, GA - (678) 842-6966

Birney Elementary School

775 Smyrna Powder Springs Rd, Marietta, GA - (678) 842-6824

Norton Park Elementary School

3041 Gray Rd SE, Smyrna, GA - (678) 842-5833

Hollydale Elementary School

2901 Bay Berry Dr SW, Marietta, GA - (678) 594-8143

Sanders Elementary School

1550 Anderson Mill Rd, Austell, GA - (770) 819-2568



Music & Movement

The topic of **music and movement** in the curriculum is an area that has long been neglected up until recently. Educators are now becoming more aware of the benefits of a quality music and movement program because of increased studies. Researchers have found that music and movement programs have a positive impact on child development for children between birth and their primary school years in many of the developmental domains. Singing songs to children and with them will teach them about beat, tones, and lyrics which are all important in developing auditory discrimination. The use of instruments will promote fine motor development and encourage creative development. Creative movement helps children learn many concepts such as balance, coordination, rhythm, and is also an important tool for developing self-esteem and body awareness and the own development of the child itself. Music and movement has been added to the curriculum in a larger effort to bring and keep Arts Enrichment courses in the schools. Many organizations and businesses have been developed to bring programs to schools and the rest of the community. With the use of music children can develop cognitive skills, such

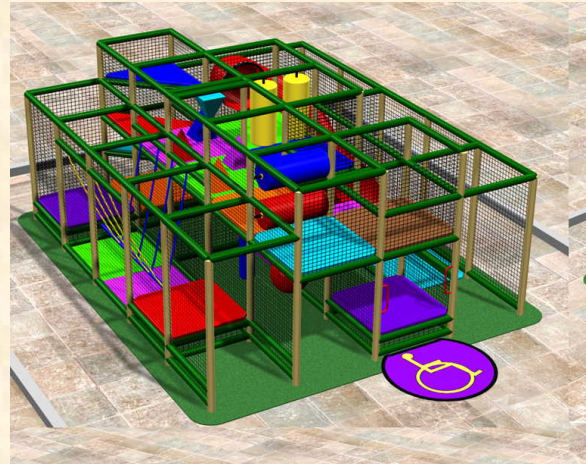


Indoors & Outdoors

Benefits of Physical Play

It is a widely held view that unstructured physical play is a developmentally appropriate outlet for reducing stress in children's lives, and research shows that physical activity improves children's attentiveness and decreases restlessness. Play is an active form of learning that unites the mind, body, and spirit. Until at least the age of nine, children's learning occurs best when the whole self is involved.

1. **P**lay reduces the tension that often comes with having to achieve or needing to learn. In play, adults do not interfere and children relax.
2. **C**hildren express and work out emotional aspects of everyday experiences through unstructured play.
3. **C**hildren permitted to play freely with peers develop skills for seeing things through another person's point of view-cooperating, helping, sharing, and solving problems.
4. **T**he development of children's perceptual abilities may suffer when so much of their experience is through television, computers, books, worksheets, and media that require only two senses. The senses of smell, touch, and taste, and the sense of motion through space are powerful modes of learning.
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Above is our uniquely designed indoor play center which allows children to maintain play when rainy days occur or the weather does not allow outdoor play.

Below we have two separate age appropriate play areas. For older children is tike trails, fun hoop, tube play, mountain slide & a challenging play structure. For "Starters" we have fun learning activities including our tot tree house, mushroom center, tike trail, & sunshine mountain.





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Program	Registration Fee	<u>Infant</u> 6 wk. - 1yr.		<u>Toddler</u> 1yr. - 2yrs.		<u>Jr. Pre-School</u> 2yrs. - 3yrs.		<u>Preschool*</u> 3yrs. - 5yrs.	
		Weekly Payment	Monthly Payment	Weekly Payment	Monthly Payment	Weekly Payment	Monthly Payment	Weekly Payment	Monthly Payment
Five Day Programs									
6:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.	65	180	758	165	695	155	653	150	632
8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	65		N/A	145	611	135	568	120	505
8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	65	N/A	N/A	125	526	115	484	105	442
Three Day Programs									
6:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.	65	130	N/A	135	568	125	526	120	505
8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	65	N/A	N/A	115	484	110	421	105	442
8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	65	N/A	N/A	95	379	90	379	85	358

School Age Children
Kindergarten, Before School Care and/or After School Care

Program		Registration Fee	Weekly Payment	Monthly Payment
Five Days				
Before School	6:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.	65	65	273
After School	2:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	65	70	294
Before & After School	6:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. 2:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	65	75	316
Fun Day	8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.	65	40 per day	-
Pre-K Lunch		-	25	

The Creative Curriculum® translates research and theory from the field of early childhood education into a practical, easy-to-understand approach to working with children and their families. It is a comprehensive curriculum with a clear organizational structure and a particular focus on routines and experiences.

To reserve a spot in our academy, we require a week of tuition paid upfront per child in each classroom. The tuition is for the first week of tuition and is non-refundable. Tuition is due each Friday prior to the following week.

Prices reflected here are estimates only and subject to change prior to the Pre-Registration period in May 2009.