



About Our Child Development Center/ Preschool Program



Goals for Children

We will be striving to help your child:

1. Like and respect him/herself
2. Become an independent person
3. Follow his/her desire to explore, discover, and be creative
4. To understand the real world of things and people
5. To achieve his/her potential for social, emotional, intellectual, moral, and physical growth and development

Our Curriculum

Our curriculum is based on kindergarten readiness skills.

Some Include:

1. Identifying Upper and Lower Case Letters
2. Identifying Numbers up to 10
3. Identifying Colors
4. Shapes
5. Rhyming Words
6. Listening Comprehension
7. Fine Motor Skills

Classroom Activities

When you come to the Child Development Center, you will see a number of different play/learning centers.

Block Building
Dramatic Play
Art Projects
Easels
Reading Corner
Housekeeping
Manipulative Toys
Activity Table

Guiding Behavior in the Classroom

Our philosophy of guiding behavior is to help the child develop self-control. To develop self-control and responsibility in the child we strive to be fair, firm, friendly and help the child understand what behavior needs to be corrected and why.

Rules are made clear and consistent. We feel that if children are respected, they will learn to trust and respect others.

Snack

We provide snacks for our preschoolers. Since we are in a public school classroom, the snacks must be ordered through Aramark. Some snacks that we provide, but are not limited to, are animal crackers, gold fish, scooby snacks, pretzels and applesauce.

General School Calendar

We will be following the Penn-Trafford School District schedule for vacation days and snow days. **If our district has a 2 hour delay or has an early dismissal, preschool will be canceled due to schedule conflicts.** There will also be a break of about one month, from the end of December to the beginning of February, due to the transition to a new group of high school students for the upcoming semester.

Preschool runs Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday weekly. We are closed when the district is closed. (I will give you notice of this in emails, it is posted in the [tentative schedule](#) and it is also noted on the Penn-Trafford School District website under the calendar for the school year.)

Please be prompt for drop-off and pick-up of your students.

Morning Time: 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Afternoon Time: 12:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

High School Involvement

Please be aware that this program also serves as a learning center for Penn-Trafford high school students. Students enrolled in this class, who have successfully completed our Child Development coursework, will work with the preschoolers alongside the teacher, Deborah Cuccaro. This experience provides a valuable opportunity for them to develop as caregivers and future educators, and the preschoolers truly enjoy learning and playing with them in the classroom. We look forward to an exciting year of growth and learning WITH your preschooler!

Requirements

Preschoolers must be **4 years old by September 1st** of the school year they are attending. Also, they must be a resident of the PT School District and potty trained.

Tuition

This program is a year long program, and it costs 100 dollars for each semester. The total for the year is 200 dollars. (Checks can be made payable to Penn-Trafford School District, and sent to the high school address for Deborah Cuccaro to collect. High School Address: 3381 Route 130, Harrison City, PA 15636)

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