

A Great Start Preschool

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Registration Form ~ 2009-2010 School Year

Programs:

Little Learners...a program for Toddlers

Mon&Wed or Tues&Thurs, 9-11:20am, or Tues&Thurs, 12-2:20pm~~ \$936.00 year total... \$104 month or Fridays, 9:00-11:20am~~ \$513.00 per year...\$57 per month

Smart Start...Three Year Old's Preschool Program

Tues&Thurs, 9-11:20am or Tues&Thurs 12:00-2:20pm~~ \$954.00 per year... \$106 per month Or Mon, Wed, & Fri 12:00-2:20pm~~ \$1215 per year...\$135 per month

Preschool Plus Program...Kindergarten Readiness for 4's and 5's

Mon, Wed, & Fri, 9:00-11:20am or MWF 12:00-2:20pm~~ \$1215 per year...\$135 per month or Tues&Thurs, 12:00-2:20pm ~ \$954.00 per year...\$106 per month

KinderStart....a Program for Young Five's

Mon, Wed, & Fri, 9:00-11:20am~~ \$1215 per year...\$135 per month Or Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs & Fri, 12:00-2:20pm~~ \$1980 per year... \$220 per month

Payment: Tuition is due by the 10th of each month, for a total of *nine equal payments*. *The first tuition payment will be due AUGUST 10, and final payment due May 10 (no payment due in December)*. Cash, Checks, Visa, or MasterCard are accepted methods of payment. Our programs operate from the Tuesday after Labor Day until the Friday before Memorial Day. A \$10.00 per month tuition discount will be given for the second child in each family. (For additional multi-sibling discounts, please see the Director.) A 5% discount will be given off of the total yearly family tuition rate if the school year is paid in full by *September 30*. (Please inform the Director if you are interested in this option.) Tuition rates have been set keeping in mind school closings due to holidays, conferences, and a limited number of special events. Tuition paid is non-refundable. There are no discounts granted for inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances, absences, or vacations.

Registration: An annual, non-refundable registration fee of **\$40.00 per family**, along with the registration form below, is needed to reserve your child's place in our program. Registration is accepted on a first come, first serve basis. Once your registration is processed, you will receive a letter confirming your child's enrollment. You will receive a payment envelope in July for your first tuition payment, due August 10. Prior to the first day of school, you will receive additional paperwork required.

Please enroll my child in the following class for the 2009-2010 school year:

_____ **Little Learners....a Program for Toddlers** ~ (Please indicate 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th choice)

_____ **Mon & Wed, 9:00-11:20**(\$104 mth)

_____ **Tues & Thurs, 9:00-11:20** (\$104 mth)

_____ **Fridays, 9:00-11:20am** (\$57 mth)

_____ **Tues & Thurs, 12:00-2:20pm** (\$104 mth)

_____ **Smart Start...Three Year Old's Preschool Program** (Please indicate 1st, 2nd and 3rd choice)

_____ **Tues&Thurs, 9:00-11:20am** (\$106 mth)

_____ **Tues & Thurs, 12:00-2:20pm** (\$106 mth)

_____ **Mon, Wed & Fri 12:00-2:20pm** (\$135 mth)

_____ **Preschool Plus Program...for 4's and 5's** ~ (Please indicate 1st and 2nd choice)

_____ **Mon, Wed, Fri, 9:00-11:20am** (\$135 mth)

_____ **Mon, Wed, Fri 12:00-2:20pm** (\$135 mth)

_____ **Tues&Thurs 12:00-2:20pm** (\$106 mth)

_____ **KinderStart....a Program for Young Five's** ~ (Please indicate 1st and 2nd choice)

_____ **Mon, Wed, & Fri 9:00-11:20am** (\$135 mth)

_____ **M, T, W, R, F 12:00-2:20pm** (\$220 mth)

Child's Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Name to be used in the classroom _____ List Food Allergies _____

Address _____ City and Zip Code _____

Phone _____ Parent's Names _____

Contact Parent's Email Address: _____

How did you learn about A Great Start Preschool? _____

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Inclusion Statement: A Great Start Preschool will enroll children of any race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. Children with special needs will be enrolled based on their ability to be mainstreamed into the program. All levels of our facility at Hope Church are wheelchair accessible.

Purpose/Goals: "At A Great Start Preschool, it is our primary goal and purpose to provide a Preschool environment in which teachers and students experience an enthusiasm for learning and accomplish successes. We promise to provide the children with ample opportunities to grow socially, physically, emotionally, intellectually, and creatively in our child centered environment."

License: A Great Start Preschool is licensed by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services. In addition to following the rules set forth and regulated by the State, A Great Start Preschool will strive to go above and beyond minimum licensing standards to provide the best quality care for your child. With this in mind, our programs have been developed following guidelines of the National Association for the Education of Young Children, or NAEYC.

History: With the faith and trust of dedicated staff members and enthusiastic families, as well as the support of Hope Church, Christina Miller was able to pursue a dream of starting a quality Preschool program. A Great Start Preschool was founded by Christina Miller in July 2004. A Great Start Preschool is a non-profit corporation, and a 501(c)(3) organization. All donations to the preschool are tax deductible.

Curriculum: A Great Start Preschool offers an academic and intellectual based, anti bias, hands-on curriculum that incorporates language arts, math, science, creative art, cooking, and social studies throughout weekly lesson plans. Children will enjoy a circle time (which includes the Pledge of Allegiance), small group projects, large motor activities, music, snack (which may include a Prayer or Blessing), and free choice time throughout their daily routine.

Snack: We have a parent-participation snack policy which involves children bringing snack/drink for their class one time per month.

Ratios: The student to teacher ratio will not exceed 1:7 in the Little Learners Classes, 1:10 in the Smart Start Program, and 1:12 in the Preschool Plus and KinderStart Programs. In addition, we have one floating Teacher's Aide during each session. The Founder/Director is also on premises during scheduled hours.

Facilities: The Preschool occupies the north wing of Hope United Methodist Church. The entrance is located on the north side of the Church, facing I-675. In addition to the five classrooms and Preschool Office, the Preschool has use of the Hudson Hall for large motor activities during days of inclement weather, as well as the large fenced-in playground. We may also use the "Kids Church" room for music activities.

Staff: The staff includes the Founder/Director who holds a degree in Early Childhood Education, an undergraduate degree in Human Services Administration, and a Master's of Education degree in Educational Leadership. Many teachers have education or related degrees, and all are required to have experience and training in Early Childhood Education. All staff, including the Director, Teachers, and Teacher's Aides, will be trained in First Aid, Communicable Disease Recognition, and Child Abuse and Neglect Recognition and Prevention. All teachers and the Director are certified in CPR.

Families: Families play an important role at our school. They are welcome to visit, participate as a volunteer, suggest ideas, and contribute their talents to our program. Please make your arrival known at the Preschool office before visiting your child's classroom. We invite you to communicate with the staff on a daily basis regarding your child's preschool education and general well-being. If there is ever a grievance matter involving any of our families, staff, or programs, those involved are encouraged to speak to the Preschool Founder/Director immediately.

Medical Statement: Each child is required by Ohio Law to have an annual physical examination. The Preschool will provide forms for this examination and record of immunizations, which are to be completed, dated, and signed by the child's physician. This form must be on file on the child's first day of school and must be updated annually. Other paperwork is also required to be completed and on file on the child's first day of school.

School Calendar: The Preschool will begin the Tuesday after Labor Day and will end the Friday before Memorial Day. Our Preschool operates using the calendar of Centerville City Schools as a guideline for holidays and vacations. Refer to our handbook for our inclement weather policy.

Office Hours: Normal office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30am until 2:30pm. Summer office hours may vary.

**Additional policies, guidelines, and procedures can be found in a copy of the Parent Handbook. Handbooks are available in the Preschool office. Copies of the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services Child Care Licensing Rules and NAEYC guidelines are also available upon request.