

2024-2025 School Year Registration Information

Programs:

Little Learners...a program for Toddlers (must be 2 by December 31, 2024)

Mon&Wed or Tues&Thurs, 8:45-11:15am, or 12:15-2:45pm~~ \$1665 year total.... \$185 month, or
 Fridays, 8:45-11:15am, or Fridays, 12:15-2:45pm ~ \$1080 per year....\$120 per month

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

Tues&Thurs, 8:45-11:15am or Tues&Thurs 12:15-2:45pm~~ \$1575 per year... \$175 per month, or
 Mon,Wed,&Fri 8:45-11:15am or 12:15-2:45pm~~ \$1908 per year...\$212 per month

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

Mon,Wed,&Fri, 8:45-11:15am or MWF 12:15-2:45pm~~ \$1908 per year...\$212 per month, or
 Tues&Thurs, 8:45-11:15am or TR 12:15-2:45pm ~ \$1575 per year...\$175 per month or
 Mon,Tues,Wed,Thurs&Fri 12:15-2:45pm~ \$2862 per year... \$318 per month

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

Mon,Wed,&Fri, 8:45-11:15am or MWF 12:15-2:45pm~~ \$1908 per year...\$212 per month, or
 Tues&Thurs, 12:15-2:45pm ~ \$1575 per year...\$175 per month, or
 Mon,Tues,Wed,Thurs&Fri, 8:45-11:15am or M-F 12:15-2:45pm ~ \$2862 per year... \$318 per month

Private Kindergarten.....for children who will be 5 years old by September 30, 2024

Mon,Tues,Wed,Thurs&Fri, 12:15-3:15pm ~ \$3060 per year... \$340 per month

Payment: Tuition is due by the 1st of each month, for a total of nine equal payments. For those who enroll prior to July, the first of 9 equal tuition payments will be due by **AUGUST 1st** and final payment due by May 1st with no payment due in December. For those who enroll in August or later, the first month's tuition payment will be due along with the registration fee at the time of enrollment, unless other arrangements are made. Cash, Checks, Visa, MasterCard, Discover, American Express, Paypal, or Venmo are accepted payment methods. A \$10.00 per month tuition discount will be given off the tuition of the second child in the household. (For additional multi-sibling discounts, please see the Director.) A 2% discount will be given off of the total yearly family tuition rate if the school year is paid in full by *September 1st*. (The August 1st payment will still be due, and a 2% discount will be deducted from the remaining balance if paid by September 1st. Please inform the Director if you are interested in this option.) Tuition rates include snack, and have been set keeping in mind special events and school closings such as holidays and conferences. There is a small supply list of items requested from each child to be turned in the first week of school. Tuition paid is non-refundable. There are no discounts granted for inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances, absences, or vacations. If you need to withdraw from our program, a written notice of 30 days is required for our preschool programs. Kindergarten enrollment is for the entire school year. Please refer to our Parent Handbook for more information about our policies. *All classes must have 80% enrollment by August 15, or classes may be combined or eliminated.*

Registration: An annual, non-refundable registration fee of **\$50.00 per FAMILY**, along with the online registration form, is needed to reserve your child's place in our program. Registration is accepted on a first come, first serve basis. Once your online registration is processed, you will receive email confirmation confirming your child's spot in our program. Prior to the first day of school, you will receive additional paperwork required.

To register for the 2024-2025 School year, please submit the information below via our online registration system:

The link to register will be posted on our website.

(For all programs, please make sure to number choices in order of preference)

_____ **Little Learners....a Program for Toddlers ~**

_____ **Mon & Wed, 8:45-11:15** (\$185 mth) _____ **Tues & Thurs, 8:45-11:15** (\$185 mth) _____ **Fridays, 8:45-11:15am** (\$120 mth)
 _____ **Mon & Wed, 12:15-2:45** (\$185 mth) _____ **Tues & Thurs, 12:15-2:45pm** (\$185 mth) _____ **Fridays, 12:15-2:45pm** (\$120 mth)

_____ **Smart Start...Three-Four Year Old's Preschool Program *Not entering kindergarten the following school year**

_____ **Tues & Thurs, 8:45-11:15am** (\$175 mth) _____ **Tues & Thurs, 12:15-2:45pm** (\$175 mth)
 _____ **Mon,Wed&Fri 8:45-11:15am** (\$212 mth) _____ **Mon,Wed&Fri 12:15-2:45pm** (\$212 mth)

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

_____ **Mon, Wed, Fri, 8:45-11:15am** (\$212 mth) _____ **Mon, Wed, Fri 12:15-2:45pm** (\$212 mth)
 _____ **Tues & Thurs 8:45-11:15am** (\$175 mth) _____ **Tues & Thurs 12:15-2:45pm** (\$175 mth) _____ **M,T,W,R,F 12:15-2:45pm** (\$318 mth)

_____ **KinderStart....a Program for Young Five's ~**

_____ **Mon, Wed, & Fri 8:45-11:15am** (\$212 mth) _____ **M,T,W,R,F 8:45-11:15am** (\$318 mth)
 _____ **Mon, Wed, Fri 12:15-2:45pm** (\$212 mth) _____ **Tues & Thurs 12:15-2:45pm** (\$175 mth) _____ **M,T,W,R,F 12:15-2:45pm** (\$318 mth)

_____ **Private Kindergarten.....MUST be 5 years old by September 30, 2024** _____ **M-F 12:15-3:15pm** (\$340 mth)

Child's Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Name to be written in the classroom _____ List Food Restrictions _____

Address _____ City and Zip Code _____

Phone _____ Parent/Guardian's Names _____

Contact Parent/Guardian's Email Address: _____

How did you learn about A Great Start Preschool? _____

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 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, Christina Miller was able to pursue a dream of starting a high-quality Preschool program. A Great Start Preschool was founded by Christina Miller in July 2004. AGSP operated in Sugarcreek Township for 10 years. In June 2014, AGSP relocated to Southminster Presbyterian Church in Washington Township. 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, critical thinking, and social studies throughout monthly lesson plans. Children will enjoy a circle time (which often 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: AGSP will provide non-perishable, shelf stable snacks with water each day. This cost is included in the monthly tuition fee.

Ratios: The student to teacher ratio will not exceed 1:6 in the Little Learners Classes, 1:10 in the Smart Start Program, and 1:12 in the Preschool Plus and KinderStart Programs, and 1:16 in the Kindergarten Program. In addition, we have one teacher’s Aide and one Floater to help throughout all classes during each session. The Founder/Director is also on premises during scheduled hours.

Facilities at Southminster Presbyterian Church: A Great Start Preschool has been located at Southminster Presbyterian Church since June 2014. SPC is located at the Corner of Alex-Bell and Far Hills Ave (ST RT 48). The Preschool entrance (Door 10) is located on the north side of the Church, facing Alex Bell. In addition to seven classrooms and Preschool Office, the Preschool has use of the Community Fellowship Center (CFC) for large motor activities during days of inclement weather, as well as the large fenced-in playground. We may also use the “Community Room” upstairs for music and movement 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, Teacher’s Aides, and Floaters will be trained in First Aid, Communicable Disease Recognition, and Child Abuse and Neglect Recognition and Prevention. All staff members, including Subs, are certified in CPR. Please refer to our website for more information about our staff.

Families: Families play an important role at our school. Families are welcome to visit, participate as a volunteer, suggest ideas, and contribute 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 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.

Medical Statement: Each child is required by Ohio Law to have an annual physical examination. The Preschool will provide the form for this examination which must be completed, dated, and signed by the child’s physician. This form must be on file on the child’s first day of school, along with the child’s immunization record, and must be updated annually. Additional forms are also required to completed and on file on the child’s first day of school. These forms will be mailed to the child’s form in mid to late August.

School Calendar: A Great Start Preschool operates on a 9 month calendar. We begin the Tuesday after Labor Day and end the Friday before Memorial Day. Aside from our start and end dates, AGSP operates using the calendar of Centerville City Schools as a *guideline* for holidays and vacations. A School Year Calendar listing these and other important dates will be posted at the start of each school year. Please refer to our Parent Handbook for our inclement weather policy.

Office Hours: Normal office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00am until 3:30pm. Summer office hours will vary.

Additional Programs: Please inquire about Early Care, After Care, and Extra-Curricular Classes.

Tuition: While we set the fees according to the projected budget for the school year, it is possible that unknown expenses and additional regulations could result in a change to the monthly fees set. We will inform families by July if our budget is impacted, resulting in additional tuition rate changes for the upcoming school year. Tuition is due by the 1st of each month, for a total of nine equal payments. Tuition paid is non-refundable. There are no discounts granted for inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances, absences, or vacations. If you need to withdraw from our program, a written notice of 30 days is required for our preschool programs. Kindergarten enrollment is for the entire school year. Please refer to our Parent Handbook for more information about our policies.

Please refer to the Covid Addendum for our response to Covid-19.

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