



Purposeful Child care and Preschool

Learning designed to meet a child's intellectual, emotional, social and physical needs.

Creative Curriculum aligns with our age-appropriate developmental milestones.

Building skills for social and academic success.

Partnering with you on your child's journey of becoming a lifelong learner.

Music, Social-emotional classes, physical education, Spanish and sign language for toddlers.

Family events, book fairs, concerts and parent teacher-conferences.

WELCOME

Thank you for your interest in Learning Lodge West. Our center values children and creates an environment where they can explore, learn and play. I encourage you to review the materials enclosed in this packet. It will give you many details about our program structure and curriculum.

We look forward to meeting and getting to know your family. On behalf of our teachers and administrative team, welcome to Learning Lodge West!

Jacinda Kirk
Center Director

Getting Started

1. Call or email to set up a tour.
2. Return the the enrollment application form and a \$100.00 application fee via mail or in person.
3. We will contact you when a spot is available for your child.
4. Once you are offered a spot, an enrollment fee of \$100 and a tuition deposit equal to your first week of tuition is due to hold your spot. This deposit will be applied to your final tuition payment.





Our Curriculum and Programming

At Learning Lodge West, it is our goal to provide high quality care and early education in an atmosphere of love and respect that fosters growth. We view each learner as a whole child, striving to meet their intellectual, emotional, social and physical needs. As a team, we are committed to educational goals of excellence, which is why most of our teaching is based around two curricula: The Creative Curriculum and Second Step.

The Creative Curriculum focuses on 38 research-based objectives that are most predictive of a child's future success in school. Our students learn social-emotional skills and work on physical, cognitive, and language development through investigations of specific items. The Creative Curriculum aligns with our age-appropriate developmental milestones, so every activity is aimed at furthering growth areas for your children. You can learn more about The Creative Curriculum at www.teachingstrategies.com.

Our Second Step curriculum is designed for students in Preschool 1 - Kprep and its purpose is to build skills for social and academic success. Each year, four units in Second Step help students achieve skills for learning (focus attention, listen carefully, ask for help), empathy (identify own and other's feelings), emotion management (how to calm down when they have strong feelings), and friendship skills (how to make and keep friends and solve problems together). You can go to www.secondstep.org to learn more.

Teachers at Learning Lodge West receive on-going training to maximize the benefits of the curriculum programs for your children and to stay up-to-date with the most current and effective practices. Teachers communicate with parents weekly, sending home updates about what the students have discovered and practiced.

We are excited for your children to learn and grow here at Learning Lodge West. Thank you for the privilege of not only offering excellent care for your children, but also for trusting us to partner with you on their journey of becoming lifelong learners!

Jacinda Kirk, Director

Kristen Schwartz, Curriculum Director



Objectives and Milestones

Our blended teaching philosophy emphasizes a rich learning environment where children are encouraged to explore and play. We believe that teacher-directed academic instruction is just as important as self-directed learning. We teach in the core areas of language arts, math and science, creative arts, personal and social-emotional skills, and physical education. We partner with parents to prepare children to be life-long learners and gain valuable skills to meet life's challenges. This is a brief list of the objectives and milestones your child may experience and learn at Learning Lodge West.

Infant Objectives and Milestones

- Can be comforted by a familiar adult
- Respond actively to language and gestures
- Distinguish pitch and volume of sound, imitates sounds
- Prefer high contrast items and geometric shapes
- Anticipate events
- Respond to speech by looking at the speaker
- Gross motor development: tummy time, sit, roll, crawl, walk
- Repeat some vowel and consonant sounds
- Begin using sign language to communicate some needs



Toddler Objectives and Milestones

- Develops a sense of personal space
- Shares a toy with a familiar adult during play
- Plays along side another child
- Begins to eat with utensils
- Runs, jumps, hops in place, climbs
- Picks up objects with one hand
- Builds a tower at least two blocks high
- Grasps objects and examines them
- Responds to yes/no questions
- Imitates speech sounds
- Speaks in two-word utterances
- Uses basic sign language to communicate needs
- Holds a book right side up
- Begins to use art as a form of self-expression
- Builds sensory development through hands-on projects



Two Year Objectives and Milestones

- Begins to develop friendships with others
- Begins to express thoughts, feelings and ideas through language, gestures, actions
- Arranges sets of concrete objects in one-to-one correspondence
- Counts by ones to ten or higher and counts concrete objects to five or higher
- Puts together puzzles of increasing complexity
- Walks backward, climbs, throws a ball, catches a ball
- Begins using scissors to cut and a variety of materials to create original work
- Begins to create and recreate stories or experiences through dramatic expression
- Uses language for a variety of purpose, increasing vocabulary
- Begins to identify rhyming sounds, beginning sounds of familiar words, and pretends to read



Preschool Objectives and Milestones

- Puts on shoes, serves food to him/herself
- Washes hands, face, uses bathroom without assistance
- Says positive things about him/herself
- Can coordinate arms/legs to do jumping jacks
- Can jump backward, stands on either foot with arms out
- Begins to use tools to imitate measuring
- Recognizes shapes, identifies them by name, sorts all
- Can match and group items by color, shape and size
- Begins to describe own projects to others
- Uses movement, music and instruments to express feelings
- Borrows and extends words to create meaning
- Identifies ten or more alphabet letters
- Begins to trace, identify letters in name and write name

Prekindergarten Objectives and Milestones

- Increasing physical abilities like zigzag running, vertical jumps, peddling movements
- Identifies family members and relationships
- Uses several negotiating strategies and continues problem solving until solution is reached
- Can express feelings, comfort self with calming activities, respect the rights of others
- Can follow step-by-step instructions
- Begins to understand value of money, how to tell time, measuring length
- Uses words to identify space (above, below, beside, inside)
- Awareness that letters hold individual speech sounds
- Takes part in classroom discussions
- Identifies and writes most letters, writes name
- Asks questions, makes comments and predictions about story events
- Draws a picture to express feelings or communicate a message



Frequently Asked Questions

How do you address allergies?

We are not a nut-free facility. However, we will serve allergy-free food menu alternatives to any child with a food allergy. For any child that is on a lactose-free diet, we request that you provide the proper milk for your child (soy, almond, etc). We will label it with your child's name and the date we receive it.

Because some of our students do have food allergies, we cannot accept any homemade items to share with classmates. If an item is brought in for a party or birthday, it should be discussed with the director ahead of time and must be a store-bought item.

My child is still breastfeeding. May I stop by for a breastfeeding session mid-day?

Yes, you are welcome to come anytime to breastfeed your child.

Are cloth diapers allowed?

Yes, cloth diapers are permitted. We will send them home with your child every night and we cannot wash them at the school.

Do you follow the local school district calendar?

No, we have our own calendar. We are closed on the ten major holidays and a winter break that may include Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. It's a component of the benefits package for our teachers.

What is your Emergency School Closure and Inclement Weather Policy?

We may remain open on snowy and severe weather days as long as safety permits. Opening and closing times may change based on the severity of the weather. On days when you suspect a possible late start or closing, please check local news channels KSDK5 or FOX2News. We will make every attempt to open the center; however, it is our goal and first priority to keep our faculty members and families safe. If the local elementary schools are closed and Learning Lodge West remains open, school age children are welcome to attend. In case of serious emergencies such as earthquakes, fire, storms, loss of power/water, parents will be notified immediately and children will be cared for until parents or emergency contacts arrive.

How often will my child get to play outside?

We love outside play! Outdoor play is a part of our daily routine. Children should be prepared to play outside each day, weather permitting. Children go outside with their class twice a day for 30 or more minutes each time. We follow the temperature guidelines from the Child Care Weather Watch. In general, we stay inside when conditions indicate a temperature below 32 degrees Fahrenheit or above 90 degrees Fahrenheit (Child Care Weather Watch). If we are unable to go outside, indoor recess is planned in our gym for gross motor activity.



Can we withdraw or change our schedule during the summer?

Yes, you may withdraw or change your schedule for the summer, however then your spot is not guaranteed for the Fall. In February, we complete re-registration where parents have the opportunity to tell us their scheduling preferences for summer and the coming school year. If we are able to meet those requests, we will coordinate it with you. If a waitlist in your child's class exists and creates a possible problem for you to return in the Fall, it will be communicated with you.

What happens if my child becomes sick or gets hurt at school?

Should a child become ill at school, the child's parent/guardian will be notified and asked to make arrangements to pick up the child within one hour (emergency contacts will be called, if we do not hear from a parent or the student is not picked up in a timely manner). If you are called to pick up your child due to an illness, please know that the decision is not only made for the well-being of your child but also for the other children and employees in the room. Learning Lodge West reserves the right to decide when a child needs to be excluded from the center due to health concerns and when the child may return. In case of minor injury or accident, LLW staff will administer basic first aid. All injuries or illnesses will be documented and reported to parents immediately (accident report form). In case of injury or accident in which an ambulance is not needed, but immediate medical attention is required, we will contact the parents via phone or email depending on the situation. We cannot transport children to a hospital or doctor's office. Injured children shall be transported for medical aid by parents or by calling 911 for an ambulance.

How many teachers/staff will be with my child?

At a minimum, we follow Missouri State ratio guidelines for our classrooms. The two year old classroom operates at a lower ratio and most of our other classes do, too. Missouri State Teacher/Child ratios are:

Infant/Toddler - 1:4
Two Year - 1:8
Preschool and KPrep 1:10
School-age - 1:16

Are your teachers trained?

Our teachers may have formal college education, years of work experience in early childhood, or a combination of both. We provide 12 hours of annual training directly related to child care and early learning, as well as CPR and First-aid.

Enrollment Application

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 Child's Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Sex _____

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 Child's Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Sex _____

Parent's/Guardian's Name _____

Address _____ City, State, Zip code _____

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 Primary Phone _____ Secondary Phone /Alternate _____

Email Address _____ Secondary Email Address _____

*How did you hear about us? _____

Child Care and Preschool Programs

Infant and Toddler Classrooms (6 wks to 2 years)		M-F (only option)
Two's Classroom (2-3 years)	3 days	M, T, W, Th, F (circle)
	4 days	
	5 days	
Preschool – Kindergarten Prep Classrooms (3-5 years)	3 days	M, T, W, Th, F (circle)
	4 days	
	5 days	

School Age Program

Before and After care Program - school closures and FT summer program included	M-F (only option)
Before / After care Program - only school closures included	M, T, W, Th, F (circle)

Which elementary school does your child attend? _____

A non-refundable application fee of \$100 must be submitted with this form. I understand that there are additional steps to enroll my student and an application does not solely enroll my child for programs offered at Learning Lodge West.

 Parent / Guardian's Signature

 Date

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Non-refundable Application Fee	\$100
Annual Enrollment Fee (per family)	\$100

Child Care and Preschool Programs

weekly rates

Infant and Toddlers <i>6 weeks-24 months</i>	5 days	\$360
Two years <i>2-3 years</i>	5 days	\$335
	4 days	\$310
	3 days	\$285
Preschool-KPrep <i>3-5 years</i>	5 days	\$310
	4 days	\$285
	3 days	\$270

School-Age Program (6-12 years)

We coordinate transportation to/from local schools and include breakfast and afternoon snack. Families may choose a program that also includes school closures, i.e. late starts, ½ days, snow days, and holiday closures.

Before & Aftercare	School closures included	Only before & after care
	5 days \$170	5 days \$150 4 days \$130
Before OR Aftercare	School closures included	Only before or after care
	5 days \$120	5 days \$90 4 days \$80
Drop-in & Summer	Full day Before or After Camp 3/4/5 day	\$40 \$20/each \$110/140/170

We do not offer sibling discounts or vacation weeks.

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