

Where *pre-schoolers* become
Pre-scholars!



Building Blocks Learning Academy



Dear Parent/Guardian:

We understand choosing an early childcare facility to entrust the education and development of your child is the first of many precious decisions parents will make. Issues such as safety, sanitation, nutrition, socialization and academics are all components that will influence a parent's decision...and we are privileged that Building Blocks Learning Academy is among your choices.

At Building Blocks Learning Academy, your child will be cared for by experienced and dedicated teachers in a loving and nurturing environment. We aim for each child to have an engaging, challenging and enriching experience in our center. Our teachers, administrative leaders and other staff work together to ensure that Building Blocks Learning Academy is a great place for children and families.

We recognize that a child doesn't come to us alone, but as a member of a family. The family is our starting point for developing programs and partnerships that create a strong sense of community. We are always interested in your ideas and feedback, and welcome your involvement. Our partnership with you helps to ensure that we meet your family's needs and that your child receives the highest-quality care. It is Building Blocks Learning Academy's contention to develop the whole child, regardless of race, creed, color, religious, persuasion, economic or social/physical disabilities. It is the Academy's commitment to its students to assist them in graduating from pre-schoolers to pre-scholars.

Visiting Building Blocks Learning Academy is a great way to gain insight into what a wonderful place our center is for children. We welcome the opportunity to service you and your child in a place that provides Exceptional Education.... *Purposeful Play.*

Sincerely Yours,

Michelle A. Redd-Nowell



Where growth, learning and discovery happen every day.

The journey of lifelong learning begins when a child discovers his or her toes. Or learns how to hold a crayon. Or begins to understand the concepts of sharing and taking turns. At Building Blocks Learning Academy, it is our privilege to accompany children as they embark on a path of growth and exploration. Through play and language, a loving staff, and friendships, children who come to Building Blocks Learning Academy, build a strong foundation for a lifetime of learning.

The National Association for Education of Young Children has developed accreditation standards to define and recognize quality child care and early education programs. Our quality standards are based on these criteria.



The Family Center

At Building Blocks Learning Academy, we recognize that a child doesn't come to us alone, but a member of a family. The family is our starting point for developing programs and partnerships that create a strong sense of community. We also understand how special your child is to you and how precious your time is together. We welcome that participation of parents and encourage their involvement in center activities.

Teachers and Children Growing Together

Teachers are mentors who plan the environment and experiences from which children learn.

Teachers create activities and projects appropriate for each child, ask stimulating questions, provide challenges, and help children find new answers and new opportunities. The relationships between children and teachers in our center are based on respect and trust.

Exceptional teachers are the cornerstone of our organization, and we therefore require that all our teachers have prior training in early child education. To ensure that our teachers continually grow, we provide ongoing opportunities for professional development. A benefits program that is unparalleled in our industry combined with salaries that meet or exceed the national average, have helped us to achieve lower turnover rates than are typical in our field.



MORE THAN 98 PERCENT OF SURVEYED PARENTS SAID THAT THEY WERE SATISFIED OR HIGHLY SATISFIED WITH THE CARE Building Blocks Learning Academy PROVIDES

From Your Home to Ours

Your child's transition into the center can affect the tone of his entire day and yours. That's why the staff at Building Blocks Learning Academy works with parents to ease their children into the day with a warm welcome. Excellent teacher-to-child ratios mean that our sensitive and nurturing staff can devote whatever time is needed to help families develop routines.

Through a variety of activities, games, and rituals, our staff helps ensure that the transition from home to the center and back is a positive one. When you leave your child at Building Blocks Learning Academy, you can rest assured that they are being cared for by well-trained, caring, and responsive early care and educated professionals.

The Parent-Teacher Partnership

Our role as early care and education experts is to complement the primary role of parents in providing care for their children. From casual conversations, daily notes, and parent-teacher conferences to standing invitation to drop in at any time of the day, we actively encourage communication between parents and teachers. We consider it a great honor when you entrust your child to us.

"I believe that the curriculum developed by Building Blocks Learning Academy is creative and provides a structure and environment that helps my child grow in ways that I don't see in other children. I feel that my child's comfort, ease, and enjoyment are a reflection of the safe and warm environment created at Building Blocks Learning Academy"

PARENT OF A CHILD ENROLLED IN Building Blocks Learning Academy

The World of Preschool Children

The World of preschool children builds on established foundations for learning while focusing on the children's newly emerging and advanced use of language, mathematical reasoning, and scientific thought. Learning centers offer guided experiences that encompass all the skills and understanding necessary for optimum development and academic success. The curriculum offers a rich variety of projects and activities that appeal to expanding interests and provide ample challenges and opportunities to investigate the workings of a widening world, independently and in small groups. Our curriculum recognizes that children will need to enter kindergarten with all the social and pre-academic and dispositions necessary to succeed in school and life.



The World of Kindergarten/School Age

As children reach school age, our comprehensive full-day kindergarten program helps them explore, communicate and create all in a nurturing, small-class setting.. Our comprehensive kindergarten curriculum challenges children and supports all areas of development necessary for achievement in school. Building Blocks Learning Academy develops expectations in concert with the local schools that children will be attending. The curriculum builds off the child's knowledge and skill base, learning style, and interests. There is a clear emphasis on continuing development of strong language, reading and writing abilities, and math skills essential for ongoing success in school. Children work cooperatively and independently on sophisticated projects and activities and develop the maturity and sense of responsibility necessary as members of a school community. We celebrate the academic accomplishments of our students each year with a cap & gown commencement ceremony along with a celebratory prom!!!



Our curriculum creates developmentally appropriate educational environments that help children become lifelong learners.

Language & Literacy Involves children's abilities to convey their ideas, thoughts, and feelings through speaking and writing, and their ability to demonstrate early reading skills.

Math Children develop fundamental understanding of math through problem solving, sorting objects into groups, patterning and counting.

Science brings to life a child's sense of discovery and ignites the natural curiosity and love of play, making the learning of scientific skills fun.

Music & Art through music and art, children take an inner experience and move it into a shared creative experience.

My World acknowledges and values the rich cultural heritage of families and provides a wide range of experiences for children to learn respect for our world, its diverse people, and the environment.

Our playground is an extension of the classroom, providing healthy, safe, and stimulating environments for each child. In addition to sensory play with sand, water, clay and paints, we offer riding toys to push or peddle, climbing structures for toddlers and preschoolers, natural areas, and quiet, shady areas for enjoying the outdoors.

The World of Infants

All babies are born with a job to do: to learn about the world and develop into the very best people they can be. Our infants are provided with a safe, welcoming environment abundant with opportunities to actively explore and enjoy; to see, hear, feel, touch, and move. Babies need a healthy place filled with responsive interactions, nurturing, and language – a rich learning environment with room to grow.



The World of Toddlers and Twos (Young Preschool)

The World of toddlers and twos reflects the continually changing nature of the growing, active child. The program enables each child to transition from the sensory motor focus of infancy to an increasingly social world and the onset of symbolic thinking characteristic of toddlers and twos. Their environment is made up of well-planned learning centers that allow for physical activity, child choice and self-directed play, small groups, and supportive teaching that encourages optimal development and happy, relaxed days.



The World of Before and After School Care

The World of before and after school care recognizes the growing physical, intellectual, and social competence of older children. School-age children up to age 12 can enroll at Building Blocks Learning Academy for before and after-school care, back-up care for school holidays and school closings, and summer day-camp programs. Eager to form social connections and discover how the adult world works, 6-12-year-olds thrive on challenges, friendships, clubs, and responsibility. Our program supports their desire to learn by providing new opportunities to help them explore.



Children have a desire, will and wonder to learn. It is our responsibility at Building Blocks Learning Academy to make sure they leave with their inquisitive nature enhanced and with the resources and tools to succeed. Our programs were developed to adapt to the changing needs interests, and abilities of the children in our care.





Come see us at Work!

To experience the unique, caring, high-quality environment of Building Blocks Learning Academy, simply pay us a visit at one of our three locations. We welcome you and your family and look forward to the opportunity to show you why our centers are truly special places.

Infant, Young Preschool, Preschool, Kindergarten,
Before and After School, Drop-in and Emergency Care

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