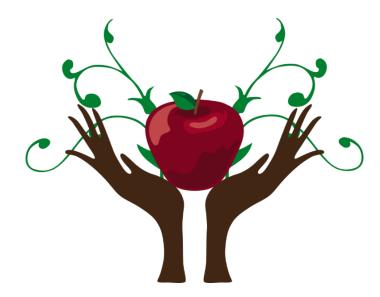
Little Learners

Early Childhood Center, Inc.



Enrollment Forms

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Mission Statement:

Little Learners is a private school that provides a safe and caring learning environment for children to reach their highest potential when building the essential early stepping-stones of their education. It is our goal to nurture, encourage, and challenge your child to become the best little learner he or she can be.

Philosophy of Education:

It is our goal at Little Learners to ensure that your child is provided with the best quality education and care that each child deserves. We strive to develop each child's physical, cognitive, and social development in a safe and happy environment.

Each day, your child will be encouraged and challenged to meet his or her highest potential as a little learner. Our curriculum is designed to raise the bar for pre-kindergarten in order to ensure each student will be fully confident and ready for kindergarten. Our kindergarten and first grade curriculums follow the Indiana academic standards.

Our curriculum features early reading, writing, math, and science lessons that follow the ISTAR-KR (Indiana Standards Tool for Alternate Reporting of Kindergarten Readiness) for schools. Our daily curriculum also incorporates working on large and fine motor skills. Weekly music, art, and Spanish classes are integrated into our lesson plans as well. We feel it is extremely important that all children are given the opportunity to express themselves creatively, as well as academically.

It is also our goal at Little Learners to instill good manners and morals. All children will be encouraged to act as little ladies and gentleman and will be learning proper etiquette each day.

Ms. Blake A. Warren

Little Learners Early Childhood Center, Inc. Principal

Enrollment Checklist

We are very happy you have chosen Little Learners for your child's school! The following pages of this handbook will include the necessary enrollment papers, and a brief overview of our policies. Once you have carefully reviewed this handbook, please fill out and return the following papers:

Voided check (for ACH) and Registration Fee (\$100)

- Registration fee can be paid by check (preferred) or can be debited from your account upon enrollment.
- Financial agreement form
- Debit Authorization form (for ACH)
- Safe transportation of food/Publicity release form
- o Over the Counter Drug Medication Form signed by doctor (if applicable)
- Information/Authorizations form
- Release for Emergency care form

o Copy of birth certificate/immunization records/latest physical signed by doctor

- Food allergies/dietary requests if applicable (signed by doctor)
- Discipline form (signed by parent/legal guardian)
- Transportation Policy (signed by parent/legal guardian)

Along with the required paperwork, please submit the following items with your child:

- Backpack
- Lunch in a lunchbox with child's name on it
- Extra clothing to be stored in child's cubby (bring in plastic sack labeled with child's name)
- Tennis shoes for outdoor recess/P.E. activities
- Sunscreen (We have community SPF 50, or you can bring your own)
- Medication (renewed annually and MUST be in child's medication form)
- 24 pack of crayons
- Small package of dry erase markers
- Small package of glue sticks
- Box of Kleenex
- Package of Clorox wipes
- Small travel sized pillow, blanket, and ONE small stuffed animal for nap time. <u>Must all</u> fit in top section of cubby. All other toys must be left at home.
 - Not required for kindergarten and first grade

Financial Agreement

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| | Tuition Options | Monthly Rate | Total | |
| | ☐ 3 Half Days (August only) | \$360 | | |

| Tuition Options | Monthly Rate | Total |
|--|---------------|-------|
| ☐ 3 Half Days (August only) | \$360 | |
| □ 5 Half Days (August only) | \$420 | |
| □ 3 Full Days | \$460 | |
| □ 5 Full Days | \$620 | |
| □ K & 1 st Grade <i>(5 Full Days)</i> | \$460 | |
| □ Early Drop Off | \$90 | |
| □ After School Enrichment | \$120 | |
| | Total Amount: | |

^{*}If you choose the 3-half day or 3 full day option, your days MUST be consistent.

*There are NO make-up days.

Debit Authorization

I (we) hereby authorize Little Learners Early Childhood Center, Inc., herein after called COMPANY, to initiate debit entries to my (our) account indicated below and the financial institution named below, hereinafter called FINANCIAL INSTITUTION, to debit the same to such account for (Application). I (we) acknowledge that the origination of ACH transactions to my (our) account must comply with the provisions of U.S. law.

| (Financial Institution Nan | ne) | (Branch) |
|----------------------------|---|--|
| (Address) | (City/State | (Zip) |
| | | Type of Acct: □Checking □Savings |
| (Routing Number) | (Account Number) | ,,, |
| will pay \$ | on the first of the | month |
| (Amo | unt) | |
| FINANCIAL INSTITUTIO | N a reasonable opportunity to ac | t on it. |
| (Print Individual Name) | | (Signature) |
| (Print DLN) | | (Date) |
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| Email: | | |

PLEASE ATTACH A VOIDED CHECK TO THIS FORM!

Safe Transportation of Food Responsibility

Food must be brought to Little Learners in clean, insulated, sanitized containers, which keeps food at 41° or below. Containers and lunch boxes must be clearly labeled with the child's name, as they will be placed in a classroom refrigerator upon arrival at school.

Upon receiving the food from the parent/legal guardian, Little Learners shall verify the temperature of the food and maintain correct food temperatures until served. When potentially hazardous food temperature is not correct, Little Learners will not accept the food.

PLEASE NOTE: Only cold lunches will be accepted. (Ex: sandwiches, fruits, vegetables, etc.) Disposable drinks and/or drink containers will not be accepted unless there is a medical reason the student needs one. Each student will be given a reusable cup with their name on it that will be sanitized daily for drinking water at lunch and snack.

PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN AGREEMENT

| l, | (Parent/Legal Guardian's name) will |
|---|---|
| provide food for | (Child's name). |
| I take full responsibility for the safety of my child and transportation to school. | l's food during preparation, storage, |
| (Parent/Legal Guardian's Signature): | |
| (Date): | |
| My Child | ity Release(□does) (□does not) have my permission to be site, Facebook page, New Palestine Press, classroom |
| bulletin boards, etc.) (Parent/Legal Guardian's Signature) | (Date) |

Over the Counter Drug Medication Form (Fill out if Applicable)

All medications including medical products, couch drops, or skin care products given or used at Little Learners must include the exact name of the medication, dosage, and time to be given, and reason for use. A physician's order is valid for one year.

| 1. | | may have | | |
|----------|-----------------|----------|----------------------|--|
| | (Name of Child) | | (Name of medication) | |
| | | every | | |
| | (Dosage) | | (Frequency) | |
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| (Date | s) | (Phys | sicians Signature) | |
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| | (reason) | | | |
| (Date | 2) | (Phys | sicians Signature) | |
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| | (Dosage) | | (Frequency) | |
| for | | | | |
| | (reason) | | | |
| (Date | 9) | (Phy: | sicians Signature) | |

Information Form

CHILD'S INFORMATION

| | | Gender: |
|---|---|---------|
| Address: | | |
| PRIMARY CONTACT INFORMATION | | |
| Name: | Relationship to child: | |
| Primary Phone#: | Secondary Phone#: | |
| □Mobile □Home □Work | □Mobile □Home □Work | |
| Email: | Employer/Work Hours: | |
| Home address (if different than child): | | |
| SECONDARY CONTACT INFORMATION | | |
| Name: | Relationship to child: | |
| Primary Phone#: | Secondary Phone#: | |
| □Mobile □Home □Work | □Mobile □Home □Work | |
| Email: | Employer/Work Hours: | |
| Home address (if different than child): | | |
| The individuals below are authorized to pick up my ch responsibility of him or her in case of an emergency, a give permission to Little Learners Early Childhood Cela parent must be listed in case of emergency. | accident, or illness. If the individuals list | |
| (SIGNATURE OF PRIMARY CONTACT) | (Date) | |
| | | |
| (SIGNATURE OF SECONDARY CONTACT) | (Date) | |
| First Additional Contact Name: | Relationship: | |
| Primary Phone#: | Secondary Phone#: | |
| □Mobile □Home □Work | □Mobile □Home □Work | |
| Second Additional Contact Name: | Relationship: | |
| Primary Phone#: | Secondary Phone#: | |
| □Mobile □Home □Work | □Mobile □Home □Work | |
| Third Additional Contact Name: | Data Carata | |
| This Additional Contact Name. | Relationship: | |
| Primary Phone#: Mobile Home Work | Secondary Phone#: | |

Release for Emergency Care

| at the time of accid | ot be reached or make arrangements ent or illness, I hereby authorize Little | • |
|------------------------|---|---|
| Physician | <u>Address</u> | Phone |
| Dentist | <u>Address</u> | Phone |
| Hospital | <u>Address</u> | Phone |
| , , | onsent to the physician and/or hospita sent to transport my child by ambula | al to administer any necessary treatment to nce if necessary. |
| Child's DOB: | Date of last DPT or Te | etanus: |
| Allergies: | Chronic conditio | ns: |
| Name of insurance o | ompany: | |
| Policy: | Group number: | Date of expiration: |
| Signature of parent/le | easl austrian: | Date: |

Little Learners requires a copy of your child's immunization records, birth certificate, and latest physical signed by your child's doctor within the first 30 days of enrollment!

Little Learners Policies

Admission:

Little Learners Early Childhood Center will accept children between the ages of 3 and 7 regardless of race, religion, sex, color, national origin, or disability. Little Learners is committed to ensuring the full participation of all students in its programs, and will work with the families of children with disabilities and/or special needs to implement reasonable accommodations where such accommodations are necessary. Parents must receive the enrollment forms and have read, filled out, and signed the appropriate documents. All necessary paperwork in case of an emergency must be filled out and on file. Little Learners reserves the right to refuse the admittance, or expel any child whose presence would be threatening or dangerous to other children in the school, or for any other reason not inconsistent with the law.

Confidentiality:

Little Learners will respect the privacy of children and their families, while insuring they receive high quality education and care at our school. All parents and caregivers can share their information in the confidence that it will only be used to enhance the welfare of their children. All personal records, including registration and admission forms will be securely stored in our office files. Each child will have a developmental portfolio including samples of their work for the duration of their time at Little Learners. These will be kept safely in classroom files and can be accessed or added to by staff or parents of the child.

Program Description:

Our curriculum at Little Learners focuses on the development of the whole child intellectually, physically, emotionally, and socially. We offer various hands-on activities for children to explore and engage their learning. Our classrooms are arranged to promote each child's academic success as well as encourage independence, responsibility, and confidence.

- <u>Pre-K 1:</u> Little Learners Pre-K 1 program is designed to introduce early reading and math skills, as well as develop large and fine motor skills. Weekly lesson plans will include individual and group activities that will allow each child to grow, learn, and challenge themselves each day to prepare them for kindergarten.
- <u>Pre-K 2:</u> Little Learners Pre-K 2 program is designed to fully prepare your child for kindergarten. They will be introduced to math, reading, science, and handwriting. Weekly lesson plans will provide group lessons as well as individual activities to promote the child's independent learning. This class build on skills that were mastered in Pre-K 1.
- Kindergarten and first grade classes follow Indiana Academic Standards.

^{*}All programs will include weekly music, art, science, geography, and Spanish classes, as well as outdoor/indoor physical fitness activities.

Drop Off and Pick Up

Little Learners will be open Monday through Friday from 7:00am to 5:00pm. AM Pre-K 1 and Pre-K 2 shall be from 8:30am-11:45am. Full day school shall be from 8:30am to 3:30pm. Early drop off is available between 7:00am and 8:30am. After school enrichment is available from 3:30pm to 5:00pm. Parents or legal guardians should bring their child into the school building, sign them in, and make sure they are under the supervision of the classroom teacher before leaving. For safety and security, only teachers and students are permitted in classrooms unless there is an event taking place.

Each child should be picked up by 11:45 am for the half-day morning classes and 3:30pm for the full day classes. Children should be picked up no later than 5:00pm if enrolled in the after school enrichment program. Parents or legal guardians must come into the building and sign their child out before leaving. Children will only be released to a parent/legal guardian, or someone named by the parent, or named on the authorization form.

Late Fees:

A charge of \$5 per minute will be made for each minute the child is in the building past 5:00pm for the after-school enrichment program. If any child is left in the building 30 minutes after pick up time and a parent/legal guardian has not called, child services will be contacted to pick up the child. A fee of \$1 per minute will be charged if your child is dropped off more than 10 minutes earlier than the drop off time you pay for, (i.e., if you pay for the regular school day, and drop your child off at 8:00am, a \$20 fee will be charged for that day). A fee of \$1 per minute will be charged if your child is picked up more than 10 minutes later than the pick-up time you pay for, (i.e., if you pay for the regular school day and pick your child up at 4:00pm, there will be a \$20fee charged to your account).

<u>Meal Plan:</u>

Children are expected to arrive at Little Learners Early Childhood Center with a healthy breakfast in their stomachs. Little Learners will provide a morning snack between 9:30 and 10:00am. Little Learners will also provide an afternoon snack around 2:00pm. Parents/legal guardians may pack the child's snacks if the child has specific dietary requirements, and must fill out the safe transportation of food form on page 7. Children enrolled in full day school **must** bring their lunch to school each day they come to Little Learners.

Children enrolled in the early drop-off will be provided with a cereal breakfast if needed. You may pack a **disposable** breakfast for your child if you would like. **No sippy cups please!**

Emergency Closings:

In the event of an emergency that would keep Little Learners from opening, (including 2-hour delays and snow days) parents will be notified in the following ways:

- 1. A call or text to the parent or emergency contact by the principal or teacher.
- 2. Notification will be made on WTHR. Look for "Little Learners Early Childhood Center" under school closings.

It is the responsibility of the parent/legal guardian to keep all emergency contacts up-to-date. It is also the responsibility of the parent to have a back-up plan for childcare in case of emergency.

Court Orders:

If a court order exists preventing a particular individual from having contact with a child, Little Learners shall comply with that order. There shall be a copy of the court order in the child's file.

Holidays/Breaks:

Little Learners Early Childhood Center is dedicated to your child's learning, and WILL BE OPEN ALLYEAR INCLUDING SUMMER SCHOOL, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF:

- MLK Day
- President's Day
- Spring Break (one week of the Southern Hancock school schedule)
- Memorial Day
- The week of July 4th
- Labor Day
- Fall Break
- The week of Thanksgiving
- Two weeks for Christmas and New Year's (typically follows the Southern Hancock winter break)

Please plan accordingly and refer to the master calendar on page 17 for more information!

Clothing:

<u>Please send a complete change of clothing including a pair of tennis shoes labeled with your child's name to keep in their cubby.</u> We also ask that you dress your child appropriately for the weather. They will be going outside most days, weather permitting. Please dress them in safe and comfortable clothing.

Withdraw:

If you wish to withdraw your child from school, you must give notice <u>at least two weeks prior to the first of the month</u> in order to ensure next month's payment will not be deducted from your account. Little Learners reserves the right to terminate any child for a high absentee record, failure to pay tuition, or severe problems with behavior towards other children or staff.

Medical Requirements:

All children enrolled at Little Learners are required to have a physical examination within 12 months prior to admission, or one month after admission into the program. All children must also have up-to-date immunization records on file.

<u>Illness:</u>

<u>Children should not be sent to school if he or she seems ill in any way.</u> If your child has a fever, or any contagious symptoms, you will be notified to pick up your child. The child will be isolated from the rest of the class until picked up. If you cannot be reached, someone from your emergency contacts will be contacted. <u>Due to scheduling conflicts</u>, sick days cannot be made up.

Parent-Teacher Conference/Communication:

Little Learners encourages parents to be aware and involved in their child's learning. Parents are always welcome at the school, and encouraged to provide input. The principal and teachers are always available to discuss any concerns or questions you may have. Parent-teacher conferences can be arranged at any time per request, but will also be held bi-annually. Little Learners will notify parents of any significant problems or occurrences affecting your child. We will also notify you for outstanding efforts or behavior displayed by your child in the classroom.

Each student will be provided with a folder at the beginning of the year and parents should check them daily. Please remember to return the folder in your child's backpack each day they come to school! Communication with the lead Pre-K 1 teacher can be done via the seesaw app, which will be explained during the first week of school. Communication with the lead Pre-K 2, Kindergarten, and 1st grade teacher can be done via text messaging Ms. Blake.

Each week, a "Sneak a Peek at the Week" will be emailed which explains the weekly learning concepts your child will be working on in school that week. This way, you can discuss with them and reinforce at home. A monthly newsletter will also be emailed at the beginning of the month which includes upcoming events and learning themes for each month.

Birthdays:

Due to food dye sensitivities and allergies, we ask that you **do not bring in birthday treats** or presents of any kind for your child's birthday. We provide a treat for all student birthdays, and will sing "Happy Birthday" to them. We will also take a picture of your child and send it to you via text message.

Reporting Abuse/Alcohol/Tobacco:

Little Learners is required by law to report to child protective services any suspected child abuse, neglect, or maltreatment on the part of an employee, parent, or volunteer. All staff is trained in detecting and preventing any kind of abuse, neglect, or maltreatment. Any abuse or maltreatment of a child, either as an incident of discipline or otherwise is prohibited. Any means of corporal punishment will not be tolerated. Additionally, withholding or using food, rest, or sleep as punishment is prohibited at Little Learners.

The use of tobacco, and use or possession of alcohol, illegal substances, and firearms is prohibited. If an authorized intoxicated or impaired person insists on removing children from the center, Little Learners shall immediately report the incident to the local police department.

Discipline Policy

At Little Learners, we feel it is extremely important that all children's development is nurtured through caring, patience, and understanding. Children may not get along with each other, and may not agree to follow our classroom and safety rules designed for their best interest. Children may display unfavorable behaviors that will need immediate response by employees. Hitting, kicking, spitting, hostile verbal behavior and other behaviors that will hurt another child are not permitted.

In response to a child's misbehaviors, your child's teacher will not use:

- Threats or bribes
- Humiliation or isolation
- Physical punishment of any kind
- Deprive your child of food or other basic needs

In response to a child's misbehavior, your child's teacher will:

- Respect your child
- Establish clear rules and give clear choices to the child
- Be consistent in enforcing rules
- Use positive language to explain desired behavior
- Speak clearly and calmly while bending down to your child's eye level
- Redirect your child to a new activity
- Each classroom implements a "green, yellow, red" classroom management system. If your child is on red, we will move your child to a time-out chair to regain control of his or her behavior. A note will also be sent home.

In the event that your child's behavior is very disruptive, or harmful to himself or other children, we will discuss the issue with you in private. If the situation improves, the child may remain enrolled at Little Learners. If we are unable to resolve the issue, you may be asked to withdraw your child.

As a parent, you may have some concerns, or wish to offer suggestions pertaining to your child's

| specific behaviors and/or needs. Using the lines below, we may modify the above plan with agreed upon suggestions. | | | | |
|--|----------------|--|--|--|
| Child's name: | Date of Birth: | | | |
| Additional techniques to be used with my child | d: | | | |
| I have read the above discipline form and understand disciplinary techniques used at Little Learners: | | | | |
| Parent/Legal Guardian Signature | Date_ | | | |

Transportation Policy

Procedures and practices, including responsible person(s):

- A field trip permission slip will be signed by a parent or legal guardian for each child being transported
- Children will be transported properly in a seat belt, car seat, or booster seat according to the current Indiana
 regulations. Parents will be required to supply a booster or car seat as needed for activities involving
 transportation. Staff will ensure that each child is properly secured before setting the vehicle in motion. All
 adults in the vehicle will use seat belts.
- The number of passengers in the vehicle will not exceed the manufacturer's state capacity for the vehicle.
- Children will be prohibited from eating, drinking, standing, or other dangerous activities during transportation.
- Children will never be left unattended in a vehicle. All children will be accompanied by an adult to/from the vehicleto ensure safety.
- All children will be accounted for before leaving the facility and again before returning.
- All travel routes will be planned in advance.
- Smoking is prohibited in vehicles used to transport children.

Vehicle Requirements:

- Only insured, licensed, well-maintained vehicles will be used to transport children.
- A first aid kit and list of emergency contacts for all children and adults will be in the vehicles during transportation of children.
- A cell phone will be available in case of emergency.

Driver Qualifications:

- Driver's will be legally licensed and shall not be under the influence of any chemical substance that may alter their ability to drive safely.
- Drivers will meet staff qualifications including a criminal history check.
- Drivers will obey all traffic regulations.
- Drivers will have evidence of a safe driving record.
- All drivers of Little Learners vehicles will be 25 years or older.

This policy is in effect anytime children are transported by Little Learners Staff. I have read this policyand understand all of its contents.

| Child's name: | |
|---|------------------------|
| Parent/Legal Guardian Signature: | Date: |
| | |
| Please provide the best email for parent/teacher communication | <u>n:</u> |
| | |
| I have read through all the general policies of the Little Learners fullyunderstand its contents: | s enrollment forms and |
| Parent/Legal Guardian Signature: | Date: |

Thank you, and we look forward to making your child the best Little Learner he or she can be!

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Little Learners Early Childhood Center, Inc. 2024-2025 Master Calendar

| 140 School Floriday/Event This Bay of Semester Floriday | No School | Holiday/Event | First Day of Semester | Half Day |
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