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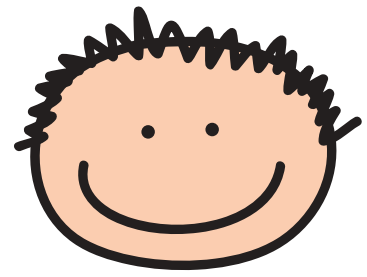
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7925 Sashabaw Rd, Village of Clarkston, MI 48346
(248) 625-4644

WELCOME!



Selecting a preschool for your child can be a daunting task, especially as we want our children's first experience with education to be positive and foster a joy for learning.

The myriad options available can be overwhelming as you are learning new terminology, deciphering schedules, and comparing curriculum and education philosophies.

By attending an in-person preschool fair, you have a one-stop shop to meet a wide range of school representatives, learn about tuition, schedule tours, and more.

Our 2020 fair features 11 local schools. Many offer flexible schedules for children as young as 2 years. We also have schools that offer classes for toddlers and even infants. Whether you are looking for your toddler or 4-year-old, our fair will have something for you and your family.

The preschool fair is a free event and open to the community, and kids are always welcome.

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Helpful Tips:

FIRST, BE CRYSTAL CLEAR ABOUT WHAT YOU REQUIRE:

Part or Full-Time

Academic or Play Based

Pricing

Licensing & Regulations

Accreditation

Amenities (such as days and hours of operation, suitable and convenient location)

Be very aware of your own personal deal breakers in a school.



KNOW THE DIFFERENT EDUCATIONAL PHILOSOPHIES:

MONTESSORI

This method focuses on each child as an individual learner and the teacher as the guide. There can be different ages in one classroom because they believe that students learn at their own pace. Children are encouraged to participate in hands on activity and responsibility.

REGGIO EMILIA

The Reggio Emilia approach emphasizes problem solving through creativity. Similar to Montessori, the teacher gears projects towards the student's interest and curiosities.

WALDORF

This approach is rooted in a consistent daily and weekly routine, that focuses on the emotional and intellectual state of the child. Often the same group of students are taught by one teacher for 8 years which incorporates group learning scenarios and a home-like environment.

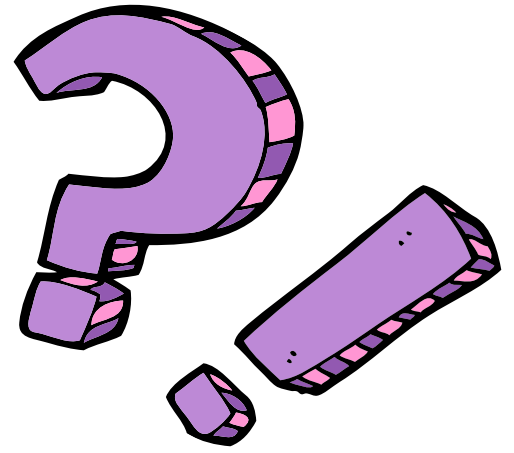
BANK STREET

Bank Street preschools regard the world to be the greatest teacher. They emphasize imagination and social sciences.

HIGH/SCOPE

The High/Scope Approach allows the student to independently decide their materials and activities. It favors academic skill over social and gives a good amount of one-on-one attention.

Questions to Ask:



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1. TELL ME ABOUT THE TEACHERS' EXPERIENCE, EDUCATION AND TRAINING.
2. DURING A TYPICAL DAY, WHAT PERCENTAGE WILL MY CHILD BE OUTSIDE?
3. TELL ME ABOUT THE SOCIAL INTERACTIONS MY CHILD WILL HAVE AND THE SCHOOL GOAL REGARDING SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT.
4. TELL ME ABOUT THE HISTORY OF YOUR SCHOOL AND THE MANAGEMENT PHILOSOPHY.
5. WHAT SETS YOUR SCHOOL APART, MAKES IT UNIQUE, AND WELL-REGARDED?
6. IS THE PRESCHOOL SECURE?

Current buzzwords: Outdoor Education, Free Range Parenting, Conscious Discipline, Tinkering Labs, Loose Parts, STEM and STEAM Curriculum and Organic Gardening and Farm to Table meals. Popular philosophies may be Developmentally Appropriate, Reggio Emilia, Responsive Classroom, Montessori, Waldorf or High Scope among others.

Acorn Kinder House

Address: 5300 Maybee Rd, Village of Clarkston, MI 48346

Phone: (248) 310-1059

Fax: N/A

School Email: acornkinderhouse@gmail.com



Director: Abigail Lee-Wright

Philosophy/General Purpose: Utilizing a Waldorf curriculum we believe that children ages 3 through 5 years blossom and flourish in an environment filled with play, meaningful work and healthy rhythms; that meet their developmental needs to prepare them for a healthy beginning in elementary education.

Student Age Range: 3-6 years.

Days/Hours: Mon-Thurs. Preschool 9:00 am to 12:30 am (2, 3, or 4 day options) Optional: Lunch to 1:15 pm or Lunch and nap to 3:00 pm. Before and aftercare is also available.

Student/Teacher Ratio: 6/1

Approximate Class Size: 8-14 children

Curriculum: Waldorf (nature and play-based) children use and are surrounded by natural play materials and art supplies. They spend up to 2 hours a day outside developing observational skills, building, and playing. Days are also filled with stories, songs, and painting.

Length of Time in Existence: 2 years.

Facilities: Located withing the Sashabaw Presbyterian Church surrounded by woods, a natural playground, and garden.

Toilet Training Policy: Must be toilet trained.

Registration Begins: Open enrollment.

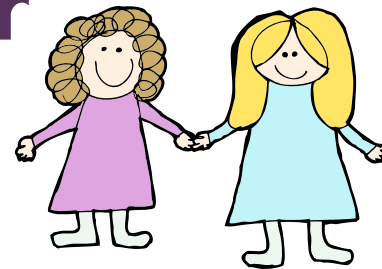
Registration Fee: \$50.00

Tuition/Current Rates: 2 half days: \$2,520.00. 4 half days: \$5,040.00

Accreditation: N/A



Cedar Crest Early Childhood Center



Address: 8990 Dixie Hwy, Clarkston, MI. 48348

Phone: (248) 625-1091

Fax: (248) 625-7212

School Email: jbegley@cedarcrestacademy.com and jaderholdt@cedarcrestacademy.com

Director: Jody Begley

Philosophy/General Purpose: Our uniquely comprehensive Preschool and K Prep programs are rich with meaningful learning opportunities to promote the physical, emotional, cognitive, and social development of young children. Cedar Crest Early Childhood Center has multiple Preschool and K Prep classrooms for students, 2.5-5 years old. We are committed to balancing social and play opportunities with an individualized and accelerated learning experience for each student.

Student Age Range: 0-5 years.

Days/Hours: Mon-Fri. 7-5:30 pm or 7-6:30 pm.

Student/Teacher Ratio: Infant/Toddler: 4:1. Preschool: 8:1

Approximate Class Size: 8 children

Curriculum: Our Preschool and K Prep students benefit greatly from our collaborative relationship with the world language, music, physical education and art teachers of Cedar Crest Academy. Each week, Cedar Crest Academy's ancillary teachers visit our preschool classrooms to provide specialized instruction in Spanish, Chinese, music, art, and physical education. Cedar Crest's world language teachers are native speakers who offer cultural learning experiences in addition to foreign language instruction. Early childhood students enjoy large group games, tumbling, and traditional sports activities lead by our physical education teacher in Cedar Crest Academies full-size gymnasium.

Length of Time in Existence: Since 1984

Facilities: N/A

Toilet Training Policy: N/A

Registration Begins: Open enrollment.

Registration Fee: \$50.00

Tuition/Current Rates: 2019-2020 Preschool Tuition

5 days: \$181.00/wk

4 days: \$145.00/wk

3 days: \$109.00/wk

2 days: \$72.00/wk

Accreditation: N/A



The Children's Ark

Address: 8585 Dixie Highway, Clarkston, MI. 48348

Phone: (248) 625-2270

Fax: N/A

School Email: ms.vanaman@scaeagles.org



Director: Heather Vanaman

Philosophy/General Purpose: To provide a solid preschool with biblical foundation and loving and supervised care. To also assist parents in the training of their children.

Student Age Range: 6 weeks to Kindergarten. Summer Day Camp 3-12 years old.

Days/Hours: Mon-Fri. 7 am- 6 pm.

Student/Teacher Ratio: 8:1, for 3-12 years and 4:1, 6 weeks-30 months.

Approximate Class Size: 8 children

Curriculum: Abeka Pensacola Christian College

Length of Time in Existence: 35 years

Facilities: Dixie Baptist Church

Toilet Training Policy: Child needs to ask to use potty, be able to take care of themselves with very little help.

Registration Begins: N/A

Registration Fee: \$125.00 New Student. \$75.00 Re-Enrollment Fee

Tuition/Current Rates: 2-3 Days, Class Only: \$2,250/year. 5 Days, Class Only: \$2,950/year. Class and Daycare combined: \$5,880/year

Accreditation: N/A



Creative Co-Op Preschool

Address: 6805 Bluegrass Drive. Clarkston, MI. 48346

Phone: (248) 625-3288 x218

Fax: N/A

School Email: creativecooppreschool@yahoo.com

Director: Michele Berg



Philosophy/General Purpose: We are a cooperative preschool with small class sizes and a nurturing philosophy focused on creativity, imagination and parental involvement. Creative Co-Op Preschool works in partnership with parents to make learning fun! Creative Co-Op Preschool provides play-based learning for children ages 3-5 and

encourages parent involvement, helping to ease your child's transition from home to the classroom. We would love to meet your family!

Student Age Range: 3-5 years

Days/Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 9am - 2pm; Tuesday, Friday 9am - 11am

Student/Teacher Ratio: 1 teacher: 8 students plus 1-2 parents per session

Approximate Class Size: 10-16

Curriculum: Play-based learning for preschool-aged children.

Length of Time in Existence: 61 years

Facilities: Classroom and playground

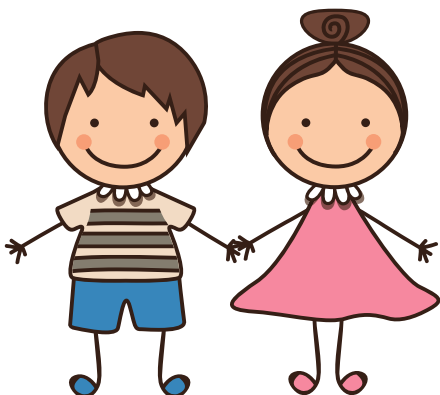
Toilet Training Policy: Students should be potty-trained

Registration Begins: Year-round

Registration Fee: \$50 non-refundable

Tuition/Current Rates: 3s class - \$125; 4s class - 150; JrK class - \$245; prices are subject to change

Accreditation: State of Michigan licensed educational facility for 3-5 year olds.



Everest Collegiate High School & Academy



Address: 5935 Clarkston Road, Clarkston, MI. 48348

Phone: (248) 241-9012

Fax: (248) 922-2082

School Email: kloush@everestacademy.org

Director: Sue Ender

Philosophy/General Purpose: Children begin their academic experience in this Catholic, supportive, nurturing environment. Curiosity and wonder are cultivated as students make new friends and explore through hands-on learning at their own pace. Our best-practice curriculum prepares them for kindergarten as it builds social-emotional awareness skills including active listening, expressing feelings, and interacting with others.

Student Age Range: 3-5 years

Days/Hours: 8:20am - 3:35pm (drop off any time after 8am, after-care is also available until 6pm). Everest Academy offers flexible schedules, from 2 half days up to 5 full days.

Student/Teacher Ratio: PS3 1:10, PS4 1:12

Approximate Class Size: 10 students on average.

Curriculum: National Consultants of Education

Length of Time in Existence: 29 years

Facilities: We are on 30 acres and our preschool classrooms have their own bathrooms. We offer own full size gym, outdoor playground, and hills for sledding in the winter.

Toilet Training Policy: Students must be able to use the bathroom independently.

Registration Begins: On-going

Registration Fee: \$100

Tuition/Current Rates: PRESCHOOL Three days (M/W/F) AM: \$5,314/year, All day: \$7,177/year

PRESCHOOL Five Days (M-F) AM: \$6,948/year, All day: \$10,175/year

Accreditation: AdvancedEd

Heartfelt Impressions

Address: 5520 Clarkston Road, Clarkston, MI. 48348

Phone: (248) 320-9032

Fax: N/A

School Email: amaxwell@hfile.com

Director: Amy Maxwell

Philosophy/General Purpose: Heartfelt Impressions Learning Centers offers a developmentally appropriate, research-based curriculum. We strive to enhance social, emotional, physical and intellectual growth in young children through our play-based curriculum. Our program fosters curiosity and self-esteem by taking into account children's individual abilities and interests.

Student Age Range: 6 weeks – 12 years

Days/Hours: Monday – Friday 5:30 am – 6:30 pm

Student/Teacher Ratio: Infant/Toddler: 1:4. PreK: 1:12. School Age: 1:18

Approximate Class Size: N/A

Curriculum: High Scope

Length of Time in Existence: N/A

Facilities: N/A

Toilet Training Policy: N/A

Registration Begins: On-going

Registration Fee: \$100 first child, \$50 second child, \$175 Family.

Tuition/Current Rates: N/A

Accreditation: QRS – 4 Star rating Great Start Quality Rating



The Learning Experience

Address: 7210 Sashabaw Rd. Clarkston, MI. 48348

Phone: (248) 625-5285

Fax: (248) 625-5667

School Email: independence@tlecorp.com

Director: Leslie Garbacz & Alicia Black

Philosophy/General Purpose: Doing our very best every day for the children, our families and the community.

Student Age Range: 6 weeks - 10 years

Days/Hours: Monday - Friday 6:30 am - 6:30 pm

Student/Teacher Ratio: Depending on classroom, follows state ratios.

Approximate Class Size: Depending on classroom

Curriculum: The Learning Experience Curriculum

Length of Time in Existence: 11 years with new ownership in 2017.

Facilities: N/A

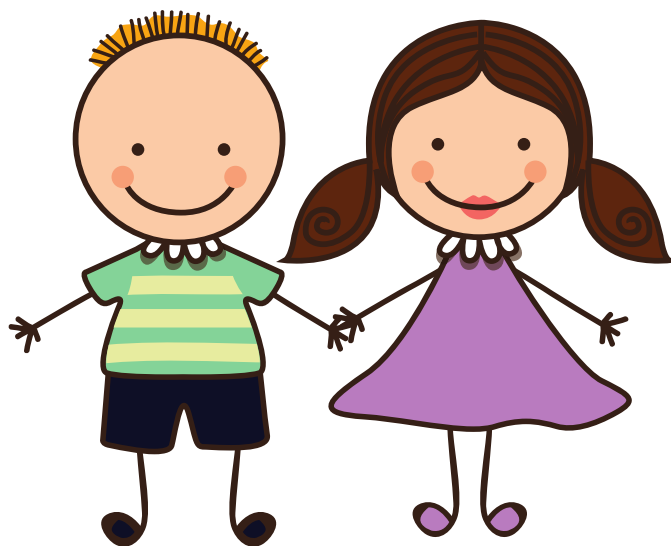
Toilet Training Policy: N/A

Registration Begins: N/A

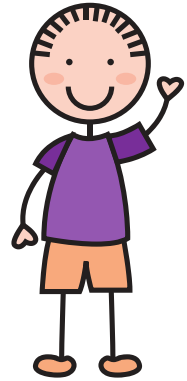
Registration Fee: N/A

Tuition/Current Rates: N/A

Accreditation: N/A



Montessori School of Clarkston



Address: 10439 Ortonville Rd. Clarkston, MI. 48346

Phone: (248) 620-2190

Fax: (248) 620-3195

School Email: msoc1@comcast.net

Director: Lisa Morse

Philosophy/General Purpose: Infant/Toddler (0-3 yrs) & Primary (3-6 yrs) classroom following the Montessori Philosophy.

Student Age Range: Birth - 6 years old.

Days/Hours: Monday - Friday 7:30 am - 6:00 pm

Student/Teacher Ratio: 0-3 1:4, 3-6 1:10.

Approximate Class Size: 0-3: 12; 3-6: 20

Curriculum: Montessori Method including practical life, sensory, math, language, science, geography, and cultural studies.

Length of Time in Existence: 16 years.

Facilities: Dance/gymnastics after school; Yoga on Mondays & Wednesdays.

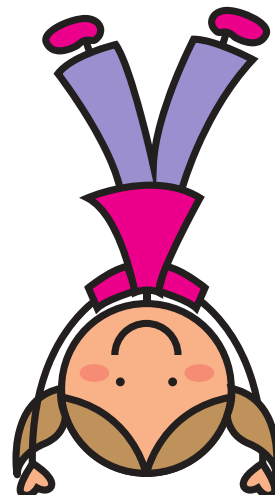
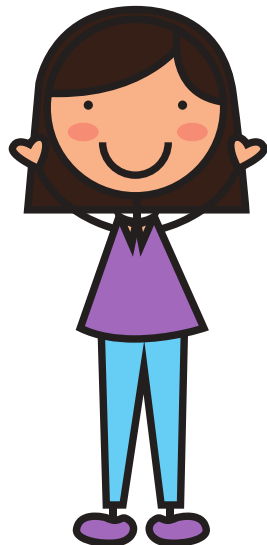
Toilet Training Policy: Must be toilet trained to enter primary program.

Registration Begins: Rolling Enrollment.

Registration Fee: \$0

Tuition/Current Rates: Infant/Toddler: \$1,430/month and Primary: \$1,300/month. Other pricing options are available for half-day, full-day, and 3 days a week program.

Accreditation: N/A



Our lady of the Lakes Catholic School



Address: 5495 Dixie Hwy, Waterford, MI. 48329

Phone: (248) 623-0340

Fax: (248) 623-2274

School Email: admissions@ollonline.org

Director: Mrs. Jeanine Kenny

Philosophy/General Purpose: Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic School provides an educational experience grounded in Gospel values and academic excellence. Recognizing the unique gifts each student brings to our community, we commit ourselves to providing a Catholic environment that encourages academic, spiritual, and emotional growth. Our Lady of the Lakes Pre-K program is a developmentally appropriate program aimed at school readiness in a warm and nurturing environment. The Pre-K program provides a child with an interactive learning community to build skills and experiences of school readiness in preparation for future schooling. Students are introduced and provided with the opportunity to explore and develop spiritually in our Catholic faith.

Student Age Range: Students who are 3-5 years of age

Days/Hours: M,T,W,Th,F – morning session 8-11:30 a.m.; all day session 8-3:05 p.m. (except Thursdays – dismissal is at 2:00 p.m.)

Student/Teacher Ratio: PK3 1:8, PK4&5 1:12

Approximate Class Size: less than 20

Curriculum: In PreK 3 we find the balance between play and academics while learning about God's love. We focus on capital letters, their sounds, and numbers 1-10. We also work on recognizing and writing our names, all the while developing our fine motor skills with fun & engaging activities. Social skills are also a big focus as we work on kind words, being good listeners and sharing with others.

In PreK 4-5's we focus on school readiness skills and academics within a nurturing environment that shares God's love. Some of our academics include identifying colors, shapes, upper and lower case letters, numbers 1-20, beginning letter sounds, and so much more! Throughout the year we foster our Catholic faith, social skills, and manners as we play, learn, and grow together.

Length of Time in Existence: : 1956, but our Pre-K program was developed in 2005-2006.

Facilities: 2 Classrooms

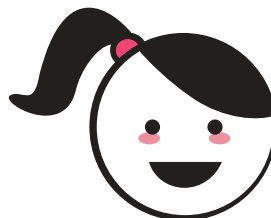
Toilet Training Policy: Children must be toilet trained by the first day of school

Registration Begins: : February 18, 2020

Registration Fee: \$100.00 per child.

Tuition/Current Rates:

	Full Day	Half Day
5 Days	\$6,000	\$3,650
3 Days	\$3,900	\$2,700
2 Days	\$2,850	\$2,600



Accreditation: A Catholic School Accredited by Michigan Nonpublic School Association

A School for The Mind and Body



Address: 936 S. Baldwin Rd. Suite 101A, Clarkston, MI. 48346

Phone: (248) 814-7100

Fax: (248) 814-0710

School Email: director@sfmb.net

Director: Nanci Canine

Philosophy/General Purpose: The SFMB Preschool Program is based on a foundation of academics, character, development, and personal health and wellness. It is our philosophy that character education, nutrition and exercise are equally as important as reading, writing and arithmetic. Children attending SFMB will grow, mature and develop to their fullest capacity if given the opportunity to explore, create and problem solve with materials which are appropriate to their developmental age.

Student Age Range: 6 1/2 weeks - 12 yrs.

Days/Hours: Monday-Friday 7:00 am - 6:00 pm.

Student/Teacher Ratio: 1:4, 2:14, 2:16.

Approximate Class Size: 15

Curriculum: Character Education with an emphasis on nutrition and exercise.

Length of Time in Existence: 18 years.

Facilities: 2 locations

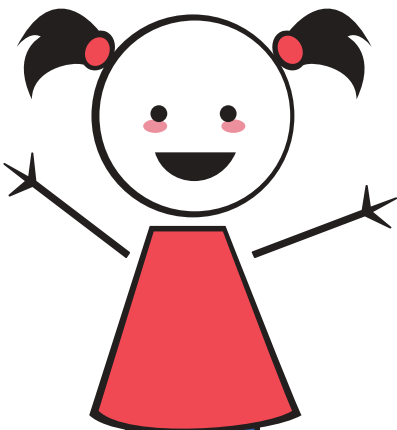
Toilet Training Policy: Children must be toilet trained by 3 years.

Registration Begins: February 1, 2020.

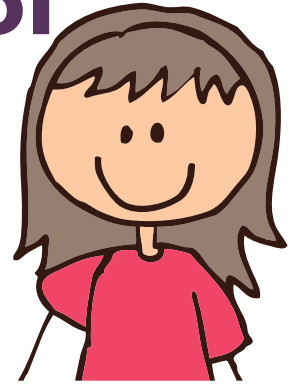
Registration Fee: \$100.00 per child.

Tuition/Current Rates: Day rate: \$65, 3 year old: \$190/Mo, 4's: \$260/Mo. Young 5's: \$385/Mo. Kingergarten: \$425/Mo.

Accreditation: N/A



St. Trinity Lutheran Preschool



Address: 7925 Sashaba Rd. Clarkston, MI. 48348

Phone: (248) 620-6154

Fax: N/A

School Email: sttrinityps@comcast.net

Director: Julie Schultz

Philosophy/General Purpose: Provide a Christ-centered learning environment that is developmentally appropriate for children who are 3 and 4 years old.

Student Age Range: 3 and 4 years old.

Days/Hours: 3's are Tues. & Thurs. 9:15 am – 11:45 am; 4's are Mon, Wed, & Fri. 9:15 am – 11:45 am. Personalized hours are offered at your convinces!

Student/Teacher Ratio: 3's: 1:6; 4's: 1:8

Approximate Class Size: 12 in 4's and 16 in 4's.

Curriculum: Theme based, we make learning fun and exciting through play and skill building experiences. A

Length of Time in Existence: Over 35 years.

Facilities: 2 classrooms, large gym, and playground.

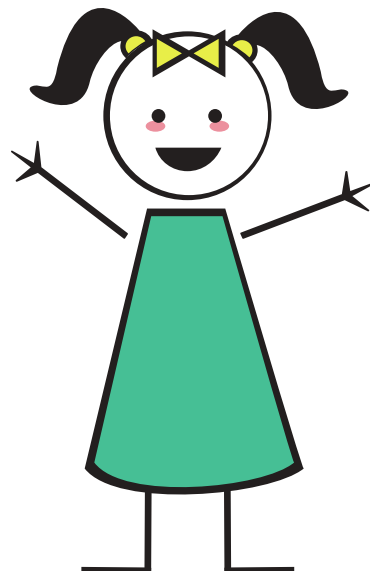
Toilet Training Policy: Children must be toilet trained.

Registration Begins: February 15, 2020.

Registration Fee: \$85.00 per child.

Tuition/Current Rates: \$150.00 for 3's and \$200.00 for 4's.

Accreditation: Licensed by the State of Michigan



SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

— Imagine Your Story —

JUNE 8 - AUGUST 1, 2020

presented by **BOWMAN** | **CHEVROLET**
WITH YOU EVERY MILE

Sign up online or at
the Library and pick
up your Summer
Reading lanyard!



Win prize
baskets!

Complete reading
challenges and collect
prize buttons
& raffle tickets!



SUMMER READING KICK-OFF JUNE 8, 6-8 PM

See the amazing animals in Supe's Ocean
Touchpool! Sharks, urchins, stingrays,
and more will be swimming around
waiting for you to say hello!



Online registration for the Summer Reading Challenge begins Monday,
June 8 at 8 am. We'll also have plenty of registration stations open for you to
sign up at the Kick-Off! If registering online, be sure to join us at the
Kick-Off to pick up your lanyard, enjoy a treat,
and get your hands wet in the Touchpool!



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10:30
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Little
Giggles
Storytime

Ages
Walking -
23 months

TUESDAY

10:30
am

PRESCHOOL
STORYTIME

Ages 3-5

**WEEKLY
STORYTIME**
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Bring your little
ones to story
time! We'll share
books, songs,
flannel stories, a
craft, and sensory
activities!

Siblings
welcome!

Drop-in
sessions -
no
registration
required!

WEDNESDAY

10:30
am

Wee
Wigglers
Storytime

Age 2

THURSDAY

10:30
am

Baby
Storytime

Ages
0-walking

6:30
pm

PAJAMA
STORYTIME

Ages
0-5

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