

Rainbow Academy for Little Scholars
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Dear Parents,

How exciting to enclose an application for *Rainbow Academy's* thirty second school year, 2018-2019! A full day program is offered for toddlers, aged twelve through twenty four months and for twos ("early threes"), aged twenty four through thirty six months. Both half-day and full-day classes are offered for children aged twenty four months through kindergarten. Kindergarten Enrichment, as an "after elementary school half-day program (to complement a full day)" is offered, as well as before and after school programs for elementary aged children. Twos, Early Threes, Pre-school, and Pre-K children are invited to share extra time for lunch and play (until 12:30).

The curriculum for all of our classes follows a developmental approach to early childhood education. *Rainbow Academy* is devoted exclusively to the young child. Children play. Children imagine. Children create. Children explore. Teachers incorporate learning goals through monthly units and themes, which invite the child to discover. Our classrooms, indoor and outdoor creative learning areas are divided into "learning centers" where children engage in self-initiated as well as teacher-directed activities. These "centers" include computers, blocks and transportation, housekeeping and drama, manipulatives for fine motor dexterity, creative expression, science and discovery (mathematics), and a language and literacy center. All of our classrooms are print-rich and include both a whole language and phonetic pre-literacy program. Music and movement opportunities, so critical for young minds, are provided both indoors and outdoors (in our Melody Garden).

Our 5-acre facility includes several fields and vibrant playgrounds (in color and activity!) to romp and play. Each of the four playgrounds is specifically designed for age-appropriate opportunities. We are proud to offer a darling playground exclusively for children ages 1 – 2 years! There is also a tennis/basketball court, trike courts, and covered area outdoors for easel painting, art, and science activities. Our lambs, chickens and goats (part of the petting zoo area), as well as Cooper (the big red dog) greet children each day with a "baa." They welcome you to the henhouse to pick some warm brown eggs! Candy (our pony), and her friend, Rosalina (our miniature donkey) meander in the field, and offer pony rides on warm days. A tractor pulls a hay wagon for the children to enjoy during the Fall and Spring seasons. The facility allows itself to pumpkin patch picking, scarecrow contests, campfires, snowman building, bird watching and other outdoor special events. The greenhouse and gardens offer seasonal delights as the children grow seeds and bulbs to plant in the spring, flowers and vegetables to water in the summer, and leaves to rake in the Fall. On a sunny winter day, children may eat snack and explore in the greenhouse. In the snow, fun abounds building snowpeople and riding on sleds.

The **Toddler Program and Early Threes Program** at *Rainbow Academy* are full day programs for children aged 12 – 36 months, with limited half day slots available for 24 – 36 months. Trusting relationships are developed through a small child/staff ratio. At *Rainbow Academy*, our toddlers and twos investigate the world around them through play. Delightful and colorful learning centers are arranged to explore and discover. Staff's knowledge of early childhood development encourages the learning process for toddlers and twos to socialize and develop language, thinking, and motor skills.

The **Pre-School Program** at *Rainbow Academy* is offered for two, three, or five half-days or full days, or any combination of full days. Please choose which days you prefer. We will try to honor requests, however, there are limited spaces for each day. Pre-schoolers learn social and emotional skills through play and exploration in the indoor and outdoor learning centers. A comprehensive learning program involving emerging literacy, writing and language skills; fine motor and sensory motor skills; social studies/science goals; mathematics; gross motor skills; and creative expression are developed through a monthly curriculum, which is shared with families.

The **Pre-Kindergarten Program** at *Rainbow Academy* is for children who plan to enter either public or private school kindergarten the following year. Children can attend 3 or 5 AM or PMs, or 3 or 5 full days. Additionally, any child enrolled in the 5 AM program may extend any number of PM days that is needed. We will try to honor "day" requests for the 3 day programs. However, there are limited spaces available for each day. As well as a delightfully rich curriculum of discovery and exploration (as listed above), Pre-K children enjoy the Handwriting without Tears program to extend language, literacy, and fine motor dexterity. Social and emotional learning happens naturally throughout the day, however, techniques of the Responsive Classroom, including classroom meetings, sharing, and conflict resolution are specifically built into the daily lessons. Children experience what it means to be part of a learning and social "community."

A full-day and half-day **Kindergarten** is offered for children who turn 5 before 1/1/2019. This program encompasses age-appropriate curricular goals similar to those listed above, as well as techniques of the "whole language" approach to teaching reading (using the Wright series), and the Explode the Code phonics series. Science and social studies concepts are taught through hands-on exploration, as well as through the use of "big books." Our kindergartners will publish their own books, create a Native American village, engage in scientific experimentation, and enjoy music and creative arts. They will learn mathematics through the use of a textbook and hands-on manipulatives. They build upon techniques of the Handwriting without Tears program. Each month (during the PM session), they explore an Artist of the Month to learn techniques and creative art expression from different periods of artists. The academic program is challenging -- yet filled with enough enrichment and giggles to delight any 5 - 6 year old heart.

Kindergarten Enrichment (for children attending AM public school programs) is exactly what the name implies – an enrichment program of creative arts and applied sciences. Teachers follow curriculum goals, including Artist of the Month, lots of math and scientific exploration, outdoor activities, and learning fun. Five and six year old children need time to imagine, create, and play, and they do this in our creative play and learning centers. Children are picked up at their elementary schools and brought to *Rainbow Academy* for lunch and an afternoon of exploration and fun.

Rainbow Academy welcomes children with diverse learning styles and abilities into our embracing and inclusive community. Our school prides itself on a staff of educators who know and understand learning. Staff are trained and seamlessly involve *all* children in learning, by including lots of sensory activities, outdoor fun, teaching responsibility and caring, as well as emerging literacy, language, math, creative expression, fine and large muscle activities. The social curriculum is an important learning tool at pre-school. Children needing extra support can be provided for their individual needs through **supplemental support services** using *Rainbow Academy* staff, at an additional fee. Arranged with the family and director, 1:1 support aide care, speech/language therapy, occupational therapy, and consultation is available.

Our **Before/After School Program** is available for children attending certain Council Rock schools. This program includes interesting activities, homework time, outdoor fun, snacks, and transportation to/from the public elementary school. Also, we offer programs on days when the public elementary schools are closed. If you are interested in this **Vacation Day Program** for a sibling, please call for a separate application.

If your child attends any of our half-day programs at *Rainbow Academy*, and you wish for your child to come early or remain for extended hours, an hourly rate of \$12.00 is charged.

Rainbow Academy is licensed by the **Pennsylvania Department of Education/Private Academic Schools, the Department of Public Welfare, and accredited through the National Association for the Education of Young Children**. We are a **Keystone Stars 4** site. Our unique curriculum is cross-walked with the Pennsylvania Department of Education's Early Learning Standards and Core Curriculum. Photos of children at play and other information is shared through our facebook page, *Rainbow Academy for Little Scholars*. For a copy of our curriculum, information about our summer camp, or an appointment to visit the school, please do not hesitate to call!!! You can also reach us on our website, at www.rainbowacademypreschool.com and through our e-mail at mlrainkids@aol.com.

What is truly unique at *Rainbow Academy* are the relationships formed with our families. Parents and grandparents are always seen at the school reading a story, sharing an art activity, etc. Parent/Director breakfasts are held bi-monthly to give everyone an opportunity to meet new friends and to discuss child development and issues relating to raising young children. Join our family and join the fun!

Best,
Dan LaGrotte and Cheryl Duffy

Before/After Public Elementary School Care

Before and After School Program _____\$470/month including transportation to/from public school
Before School Care_____ \$270/month including transportation to school
After School Care_____ \$340/month including transportation from school
Vacation Days_____per diem based on the program scheduled that day
Public School Attending_____

Kindergarten

Children who are 5 by 1/1/2019
8:45 – 3:30 _____ \$1165/month
7:00 – 6:00 _____ \$1250/month
8:45 –12:30 _____ \$720/month

Kindergarten Enrichment

Public School Attending: _____
5 days/wk. 11:30-3:30 _____ \$710/mo. w/trans. from public school
3 days/wk. _____ \$545/mo. 2 days/wk. _____ \$380/mo.
Please Circle Days Preferred: M T W Th F

5 days/wk. 11:30-6:00 _____ \$870/mo. w/trans. from public school
3 days/wk. _____ \$700/mo. 2 days/wk. _____ \$475/mo.
Please Circle Days Preferred: M T W Th F

Pre-Kindergarten Program

(Children who are 4 before 1/1/2019)

Full Day School (5 days only) Half Day School (5 days only)
8:45 – 3:30 _____ \$1140/month 8:45–11:45 _____ 12:30-3:30 _____ \$570/month
7:00 – 6:00 _____ \$1230/month 8:45-12:30 _____ \$685/month

Three Day School (limited number of enrollment)

3 AM Half Day 8:45-11:45 _____ \$465 3 AM Half Day 8:45-12:30 _____ \$550 3 PM Half Day 12:30-3:30 _____ \$465
3 Full Day 8:45-3:30 _____ \$830/mo. 3 Full Day 7:00-6:00 _____ \$945/mo.

Please Circle Days Preferred:
M T W Th F

Pre-School Program

(Children who are 3 before 1/1/2019)

Five Day School
8:45—3:30 _____ \$1210/month
7:00—6:00 _____ \$1300/month
8:45—11:45 _____ \$590/month
8:45—12:30 _____ \$710/month
12:30—3:30 _____ \$590/month

Three Day School
8:45—3:30 _____ \$865/month
7:00—6:00 _____ \$960/month
8:45—11:45 _____ \$485/month
8:45—12:30 _____ \$555/month
12:30—3:30 _____ \$485/month

Please Circle Days Preferred:
M T W Th F

Two Day School
8:45—3:30 _____ \$580/month
7:00—6:00 _____ \$710/month
8:45—11:45 _____ \$335/month
8:45—12:30 _____ \$375/month
12:30—3:30 _____ \$335/month

Please Circle Days Preferred:
M T W Th F

Twos and Early Threes Program

(Children who between 24 – 36 months of age before 9/1/2018)

Five Day School
8:45---3:30 _____ \$1275/mo.
7:00---6:00 _____ \$1360/mo.
8:45---12:30 _____ \$750/mo.

Three Day School
8:45---3:30 _____ \$920/mo.
7:00---6:00 _____ \$1010/mo.
8:45---12:30 _____ \$600/mo.

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M T W Th F

Two Day School
8:45---3:30 _____ \$625/mo.
7:00---6:00 _____ \$745/mo.
8:45---12:30 _____ \$410/mo.

Please Circle Days Preferred
M T W Th F

Toddler Program

(Children who are 12-24 months of age)

Five Day School
8:45---3:30 _____ \$1340/mo.
7:00---6:00 _____ \$1425/mo.

Three Day School
8:45---3:30 _____ \$960/mo.
7:00---6:00 _____ \$1040/mo.

Please Circle Days Preferred:
M T W Th F

Two Day School
8:45---3:30 _____ \$645/mo.
7:00---6:00 _____ \$770/mo.

Please Circle Days Preferred
M T W Th F

Extended hourly tuition is \$12.00/hour.

Additional support services can be provided by Rainbow Academy at an hourly rate, including 1:1 aide support; speech/language therapy; occupational therapy; and educational consultation.