

## **Who WE ARE**

Nurturing Curiosity is a Reggio Inspired Preschool Program located in the beautiful Faith Des Peres Presbyterian Church on Clayton Road. Our program is available to children ages potty trained to 6. Half day and full day preschool programs are available. At Nurturing Curiosity we believe children are naturally curious and are eager to learn. The Reggio Inspired Curriculum is directed by the children's interest. Our goal at Nurturing Curiosity is to develop a desire for children to become life long learners.

### **Nurturing Curiosity Goals and Objectives:**

- \*To develop a sense of wonder and curiosity.
  - Children will engage in meaningful projects.
  - Children will develop a variety of cognitive, social and physical through project work.
- \*To develop a desire to be life-long learners.
  - Projects will be child initiated.
- \*To enjoy working with one another.
  - Children will work in small and large groups during project work.

### **What is a Project Approach to Learning?**

Children are naturally curiosity and eager to explore and discover. Through child initiated-teacher directed projects children are able to question, connect, problem-solve, communicate, reflect and more. At Nurturing Curiosity Childcare teachers use the project approach to meet the Missouri Early Learning Goals and Standards <http://www.projectconstruct.org/CombinedTableLinksCURRENT.pdf>

Each day at Nurturing Curiosity Childcare center children will have:

Class Meeting-The class meeting time may consist of discussing a new

discovery, reading a book about our current project, or talking about our plans for the day.

Center/Project Time: Children will engage in preplanned activities set up by the teacher as well as the opportunity for free exploration of materials in the classroom. Activities may include, art, block building, games, role playing and sensory activities.

Outdoor Time: Children will spend time outside everyday. Children will develop large motor skills, cognitive skills and social skills while in engaging in the outdoor classroom/playground.

### **Admissions:**

- 1.) NCCC Preschool welcomes families of any race, color, nationality and ethnic origin and ensures all rights, privileges, programs, and activities are made available to all students at the school.
- 2.) NCCC does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational, admissions, or scholarship policies.
- 3.) Admission of a child to the NCCC program is by application of the child's parents or legal guardian.
- 4.) Children who are potty trained may attend NCCC.

### **Contract**

Parents will sign a 10- month contract. First payment will be September 1 with last payment being May 1. Parents may break their contract with a 30 day notice or with the discretion of the director. **Payment is due at the 1st of each month. If tuition is NOT submitted to NCCC by the 10th of each month a \$15 fee will be added to your tuition amount. If tuition and late fees are not received by the 15th of the month your student will NOT be able to attend preschool until all payments are paid in full.**

**There will be a \$10 fee for all returned checks.**

### **Nurturing Curiosity Programs:**

NCCC offers a full day program that meets from 9 am to 3pm. Children will have a morning snack, lunch and a pm snack.

Half day programs meet from 9 am to 11:30 am or 9 am to 1p.m . Children attending from 9 am to 11:30 am will have a morning snack. Children who attend from 9 am to 1 pm will have a morning snack and lunch.

### **Forms:**

1. A health form completed by your child's physician must be submitted to NCCC before the start of School.
2. The teacher at NCCC will have a few forms for you to fill out at meet the teacher day.

### **SICK POLICY**

**No Child may attend school if he/she displays any of the following:**

**\*Fever**

**\*Diarrhea**

**\*Vomiting**

**\*Rash with a fever or behavior changes**

Please call/text 314-378-2321 if your child will not be at school.

### **Discipline and Guidance Policy**

At NCCC we use positive reinforcement guide appropriate behavior of

young children. Children are often redirected to make right choices.

Teacher's will model appropriate behavior. Teacher's will help guide children through conflict resolution by helping children use their language skills.

Time away from the group may be necessary for a child to regroup.

A teacher or director may request a meeting with a child's parent if necessary to set up a behavior modification plan to work with a child who continually displays negative behavior (hitting, scratching, spitting, kicking or biting). If the plan has not worked the director has the right to protect all the children. The child may be asked to leave the center.

### **SCHOOL CLOSINGS**

The school will be closed in case of snow or ice when Kirkwood School District cancels classes, or if the Director deems the roads or parking lots conditions are unsafe. You will receive a text from me if school will NOT be in succession. It will also be posted on our Facebook page. Snow days will not be made up unless there are an excessive number of days missed.

### **INSURANCE/LIABILITY**

All children and staff are covered by insurance. Insurance covers any accident during the hours of school.

