

Haverford Township Recreation Department



Where we play, build, explore and have fun!

Recreation Preschool

For ages 3-5 9-12:30pm

Extended Day 12:30-2:30pm

Monday-Friday at

Community Recreation Environmental Center

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Website: www.havtwp.org/Parks_and_Recreation/Little_Explorers



The Little Explorers philosophy is rooted in progressive education. We honor preschoolers' natural love for exploration and play by providing a learning environment that inspires them to engage with the world. Our instructional methods embrace creativity, encourage imagination and socialization.

Program Overview

The Little Explorers program allows children the freedom to play, explore and discover while providing structure and support for individual growth. We provide developmentally appropriate activities and academic opportunities for each child based on their abilities and interests.

Our daily routines allow for distinct learning. Below is an example of a typical day.



- **Inside play/Centers** (free choice activities with peers, teacher directed table top activities)
- **Group clean up**
- **Morning Meeting** (greeting friends, reading stories, discussing daily themes)
- **Snack**
- **Outside Play/Gross Motor Activities**
- **Lunch**
- **Pack Up/Say Goodbye**
- **Specials:** Science, Gym, Music

The Little Explorers program maintains an excellent child to teacher ratio, currently we average 5:1 in our classes. We have blocks, dress-ups, and our play kitchen set to nurture preschoolers' imaginations. We use playdough, painting, and drawing on our chalk board to develop fine motor skills. Your child will have the opportunity to explore our hiking trails, as well as take advantage of our natural environmental playground. Our program strives to support all stages of development and to cherish each child's ability to make meaningful connections with new friends, teachers and the world around them.



The Little Explorers program approaches academic readiness by fostering a child's love for learning. Our instructional methods inspire children to engage with other children and the world around them through the process of play. The classroom encourages children to value the process of exploring and experimenting with raw materials, not just the final product. The children learn to: ask questions, take a guess, predict outcomes, and look for patterns. The skills acquired during this program provide the strong foundation for future academic success.

Not every child comes to our classroom in the same place developmentally. For this reason our academic process is based on the differentiated instruction model. We cater to each child as an individual.



Policy Information

Arrival and Dismissal Car line – Please drive slowly in our parking lot.

- Arrival Please pull your car up to the sidewalk. A teacher will greet your child, help them out of the car and walk them to the classroom.
- Dismissal: A teacher will walk your child to the car, please pull into the parking lot if you need to assist your child with buckling up.
- It would be helpful if you placed your child on the driver side of the vehicle.
- Pick up is promptly at 12:30pm. Please contact us if you will be late.



We love to play outside

- Sneakers (or equivalent) are best for our program
- Always assume we will be going outside.** Please send your child with appropriate outdoor attire every day.
- We play outside on snowy days. If there is snow on the ground, please pack snow boots, pants, and appropriate attire for playing in the snow.
- We love puddles! It is strongly recommended that all children have rainboots for rainy/wet days.

We love to get messy

- We encourage you to send your child wearing clothes in which you are comfortable with them getting messy. The children have many opportunities to get hands on experience with the materials inside as well as outside the classroom.
- Please provide an extra set of clothes to remain in our classroom. **Place them in a large ziploc bag with their name on it and we can store them easily.**

Snack

- We provide a healthy snack for all the children. If your child has dietary restrictions or allergies, please speak with your teacher to make arrangements.

Lunch

- All children will need to bring their lunch. We encourage you to provide a healthy, simple lunch and drink in a reusable lunch bag/box. Unfortunately, we are not able to refrigerate or heat food. Also, we will not permit the children to share food.

Food Allergy Policy

- Please be advised, if need be, we will notify parents of food restrictions for our lunch and snack programs.

Special Needs Policy

- People of all abilities are welcome in our programs. With your help we will do all we can to meet your child's needs.

Illness ~ Email your teacher or call and leave a message at the CREC.

- Please keep your child home if they experience any of these symptoms within 24 hours of school: a fever, rash, vomiting, diarrhea, severe cold symptoms (coughing, continuous runny nose etc...)

Extended Day 12:30-2:30pm

Our extended day option is a valuable time to offer more detailed activities based on individual interests, delve deeper into on going projects/ themes from the morning, nurture budding relationships and focus on academics. This includes: story time, teacher directed activities, time in the gym, dance studio or outdoor activities. The fee for Extended Day is \$15 per day. You may pay online or send in \$15 the day(s) you plan to attend.

