

Welcome to the Wonder Room!

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Lead Teachers

Landon- 6:30-2:30

Danica- 10:00-6:00

Assistant Teacher

Olivia- 8:30-5:30

General Information

We guarantee that your child will have a wonderful time learning through play, exploration, and experimentation in the Wonder Room! We strive to create an open-ended learning environment, meaning everything in the room is available to play with! We have art and sensory ideas out every day, welcome large motor play and dancing on the large group time rug, encourage building ideas using blocks and furniture, switch out prop boxes in our dramatic play area often, and provide a welcoming calm space in our book corner! Please send your child in loose, comfortable play clothes. This promotes their independence and sets them up for success in any given situation that may arise.

Your child will need the following items **labeled with their name or initials**:

- Spare change of weather-appropriate clothing
 - (at least 2 pairs of pants / 2 pairs of underwear)
 - Fitted crib sheet (standard size)
 - Lightweight blanket
 - Small size pillow with a pillow case (optional)
 - Family photo to hang on our family tree
 - Pack of paper for artwork and drawing (this is a donation to our classroom!)
 - Reusable water bottle (only recommended during warm months)
 - Rain boots on rainy days, we will go outside and splash in puddles!
- ***Nap bedding is washed once a month at school. Extra clothes will be washed if needed from spills. Soiled clothing from body fluids will be sent home to wash.***

For Winter:

- o Snow Pants
- o Snow Boots
- o Warm Coat
- o Water-Resistant Mittens
- o Hat that covers ears

For Summer Water Days:

- o A swimsuit
- o A towel
- o A pair of water shoes

Daily Schedule

7:00 – 9:45	Drop-off, Breakfast, Free Play
9:15 – 9:30	Morning Meeting
9:00-10:00	Playground
10:30 – 11:30	Free Play/Group Time
11:30 – 12:15	Lunch
12:15 – 12:45	Set Up Cots, Quiet Reading, Bathroom Turns
12:45 – 2:45	Naptime (quiet ideas are offered to non-nappers)
2:45 – 3:00	Put Away Cots, Bathroom Turns
3:00 – 4:00	Free Play, Small Group Ideas
4:00 – 4:15	Afternoon Meeting
4:15– 5:15	Playground
5:15 – 6:00	Free play, Pick-up

***During bad weather, the Wonder room will go to the Rumpus Room. If the temperature is under 20 degrees we will stay inside.

Policies and Procedures

Daily Reports on Procure App

Your child's day will be documented on the Procure Parent App! We will do our best to send as many pictures of your child playing throughout the day. Naps, accidents or incidents will be recorded as well. You may message us at any time with any questions or concerns, as we will do the same!

Monthly Newsletter

On the 1st of every month you will receive a newsletter via email sharing all of the amazing "big ideas" your child engaged in. Important reminders, school closings, and event details will also be included.

Assessments and Conferences:

We follow a center-wide procedure. We complete a standardized assessment with each child based on age and offer conferences to parents every six months (around October and April).

Parent Folders:

The parent folders are located outside the classroom with your child's name on it. Please check these regularly for center information, artwork, and more.

Late Pick Up Policy:

Please review the late pick up policy in the NBCC parent handbook. This policy is enforced center-wide. The classroom closes at 6pm, that is also when the closing teacher's shift ends.

Breakfast, Lunch & Afternoon Snack

Morning snack is provided in between 7:00 to 8:30. Children are welcome to bring their own snack from home. If you arrive after 8:30, PLEASE make sure your child has eaten. Please remember that we are a **NUT FREE CENTER**. Please wash your child's hands and face after eating nut products before entering the center. Please provide a fruit, vegetable, grain, protein in your child's packed lunch if you choose to pack. We eat in the cafeteria located in the basement of the church. Breakfast & Afternoon Snack are provided by NBCC and eaten in the classroom. Milk is offered at Breakfast & Lunch.

Nap Time

Resting is a requirement for all children. Before nap begins we read a Mindful Kids card which promotes calmness and mindful breathing exercises! If your child is a non-napper, he/she will rest quietly on his/her cot from 12:45-1:15 PM and then be given quiet activity choices on their cot for the remainder of nap. We have 2 iPads available to non-nappers ages 4-5. We limit screen time to 20 minutes, a couple times a week. ABC Mouse and similar Pre-K learning games are available. If you do not want your Wonder to use the iPad, please let us know.

Birthdays:

We love to celebrate birthdays! If your family decides that you would like to celebrate with the classroom, NBCC asks that families give a book donation to the classroom. Wrapped up is even more special! Your child can open up it up during circle time while we sing "Happy Birthday!"

Illness & Medication:

Please review the illness and medication policies provided in the NBCC parent handbook. These policies are enforced center-wide to ensure the health and safety of your child.

Guidance & Discipline:

Please refer to the guidance and discipline section in the NBCC parent handbook to insure consistency between home and school. We strive to provide immediate, natural and logical consequences. We use redirection when necessary. We do not believe in time out.

Language:

Please check the NBCC parent handbook for helpful examples of the language we use.

- One important example is that ***we do not apologize unless it is an accident***. Many children between ages 3-5 do not understand the concept of a genuine apology. Instead, we "*check on our friends*," so the child takes responsibility for their actions and the other child has the opportunity to express themselves. "*Are you okay?*" and "*Is there anything I can do for you?*" are appropriate ways to communicate during conflict.

Helpful Tips

- o Labeling your child's personal items will help them keep track of their own belongings and promote independence.
- o Routine is very important to children and a key factor to their success in this classroom. Please keep this in mind when establishing drop-off and pick-up routines.
- o Allowing children extra time to do things independently offers them an opportunity to be successful and feel confident.
- o Also, providing clothing (ex: loose) and footwear (ex: slip-on or velcro) that children offer opportunities for claiming independence and celebrating success.
- Consistency in messages and consequences between home and school provide stability and comfort for children.

Feel free to check in with a Wonder teacher for additional tips if needed!

Separation and Drop Off

Separation can be a tricky time for children and parents. The best and easiest way to handle this situation is to establish a routine. Try to drop them off and say goodbye in the same way every day. For example: engage in an activity together and then give them a kiss or hug goodbye. This will provide predictability to your child and make it easier for him/her to say goodbye. Remember that every child and parent is different, so it may take some time to find the routine that is best for you and your child.

Here are some more tips on separation that we have found to be successful in the past:

- Do what you say. If you tell your child you will stay for five minutes, then stay for five minutes. If you tell them you are leaving right now, than do just that. Allowing them to negotiate this with you will give them the incorrect idea that you will be staying with them all day.
- If your child seems to have a particularly difficult time separating, try to make your drop offs as brief as possible. Again, by staying for a long time, your child can easily get the idea that you will not be leaving.
- Avoid dropping off during transitioning to other parts of the day. We have seen that is often much harder for the child to say goodbye when the group is moving to a new activity.

Wrapping It Up

Thank you for taking the time to familiarize yourself with the Wonder Room. Please share this information with your family. Family involvement and communication are very important to us, so please feel free to come in and check out what the Wonder room is all about and see our most recent documentations. We understand that drop-off and pick-up can be very hectic times of the day, so you are always welcome to come to us, call, or email if you have any other additional questions or concerns!