

Infant/Toddler

AGE SIX WEEKS UP TO THREE YEARS ~
CUMNS KIDS Infant/Toddler program provides nurturing care for children under three years of age as of September 1. Staff members are trained in CPR, First Aid and developmentally appropriate activities for the very young child.

Children may be promoted during the year as their development and classroom space allows.

- ◆ **INFANTS - THE DUCKLING CLASS** consists of infants 6 weeks and older up until they are mobile. **THE BUNNY CLASS** consists of older infants who are learning to crawl and walk, who are approximately 7 to 12 months old. Ratio of teachers to children is 1:3 or 2:7, up to a maximum of 9 babies.
- ◆ **ONE YEAR OLDS - THE MONKEY CLASS** consists of children one to 1 and 1/2 years of age. **THE LAMB CLASS** is for older 1 year olds. Children experience creative art, music, and cooperative activities under the guidance of experienced, qualified staff. Ratio of teachers to children for Monkeys is 1:3 or 2:7, and for Lambs is 1:4 or 2:9 up to a maximum of 12 children.
- ◆ **TWO YEAR OLDS -THE CUB CLASS** is for young two year olds. **THE KANGAROO AND PANDA CLASSES** are for older two year olds who can participate in more cooperative games and activities. Art, music, simple games and stories are planned by team teachers. Ratio of teachers to children is 1:5 or 2:11 maximum.

Open Monday through Friday

Schedule options:
Full day 7:30-5:30

or

Part Time Blocks Available:
7:30-9:00 9:00-3:00 3:00-5:30
(Minimum is 9:00-3:00)

Fees are based on your child's
scheduled days and hours.



Nursery School

AGE TWO 1/2 TO FIVE YEARS-BY SEPT. 1
CUMNS KIDS Nursery School has been providing quality early childhood education since 1968. Older twos have an option of coming for Nursery School or the Toddler program. Children over three years by September 1 are in a Nursery School class. Classes meet for two and a half hours two to four times a week. A team of two qualified teachers provide meaningful experiences that challenge children to move forward; working on readiness and social skills through a carefully planned play based curriculum. Music, motor development, and Spanish lessons are given every week. Monthly field trips, developmental evaluation and speech and hearing screenings are provided.

2/3 CLASS 10 children, 2 teachers

2 years old by March 1

◆ Monday/Wednesday/Friday 9:00-11:30 AM

3/4 CLASSES 12 children, 2 teachers

3 years old by September 1

◆ Monday/Wednesday/Friday 9:00-11:30 AM

◆ Monday/Tuesday/Thursday 9:00-11:30 AM

◆ Tuesday/Thursday 9:00-11:30 AM

◆ Wednesday/Friday 9:00-11:30 AM

4/5 CLASSES 18 children, 2 teachers

4 years old by September 1

◆ Monday/Tuesday/Thursday 9:00-11:30 AM

◆ Monday/Wednesday/Friday 12:30-3:00 PM

PRE-K CLASS 18 children, 2 teachers

5 years old by December 31

This pre-kindergarten class is for children not quite ready for Kindergarten by age or social development.

◆ Tues/Wed/Thurs/Friday 12:30-3:00 P.M.



Kindergarten

AGE FIVE BY SEPTEMBER 1 ~

CUMNS KIDS Kindergarten continues the philosophy of the program, but carries the process to the highest level of early childhood teaching strategies. A small class, under the guidance of two Kindergarten teachers, works toward a carefully integrated curriculum of reading, basic math skills, science, language development, and physical development. Each week, the class will attend music, motor development, and Spanish lessons.

Kindergarten class meets for two and a half hours, Monday through Friday. Class is limited to 24 children. If you desire a full day Kindergarten, your child can stay for lunch and additional time in the Kindergarten Daily Discovery program for one to five days per week.

Curriculum is integrated across subjects and areas of development. As children engage in projects and other learning experiences, they develop intellectually, socially and physically, and they use and extend their knowledge and skills in many areas. Children use what they know and expand their knowledge and skills in language, reading, writing, math, social studies and science within a context that is meaningful to them. Children often generate the initial focus, and the teachers help them to find resources or to learn skills to carry it forward. The fun, excitement and satisfaction of learning become lifelong lessons.

KINDERGARTEN 24 children, 2 teachers
5 years old by September 1

◆ Monday through Friday 9:00-11:30 AM



Who we are~

CUMNS KIDS IS A BLEND OF AN EXCELLENT NURSERY SCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN WITH A QUALITY CHILD CARE CENTER.

CUMNS KIDS IS A PROGRAM THAT OFFERS:



QUALITY CUMNS KIDS is nationally accredited by NAEYC, which means that the environment, staff and curriculum meet high standards of quality. Staff members are experienced and we have low staff turnover.

FLEXIBILITY We offer a choice of full days or part days. There are three blocks of time to choose from each day. Parents pay only for the time blocks needed.

LOW RATIOS CUMNS KIDS has chosen to set its teacher to student ratios using the NAEYC guidelines for teacher to student ratios, which are lower than state regulations. This assures a high level of individual attention for children in our care.

AGE LEVEL CLASSES are formed based on age as of September 1. Class sizes are limited based on the size of the classrooms and the teacher to student ratios.

YEAR-ROUND CARE Nursery School and Kindergarten schedules coincide with Lawrence Township's school year. The Summer sCampers program is an option for families needing summer care for their children. Information about registration for Summer sCampers is available in March.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CUMNS KIDS is part of Ball State University's Professional Development Network. Student teachers from Ball State are assigned to our program each semester; we participate in research projects; a BSU faculty member meets with staff members regularly; BSU faculty members provide in-service training.

Daily Discovery

LONGER DAYS FOR THREE TO FIVE YEARS-

CUMNS KIDS *Daily Discovery* is a flexible program that offers quality extended care for children attending our Nursery School and Kindergarten. We offer full days from 7:30 to 5:30. Or if you prefer, part time blocks are available from 7:30-9:00, 9:00-3:00 or 3:00-5:30. Children eat lunch and nap or rest during Daily Discovery. Rooms are near the Nursery School room or meet in the same room. Curriculum in Daily Discovery is consistent with the goals of the Nursery School/ Kindergarten classes. Children experience additional creative art and learning activities during Daily Discovery.



THE TIGER CLASS

is for children attending our 3/4 Nursery School classes. Ratio of teachers to children 1:6.

THE ZEBRA AND LION CLASSES are for children attending our 4/5 and Pre-K Nursery School classes. Ratio of teachers to children is 1:9.

THE CHEETAH CLASS is for children attending our Kindergarten. Ratio of teachers to children is 1:12.

CUMNS KIDS welcomes, children, families and teachers of all races and religions. We are non-discriminatory in our enrollment and hiring practices.



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