Harmony Preschool

Virtual Open House and Virtual Tour

2021-2022 School Year



Empowering young minds since 1981

Welcome Parents!

Harmony Preschool was founded 40 years ago to serve the Brunswick community with their early childhood education needs.

We are a family owned part time private preschool in session from September-May.

We offer two separate sessions per day.
Our morning session is from 9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. and our afternoon session is from 12:30-3:00 p.m.
We offer classes for 3, 4 and 5 year old students.

Our age cut-off date is September 30. Teacher to Student Ratios:

5 year olds 1:12

4 year olds 1:12

3 year olds 1:8





Class Choices

5 Year Olds Monday-Friday

4 Year Olds

Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday

Monday-Wednesday-Friday Tuesday-Thursday-Friday Monday-Wednesday Tuesday-Thursday

3 Year Olds

Monday-Wednesday-Friday Tuesday-Thursday-Friday Monday-Wednesday Tuesday-Thursday

Children stay with the same class and teacher all year even if they age up during the school year. This builds confidence and strengthens their social/emotional bonds with their teacher and classmates.



Curriculum Goals

We follow a themed based curriculum that covers cognitive thinking skills, gross and fine motor skills, social interaction, self-control, arts-crafts, movement education, drama, classification, language development, alphabet, numbers, colors, shapes, math concepts, science, music and literature. Our staff has been professionally trained to ensure opportunities for the development of Ohio's Early Learning Content Standards and S.T.E.A.M: Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math. All of our teachers hold four year degrees.

Getting students ready for kindergarten is our top priority. In addition to following the Ohio Early Learning Standards, we work very closely with the Brunswick City Schools kindergarten teachers to align our curriculum with their requirements for kindergarten. We meet yearly with them to update our curriculum and our Director is a board member of the Brunswick Education Foundation. This allows Harmony to stay actively involved and closely connected to the school system.

In-class Activity

Sample Daily Schedule:

Arrival/Attendance/Hand Washing/Bathroom

Circle Time/Lesson of the Day

Review of Letters/Numbers/Shapes Colors

Creative Learning Centers/One on One Instruction/ Art

Socialization, Speech and Language Development, Role Playing

Cleanup

Large Muscle Activities/ Body Movement/ Music session

Dramatic Play/Choice Activities

Handwashing

Dismissal

We do not offer extended care before and/or after school and we do not provide meals to our students

Communicating With Parents

We use the ClassTag APP that allows the administrator and teachers to communicate with parents. We can provide pictures, notes, videos and sign-ups to parents via this app. We have a school email that parents may use as well as a Facebook page. Parents may call the school at any time with questions for their teachers. In March we have face to face conferences with parents to provide evaluations on the progress of their student. Each month parents receive a monthly calendar to see what activities we are doing in class.





Discipline Policy

The goal of Harmony's discipline policy is to encourage your child to use self-control and develop a sense of responsibility for their own behavior. We also strive to teach your child to respect other people and maintain a positive self-image. We use positive reinforcement and redirection to avoid discipline problems. Students are taught classroom rules and schedules in order to set clear behavior expectations.

All of our expectations will be kept within developmentally appropriate guidelines.

If redirection and verbal reminders are not solving a behavior issue, a child may be asked to sit for a short period of time (one minute per age group) to give the child a chance to regain control if they are having a difficult time.

If a child is hurting another child or damaging property, the teacher will document the behavior and the parent will be notified. If a child has frequent problems, a positive behavior management plan may need to be developed and implemented.



Illness Policy

Harmony Preschool will provide a clean and healthy environment for your child. We ask that you not bring a sick child to school. A child with signs or symptoms of a communicable disease should NOT attend school.

The State of Ohio does not require children who are not enrolled in a formal kindergarten program to wear masks but DOES require all staff to wear masks at all times when students are in the building.

We require all parents to review the COVID-19 symptom checklist before sending a child to school. If a child has any symptoms on the list, they are required to stay home from school. If a child develops any symptoms while at school, the child will be removed from the classroom and a parent will be notified to pick their student up.

We take pride in our safety protocols and can report that in 2020 we had no positive COVID cases among our staff or students attending.



Other Questions?

Does Harmony Preschool have a star rating?

No, we do not because we do not receive government funding. We are a private preschool supported only by the revenue of our parents. We know that we provide a quality program and have decided as a staff that our time in the classroom is better spent educating our students with quality activities rather than completing the hours of paperwork and documentation needed for State funding.

How do we keep our students safe at Harmony?

We rent space from Holy Trinity Church so the parishioners do not access the building during school hours. Our doors are kept locked at all times. We have a unique transportation identification system to ensure students leave with only authorized people at dismissal.

Next Steps

Visit our website at www.harmonypreschoolltd.org for enrollment dates, enrollment forms and tuition rates. To keep our staff and students safe and healthy, we will be doing after hours tours by appointment only.

Call 330-273-3535 to schedule.

We hope you become part of our Harmony family!

You can also view a virtual tour of Harmony Preschool by clicking <u>HERE</u>

Check us out on Facebook!

