



In-home preschool in Olathe off of 144th and Mur-Len for ages 2.5 - 5

Munchkin

ACADEMY

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meet the owner



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- Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood and Special Education
- Current Kansas Teaching License
- 13 years childcare/teaching experience

Full day

7:30 - 4:30

breakfast, lunch, and snacks provided

Tue. & Thur.	\$150
Mon., Wed., & Fri.	\$225
Mon. - Fri.	\$325

Morning

7:30 - 11:30

breakfast and snack provided

Tue. & Thur.	\$80
Mon., Wed., & Fri.	\$120
Mon. - Fri.	\$175

Afternoon

12:30 - 4:30

snack provided

Tue. & Thur.	\$80
Mon., Wed., & Fri.	\$120
Mon. - Fri.	\$175



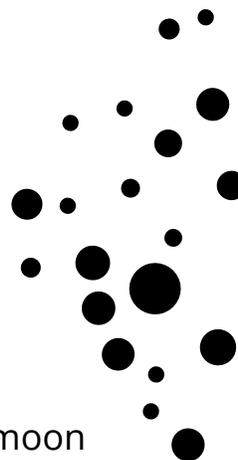
Our Curriculum

Our themes introduce children to advanced topics at an early age, preparing them for a lifetime of discovery.

zoology
botany
ecology
astronomy
geology
physics

Munchkin Academy uses bi-weekly themes ("science studies") to structure lessons and activities across all developmental domains in the classroom. By allowing two weeks for each theme, the children are able to dive deep into their learning and have enough time to explore with the materials and activities that surround each topic. We use these themes to structure learning in all areas throughout the classroom - from our books and lessons, to our crafts and activities in each of our centers. Our themes, topics, and skills that we address are aligned with the Kansas Early Learning Standards as well as the Montessori Scope and Sequence. These are the following themes that we address throughout the year:

the five senses	machines & circuits
living vs. non-living	magnets
insects	mammals
butterflies	reptiles
weather	amphibians
plants	fish
farm	birds
rainforest	leaves & trees
polar	rocks
savanna	space, sun, & moon
ocean	dinosaurs
desert	animals in winter
force & motion	nocturnal animals





Our Centers

Extensive research has shown that children learn best through play. Therefore, Munchkin Academy is a play-based (child-centered) preschool, meaning that much of our learning comes from intentionally planned and developmentally appropriate activities displayed in each of our designated centers. The activities are carefully chosen and designed to meet the needs of the different ages/stages of development in the classroom. Activities in the centers are rotated to go along with the current theme. Children are able to move freely around the classroom during center time, working on what currently interests them the most.



- Science & Math
- Literacy
- Dramatic Play
- Sensory
- Fine Motor
- Reading
- Art
- Blocks

Mixed Ages

At Munchkin Academy, we have mixed-aged groups. This is typical of what you would find in a Montessori classroom. There are many benefits to mixed-aged classrooms including:

- They mimic family structures and neighborhood groupings
- Leadership increases among older children
- Mixed-aged classrooms stimulate each other's development
- Academics and social skills are improved for all children
- Mixed-aged classrooms can boost self-esteem



Daily Schedule

Circle time consists of singing songs, reading theme-related books, calendar time, discussing the weather, and a lesson relating to our current topic. During our daily lessons and large group activities, children remain engaged through discussion and hands-on learning.

What to Bring

- Completed Paperwork
- Extra change of clothes
- Pull-ups/diapers if needed
- Backpack
- Water bottle
- Sunscreen

Arrival & Table Activities	7:30
Breakfast	8:00
Morning Circle & Lesson	8:30
Craft/Activity	9:00
Centers	9:20
Snack	10:30
Large Group Activity	10:45
Outside Play	11:00
Morning Dismissal	11:30
Lunch & Reading	11:45
Afternoon Arrival & Table Activities	12:30
Afternoon Circle & Lesson	1:00
Craft/Activity	1:30
Centers	1:50
Snack & Yoga	3:30
Large Group Activity	3:45
Outside Play	4:00
Dismissal	4:30





Discipline Policy

Praise and positive reinforcement are effective methods of behavior management for children.

When children receive positive and understanding interactions from adults and others, they develop strong self-concepts, problem solving abilities, and self-discipline. Based on this belief, Munchkin Academy uses a positive approach to discipline and practices the following discipline and behavior management techniques for preschool-aged children (ages 2.5-5).

WE DO

- Communicate to children using positive statements.
- Direct children on what they should be doing, rather than what they shouldn't do.
- Communicate with children on their level.
- Talk with children in a calm and quiet manner.
- Explain unacceptable behavior to children.
- Give attention to children for positive behavior.
- Praise and encourage the children.
- Reason with and set limits for the children.
- Apply rules consistently.
- Model appropriate behavior.
- Set up the classroom environment to prevent problems.
- Provide alternatives and redirect children to acceptable activities
- Give children opportunities to make choices and solve problems.
- Help children talk out problems and think of solutions.
- Listen to children and respect the children's needs, desires and feelings.
- Provide appropriate words to help solve conflicts.
- Use storybooks and discussion to work through common conflicts.

WE DO NOT

- Inflict corporal punishment in any manner upon a child.
- Use any strategy that hurts, shames, or belittles a child.
- Use any strategy that threatens, intimidates, or forces a child.
- Use food as a form of reward or punishment.
- Use or withhold physical activity as a punishment.
- Shame or punish a child if a bathroom accident occurs.
- Embarrass any child in front of others.
- Leave any child alone, unattended or without supervision.

If necessary, after other techniques are used, a child will be asked to go to the "calm down corner" with pillows, books, and quiet activities/fidgets to help them calm down and regroup. They will be asked to go there for one minute for every year of their age (three-year-old for three minutes, four-year-old for four minutes, etc.). We will then talk about the situation that occurred and problem solve solutions together.

