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## Welcome

Today you are receiving a tour of our fine Center. You will come to learn about our loving staff and our solid commitment to teaching and caring for children. The foundation we have created comes from more than twenty-five years of serving the community with a dedication to excellence in the field of early childhood education.

During your tour, you will also have the opportunity to ask questions specific to your child(ren)'s needs and what you can expect from our Center and staff. *Depending on your needs*, the tour can take from thirty to sixty minutes. What you can expect in this timeframe is the following:

- A general walking tour of Rockport Early Childhood Center
- A tour of the classrooms, with an emphasis on the one your child would be enrolled in
- Answers to your questions or observations while touring
  - Highlights will include:
    - § Background & Longevity of Staff
    - § Licensing & Step Up To Quality Information
    - § Curriculum & Lesson Plans
    - § An explanation of how we guide children's behavior
    - § Playgrounds & Indoor Gym
- An overview of our relationship to the Rockport United Methodist Church and the building that we share

### Handouts:

- Brochure of the Rockport Early Childhood Center
- Philosophy of Care and Education Letters
- Fees and Rate Schedule

We hope you find this tour enjoyable and informative. Please feel free to ask any and all questions of the staff member who is coordinating your tour or call again with any questions after you return home. We want you to feel comfortable with the information that you have received enough to make a decision that they Rockport Early Childhood Center will provide a caring and secure environment for your child(ren).

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## **Philosophy of Care** **INFANT ROOM CHILDREN**

We value the trust you place in us by choosing Rockport to care for your infant. We believe in and are committed to the following:

- ✓ The environment we set up is consistent and nurturing. Our primary goal is to **provide a safe, warm, secure, and loving place for your infant.**
- ✓ Infancy is an important period for social and emotional development. During infancy, children form their first attachments to parents and teachers. The security of the child's attachment to these primary people provides a base for the child's sense of **self-worth and trust**, and it serves as a model for future social relationships.
- ✓ We see **your infant as unique** and strive to help him/her develop at his/her own pace.
- ✓ We are committed to building each child's self-esteem and to empowering them as individuals. **We recognize and celebrate the rights of young children.**
- ✓ We use **Ohio's Infant & Toddler Guidelines** (which consist of Physical Health, Emotional Development, Social Development, Motor Development, Language & Communication Development, and Cognitive Development) for our curriculum and the goals we establish. The years from birth to three set the stage for success in school and life.
- ✓ **As your infant moves past his/her first year, he/she will be encouraged and challenged with new activities** to make his/her transformation into a toddler rewarding and successful.
- ✓ We strive to maintain a **stimulating atmosphere, which fosters the innate curiosity and enthusiasm** within a child.
- ✓ We are **committed to developing anti-bias attitudes and a respect and appreciation for all people.** Through our curriculum and the materials and equipment we use, and the environment we create, we promote this learning.
- ✓ The care that we provide for your infant is enhanced by **open communication, trust and positive relationships** between parents and teachers and office staff. Our relationships with parents are deeply important to us, as we are all responsible for the healthy development of the children who attend the Rockport Early Childhood Center.

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## **Philosophy of Care** **TODDLER ROOM CHILDREN**

We value the trust you place in us by choosing Rockport to care for your toddler. We would like to take this opportunity to explain the philosophy and goals of our Toddler Program... ideals that we believe in and are committed to:

- ✓ **Children learn through play;** play is a child's work.
- ✓ The environment established at Rockport is caring and nurturing. Our primary goal is to provide a **safe, warm, secure, and loving place for children.**
- ✓ We see **each child as unique** and strive to help him or her develop and grow at his/her own pace.
- ✓ We **foster and nurture** the innate curiosity and enthusiasm within a child.
- ✓ We are committed to **building each child's self-esteem and empowering them as individuals.** We recognize and celebrate the rights of young children.
- ✓ We recognize that toddlers are very busy trying to achieve balance between wanting to be separate and independent **and** wanting the security that comes with closeness and dependence.
- ✓ The acquisition of self-help skills and toilet mastery are some major accomplishments of the toddler. All skills involve a lot of practice and inevitable mishaps. **All efforts are nurtured** and "accidents" are understood as a part of the learning process.
- ✓ **We encourage the beginning of pro-social skills** in their relationship with other children and adults through sharing, taking & waiting turns, and respecting the rights and property of others.
- ✓ We use **Ohio's Infant & Toddler Guidelines** (which consist of Physical Health, Emotional Development, Social Development, Motor Development, Language & Communication Development, and Cognitive Development) for our curriculum and the goals we establish. The years from birth to three set the stage for success in school and life.
- ✓ **We are committed to developing anti-bias attitudes and a respect and appreciations for all people.** Through our curriculum and the materials and equipment we use, and the environment we create, we promote this learning.
- ✓ **We see ourselves as a team with parents,** always recognizing the primary, most important role you play in your child's life.
- ✓ **We welcome and appreciate this opportunity to teach and care for your child.** We are happy to be a part of the "early years" of your child's life.

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## **Philosophy of Care** **PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN**

We value the trust you place in us by choosing Rockport to care for your pre-schooler. We would like to take this opportunity to explain the philosophy and goals of our Pre-school program... ideals that we believe in and are committed to:

- ✓ **Children learn through play; play is a child's work.**
- ✓ The environment established at Rockport is caring and nurturing. Our primary goal is to provide **a safe, warm, secure, and loving place for children.**
- ✓ We are committed to building each child's self-esteem and empowering them as individuals. **We recognize and celebrate the rights of young children.**
- ✓ We use the State of **Ohio's Early Learning Content Standards** (which consist of English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies) and the **Creative Curriculum** for our curriculum and the goals we establish. Quality Preschool experience lays the foundation for Kindergarten readiness and success in life.
- ✓ We implement the **Conscious Discipline Program**, created by Dr. Becky Bailey. Safe spaces are established in each classroom. These are places to teach composure. The Seven Basic Skills of Discipline include Composure, Enrichment, Assertiveness, Choices, Positive Intent, Empathy, and Consequences.
- ✓ **We believe in encouraging children at the pre-school age to be involved in peaceful conflict resolution**, through expressing their feelings and discussing positive alternatives to aggression. We encourage pro-social behaviors in children such as cooperating, taking turns, participating in clean-up times and recognizing the rights of others.
- ✓ **We see each child as unique** and strive to help him/her develop and learn at his/her own pace.
- ✓ We strive to develop **a respect and appreciation for the Earth's resources and inhabitants.**
- ✓ We **foster and nurture** the innate curiosity and enthusiasm within each child.
- ✓ We are **committed to developing anti-bias attitudes and a respect and appreciations for all people.** Through our curriculum and the materials and equipment we use, and the environment we create, we promote this learning.
- ✓ Throughout the year, **we provide field trip opportunities** to museums, nature centers, arts and cultural events and intergenerational programs.
- ✓ **We see ourselves as a team with parents**, always recognizing the primary, most important role you play in your child's life.
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## **Philosophy of Care** **KINDERGARTNERS AND FIRST GRADERS**

As we begin a new school year, we would like to take this opportunity to explain to you our **Before and After School Care Program**:

- ✓ The environment established is caring and nurturing. Our primary goal is to provide a **safe, warm, secure, and loving place for children.**
- ✓ **We nurture the educational development of your child** through reinforcing the basic skills being taught in Kindergarten and First grade classrooms.
- ✓ We implement the **Conscious Discipline Program**, created by Dr. Becky Bailey. Safe spaces are established in each classroom. These are places to teach composure. The Seven Basic Skills of Discipline include Composure, Enrichment, Assertiveness, Choices, Positive Intent, Empathy, and Consequences.
- ✓ We want to provide our Kindergartners and First graders with **opportunities to play, socialize, relax, and learn.**
- ✓ We see **each child as unique** and strive to help him/her develop and learn at his/her own pace.
- ✓ We **encourage the children to be involved in peaceful conflict resolution** through expressing their feelings and discussing positive alternatives to aggression.
- ✓ We are committed to building each child's self-esteem and empowering them as individuals. **We recognize and celebrate the rights of young children.**
- ✓ We strive to develop a **respect and appreciation for the Earth's resources and inhabitants.**
- ✓ We **encourage pro-social behaviors in children** such as cooperating, taking turns, participating in clean-up time and recognizing the rights of others.
- ✓ We are **committed to developing anti-bias attitudes and a respect and appreciation for all people.** Through our curriculum and the materials/equipment we use, and the environment we create, we promote this learning.
- ✓ **We provide opportunities for children and families to support the work of organizations** like the Alzheimer's Association, Veterans, St. Jude's and the City Mission. We believe these outreach activities develop character empathy and a positive school and world environment.
- ✓ **Throughout the year, we provide field trip opportunities** to museums, nature centers, arts and cultural events and intergenerational programs.
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## RATE SCHEDULE 2010

AGE LEVEL	RATIO	ROOM	WEEKLY	DAILY
Infants	1/4	22	\$199.00	\$49.75
Walkers	1/4	6	\$199.00	\$49.75
Toddlers	1/5	4	\$191.00	\$47.75
2 year olds	1/6	24	\$186.00	\$46.50
2 ½ - 3 yrs	1/7	2	\$181.00	\$45.25
3 year olds	1/11	3	\$173.00	\$43.25
4 year olds	1/11	5	\$173.00	\$43.25
5 year olds	1/11	15	\$173.00	\$43.25
Before & After	1/14	Kindergarten	\$124.00	\$31.00
Before Only or After Only	1/14	Kindergarten	\$109.00	\$27.75
Before & After	1/14	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	\$92.00	\$23.00
Before Only or After Only	1/14	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	\$79.00	\$19.75

Registration fee	\$65.00
Security Deposit	1 Week Tuition
Supply Fee	\$2.00 per week
Late Tuition Fee	\$35.00
Summer Camp Fee	\$168.00 per week, \$42.00 daily
School Holiday	\$168.00 per week, \$42.00 daily