



The Ark Children's Center 2021-2022 REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Thank you for your interest in The Ark Children's Center for the 2021-2022 school year. We have been successfully operating preschool for 59 students since November 2020 with many important programming changes and new health/safety procedures during COVID-19. Our school leadership, families, staff, and children have worked in conjunction with one another, each doing their part, to be committed to safe practices that show self-discipline, love of neighbor, and concern for the welfare of others. Together, WE have been leaders in the community and our example of "best practices" speaks volumes about responsible operations and faith-based ministry. Thank you!

As we look ahead to the 2021-2022 school year, our registration process will begin in early February with currently enrolled students, followed by our alumni families, and then members of the communities. All registrations will be processed through our new management platform; Brightwheel. Parents will need to access Brightwheel to complete required paperwork, sign multiple contracts, and make payment before receiving confirmation of enrollment. It will be very important to complete enrollment forms and make payment promptly as we will have limited space/class offerings for the upcoming school year and during this extended time of COVID-19.

Our pricing has increased for the upcoming year in large part due to the inflated costs associated with operations, primarily; supplies, programming materials, and health and safety cleaning protocols. We were blessed with savings and reserves that allowed us to operate at a loss last spring, pay staff during mandated closures, and offer refunds to our school families last year during these unprecedented times. With an enrollment decline of over 50% this year, we expect to end the year without profit. Despite this loss, we continue to be committed to offering the best developmentally appropriate, faith and play-based nursery program for many years to come! We will continue to offer a quality program with small classes and skilled staff who can earn competitive wages and who live our school's mission and vision.

Flexibility, resilience, and partnership have been paramount over the last 9 months, and I believe we will continue to be blessed with opportunities to be innovative and bold in the days ahead. May God watch over each of us, our neighbors and community, and inspire us to serve others with full hearts and a sense of gratitude for all that is good and gracious in our lives!

Susan Borst, Director

Application Fee	\$100	(\$50 for additional siblings)
Materials Fee	\$125	
Health/Safety Fee	\$125	(billed & collected in August)

Program	Days	Hours	Yearly Rate	
2s 2 day	MT	8:30 - 12:30	\$ 4088.00	<i>Must be 2 by Sept. 1, 2021</i>
2s 2 day	ThF	8:30 - 12:30	\$ 4088.00	<i>Must be 2 by Sept. 1, 2021</i>
3s 2 day	MT	8:30 - 12:30	\$ 3472.00	<i>Must be 3 by Sept. 1, 2021</i>
3s 3 day	W-F	8:30 - 12:30	\$ 4370.00	<i>Must be 3 by Sept. 1, 2021</i>
4s 3 day	W-F	8:30 - 12:30	\$ 4542.00	<i>Must be 4 by Sept. 1, 2021</i>
4s 5 day	M-F	8:30 - 12:30	\$ 6776.00	<i>Must be 4 by Sept. 1, 2021</i>

Please note: At this time, our classes are scheduled to operate from 8:30 am-12:30 pm, however, our school hours are subject to change to accommodate MCPS early and late start times.