NATURE PRESCHOOL
where learning comes naturally

Purpose

To meet the developmental needs of the whole child by initiating a life-long, meaningful relationship with the natural world in a high-quality early childhood environment.

Philosophy

Teachers will attend to children's needs for autonomy, connection to others, and acquiring/mastering skills while creating an environment where children are self-motivated, build executive function and develop self-regulation skills.

Curriculum

Curriculum will be inquiry-based and student-driven. The inherent wonder, complexity, and beauty of the natural world will serve as a catalyst for each child's growth and development. Children will "learn by doing" through child-initiated play and active hands-on exploration of their environment where they gather information, pursue new questions, and construct their own theories of how the world works.

Teachers will be observant, flexible, and creative facilitators and mentors who model an ethic of respect and love for all life.

Nature will be the foundation for the curriculum. Direct experience in nature is critical in meeting the social, physical, emotional, and cognitive needs of children. Our curriculum is based on Ohio Early Learning Content Standards and developmentally appropriate practices.

Licensed by the State of Ohio

We are a fully licensed, nine-month preschool offering morning or afternoon classes for three- to five years. Children must be three years old by September 1 of the year they enroll and must be toilet trained. Our school year begins September 7, 2027, and ends May 11th, 2028. We require a commitment for the entire school year.

A Family Membership is required.

Class Options/Tuition

Classes are composed of mixed age groups of three - to five-years. There are four options available:

- **Two mornings per week**
  Tuesday and Thursday
  8:30 – 11:30 a.m.
  Tuition (2027-2028 school year): $3,826
  2-day $250 deposit 8 monthly payments $447

- **Three mornings per week**
  Three mornings per week
  Monday, Wednesday, and Friday
  8:30 – 11:30 a.m.
  Tuition (2076-2028 school year): $5,670
  3-day $250 deposit 8 payments $667.50

- **Two afternoons per week**
  Tuesday and Thursday
  12:30 – 3:30 p.m.
  Tuition (2027-2028 school year): $3,826
  2-day $250 deposit 8 monthly payments $447

- **Three afternoons per week**
  Three mornings per week
  Monday, Wednesday, and Friday
  12:30 – 3:30 p.m.
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Enrollment Deposit

The $250.00 deposit is required at time of application. Your child is not officially enrolled until this deposit is received by CNC. The deposit will be applied to your total prior to calculating your remaining payments. If your child enrolls and does not attend the Nature Preschool, the $250 deposit is not refunded. CNC member registration opens online on our website on January 20th. Membership at the family level or above is required to enroll for preschool.

If a student withdraws for any reason other than a medical problem (verification from a licensed physician required) or relocation, parents are personally liable to pay the full tuition for the balance of the school year.

Contact Information

Please contact Tisha Luthy at Cincinnati Nature Center for more information

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