

WonderNest Kidz Preschool



2026-2027 Parent Handbook



WonderNest Kidz Weekday Preschool

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the Weekday Preschool, Wondernest. We are glad you are interested in having your child participate in our Preschool Program. We have two primary goals that shape everything we do at our preschool.

1. To educate and nurture “the whole child”, which means we strive to help children develop their intellectual, social, emotional, physical, and language skills.
2. To provide a preschool experience where each child in our program feels welcome, safe, appropriately challenged, and unconditionally loved.

Please take the time to completely familiarize yourself with the policies and procedures in the attached Parent Handbook. In this packet, you will find:

- ☐ Preschool Parent Handbook
- ☐ Preschool Registration Form
- ☐ Student Health Form
- ☐ Photo Release Form
- ☐ All About Your Child Form

Please note that a non-refundable registration fee must be turned in at the time of registration. If you have questions, please contact us and we will be happy to assist you. We look forward to having your child as a part of our program.

Sincerely,
The Wondernest Team

General Enrollment Information

- ☐ Class placement is based on the child's age as of August 31, 2026.
- ☐ Class days are Monday - Friday from 9:00pm - 1:00pm.
- ☐ Classes are available for children ages 2 to 5.
- ☐ The school year begins the Tuesday after Labor Day and ends Friday, May 28th.

Wondernest Preschool Calendar of 2026-2027

First Day of School	September 8th, 2026
Teacher Workday	October 16th, 2026
Veterans Day	November 11, 2026
Thanksgiving/Fall Break	November 25 - 27, 2026
Christmas Break	December 21, 2026 - January 1, 2027
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	January 18 2027
Teacher Workday	February 15th, 2026
Teacher Workday	March 19th, 2026
Easter/Spring Break	March 26 - April 2 2026
Teacher Workday	May 1st, 2026
Last Day of School	June 4, 2027

Registration Fee (non-refundable)

Registration	Fee
1 child	\$80
2 children	\$110
3 children	\$165

** sibling discount available for tuition*

Tuition Rates & Schedules

Schedule	Monthly
3-day program (Mon, Wed, Fri)	\$400
5-day program (Mon - Fri)	\$560

Please Note:

- The tuition rate does not fluctuate according to the number of days in the current month.
- Tuition IS NOT prorated for the shorted months during the school year due to illness, travel, holidays, temporary absences, and/or five or less snow days
- If your child's schedule is 3 or 5 days, there are **no makeup days** due to illness, travel, holidays, temporary absences, and/or five or less snow days.

Tuition Payment Schedule

- ☐ September Tuition - due August 31st
 - ☐ October Tuition - due September 30th
 - ☐ November Tuition - due October 30th
 - ☐ December Tuition - due November 30th
 - ☐ January Tuition - due December 28th
 - ☐ February Tuition - due January 29th
 - ☐ March Tuition - due February 26th
 - ☐ April Tuition - due March 25th
 - ☐ May Tuition - due 25th
- There will be a \$20.00 late fee added if tuition remains unpaid on the 1st of the month.
 - *A child whose tuition payment is not turned in by the 1st of the month will not be able to attend school until payment is made along with the late fee. After this time the child's slot may be given to a child on the waiting list.*
 - To make it easier for some families, we offer an installment plan for the monthly tuition that can be divided equally and paid in two parts. The first half of the installment is due on the 1st of each month and the second half will be due on the 15th of each month.

Payment Methods

Tuition payments will be made through an invoice that will be emailed or texted to you previous to the due date.

Inclement Weather Policy

For updates regarding weather-related closures, we loosely follow the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools website or the local news for the CMS operating status. You will receive an email from the director, as well as follow up by your child's teacher by text and/or email.

- If CMS schools are closed for the day, the preschool will be closed.
- If CMS schools delay opening by 1 or 2 hours, the preschool will start 1 hour later or at 10:00am.
- If CMS schools dismiss early by 1 or 2 hours, the preschool will dismiss 1 hour early or at 12:00pm.
- If CMS announces a delay or early dismissal of more than 2 hours, the preschool will be closed.

Withdrawal Policy

Fourteen days written notice is requested if you plan to withdraw your child or wish to change the number of school days.

What Your Child Needs for Preschool Every Day:

- ☐ Large, elementary-sized book bag labeled clearly on the outside with your child's name or initials
- ☐ Labeled lunchbox packed with lunch, water bottle, and all needed utensils
- ☐ A healthy mid-morning snack, packed separately from lunch
- ☐ Comfortable, washable play clothes and closed toe shoes are required
- ☐ Coats, hats, and mittens in winter weather*
- ☐ Baby wipes and Pull-ups for 2 year old class
- ☐ Labeled zip lock bag with a complete change of seasonally appropriate clothes

*** We will go out every day unless the temperature drops below 40°**

➤ *All children enrolled in the three or four-year-old classes **must be fully** potty trained. **NO EXCEPTION.***

Illness Policy

To protect your child, other children, and teachers, a child showing the following symptoms will not be accepted in the classroom:

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| ■ Nasal discharge that is discolored | ■ Diarrhea or vomiting |
| ■ Discharge from eyes or ears | ■ Fever |
| ■ Severe sore throat or cough | ■ Conjunctivitis (pink eye) |
| ■ Respiratory problems | ■ Open cut that is oozing |
| ■ Rash, open fever blisters, or any skin irritation | ■ Infectious/contagious disease |
| ■ Lice | |

Children who appear ill or become ill during school hours will be isolated from other children. You will be notified immediately and asked to pick up your child. Children may return to preschool after they have been healthy and symptom-free for 24 hours.

Serious Illnesses

In the case of serious infectious illnesses (such as flu, chicken pox, hand, foot, & mouth disease, RSV, strep throat, COVID, Conjunctivitis etc.) parents are to notify the school as soon as possible so that the parents of other children in the classroom can be notified. A letter will be sent home to the parents with information on symptoms to be alert for. We do not disclose the identity of the ill child.

If your child is diagnosed with any of the infectious diseases listed above, they must remain at home for at least five days and they must return along with a Doctor's note clearing them from any disease and not displaying any symptoms.

Immunizations

Children must be up to date on all required immunizations before starting preschool. There are no exceptions to this policy. A copy of the child's immunization record must be turned in before the first day of school.

Medications

The only medications given at school are emergency allergy medications for a child with a documented severe allergy and rescue inhalers for a child with asthma. An allergy action plan must be in place before an allergic child's first day of preschool. The medication must be unexpired and in the original container with the prescription label (if applicable) and labeled with the child's name and dosage. The same applies for a child with a rescue inhaler.

Emergencies

In the case of an emergency or accident, parents will be notified immediately. If emergency treatment is required, 911 will be called.

Drop-Off

Drop-off time is between (9:00am - 9:20am. At 9:20am the preschool entrance is locked; attendance is recorded, and the school day gets underway. Please try to arrive no later than 9:25am. We do not want your child to miss out on any of the day's learning activities and late arrivals also disrupt morning circle time. Please notify us if you will be late due to an appointment or emergency. Thank you.

Separation Anxiety

Tears and clinginess are common but harmless when toddlers and timid older children first start preschool. Your child's teacher will distract, soothe, comfort, and engage your child in activities and help them learn that preschool is a fun and safe place to be. We encourage parents to be brief and upbeat at drop-off time. Your child will usually follow your lead. For most children, any crying stops within a few minutes and does not persist past the first couple of weeks of preschool. If your child is having an especially hard time adjusting, we will communicate and work with you to help your child grow to love preschool.

Pick-Up

Pick-up begins at 1:00 pm. Children are to be picked up no later than 1:10pm each day. If there is a delay in picking up your child by 1:10pm, please let us know.

A charge of \$1.00 per minute will be incurred if a child remains after 1:10pm. You will receive a notification of the late fee the next day the child attends preschool. Fees are due upon receipt of the notification.

Alternate Pick-Up Persons

There is space on the registration form to list up to four people who are authorized to pick up your child. If someone who is not on the list will be picking up your child, you must notify the director and the child's teacher in writing. Any alternative pick-up person, on the list or not, must be prepared to present a picture ID when they come to pick up your child.

Photographs

At various times during preschool, photographs may be taken of the children. They may be posted or displayed in the classrooms, used in a craft, social media and to share with you during special visitor days. Please complete the Photo Release Form attached for our files. If the form is not received at time of registration, it will be assumed that we do not have permission to photograph your child.

Discipline

We expect our kids to act like kids, and we have realistic and age-appropriate expectations for our preschoolers' behavior. Our best method of discipline is being role models of positive behavior ourselves. When behavior problems do occur, we may use one of the following responses:

- Ignoring minor negative behaviors
- Noticing and praising positive behaviors
- Redirecting a misbehaving child to a more appropriate activity
- Talking with the child and teaching empathy for others
- Loss of a privilege directly related to the misbehavior - example, for hitting another child with a block, losing the privilege of playing with blocks that day
- Having a child "take a break," which gives them a chance to sit in a quiet spot within the classroom for a few minutes, calm any strong emotions and return to class activities when he/she feels ready to rejoin the group

No physical punishment or harsh disciplinary treatment is utilized.

Aggressive Behavior

Occasionally, a child will develop a pattern of aggressive behavior. Our desire is to work with the families through any difficult stage their child may be going through. If a behavior problem is recurring, parents may be called in for a conference with the teacher and/or the director. Our goal is always to come up with a plan that can provide the child with consistency at home and at school. We reserve the right to discontinue the enrollment of a child whose behavior is dangerous to themselves or others.

Allergies

Before the first day of school, parents must notify the school in writing of any allergies their child may have.

Nut and shell fish policy

We are a nut and shell fish sensitive school. This means no nuts, nut butter, or nut products, shell fish, or fish products will be allowed in the classroom.

Parent Involvement

Parents are always welcome to visit Wondernest Weekday Preschool. Throughout the year, you may want to come and have lunch with your child, be a guest story reader, or help with special events. Please speak to your child's teacher to make arrangements.

Birthday Celebrations

Please notify your child's teacher in advance if you would like to send in a small treat for your child's birthday. Birthday celebrations usually take place after lunch, and parents are welcome to come celebrate with their child.

Family Communication

We need your help to maintain consistent, two-way communication between the preschool staff and our preschool families. This is what we ask from you:

1. Check your child's folder every Friday.
2. Read all preschool newsletters, notes, and reminders.
3. Post the class activity calendar on your fridge and refer to it often
4. Call and inform the school whenever your child will be absent.
5. If your child becomes ill, let us know what symptoms they have experienced or if they have been diagnosed with a contagious disease.
6. Share your experience with us. Let us know what's important to you and what you hope your child gets out of their preschool experience.
7. Inform the director of any custody arrangements involving your child.

Notice of Nondiscriminatory Policy

Wondernest Preschool admits campers of any race, color, national and ethnic origin, to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate based on race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, and other school-administered programs.

Curriculum

We use theme-based units of study so that children are learning about something new and different each week. Teachers base their lesson plans on an interactive and play learning curriculum. Learning experiences are planned to help children grow in a variety of ways: intellectual, social, emotional, and fine and gross motor.

Each school day follows a regular daily schedule that includes a mix of activities: structured and free choice, active and quiet, indoor, and outdoor.

We may also have several special visitors come throughout the school year to expand on what the children are learning.

Weekly Themes and Focus Calendar, 2026-2027

September - Respect "Let's Learn to Obey"		Focus Letters	Focus Shapes & Colors
9/7	Welcome to Preschool		
9/14	All About Me	Aa	Circle
9/21	All About My Family	Bb	Yellow & Blue
9/28	Shapes, Signs, and Colors	Cc	
October - Patience "Let's Learn to Wait"			
10/5	Safety Helpers	Dd	Triangle
10/12	Community Helpers	Ee	Orange & Brown
10/19	All About Fall	Ff	
10/26	Life on a Farm	ABCDEF Review	
November - Gratitude "Let's Learn to be Thankful"			
11/2	Machines, Tools and More	Gh	Square
11/9	Travel from Here to There	Hh	Green & Black
11/16	We Give Thanks	Ii	
11/23	Happy Thanksgiving	Jj	
December - Generosity "Let's Learn to Share"			
12/1	Let It Snow	Kk	Rectangle
12/7	Little Cookie Bakers	Ll	Red & Gold
12/14	Celebrate Christmas	GHIJKL	
January - Cooperation "Let's Learn to Work Together"			
1/4	Animals in Winter	Mm	Diamond
1/11	Nursery Rhymes	Nn	White, Blue, Silver
1/18	Healthy Foods	Oo	
1/25	All About the Five Senses	Pp	
February - Kindness "Let's Learn to Be Kind"			
2/1	Taking Care of My Body	Qq	Heart
2/8	All About My Friends	NOPQ Review	Pink, Purple, Red
2/15	Diversity/All About Others	Rr	

2/23	Playful Pets	Ss	
March - Honesty "Let's Learn to Tell the Truth"			
3/1	Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss	Tt	Crescent
3/8	Wonderful Wild Animals	Uu	Black, White, Grey
3/15	Sun, Moon, and Stars	Vv	
3/22	All About Easter	RSTUV Review	
April - Perseverance "Let's Learn to Keep Trying"			
4/5	All About Spring	Ww	Oval
4/12	Spring Blossoms	Xx	Review All Colors
4/19	I Take Care of My World	Yy	
4/26	Insects and Spiders	Zz	
May - Citizenship "Let's Learn to Help Others"			
5/3	The Big, Wide Ocean	VWXYZ Review	
5/10	Summer Plants and Gardening	A-Z Review	
5/17	Our School Favorites		Review All Shapes
5/24	Blast Off to Summer		

Acknowledgement and Receipt

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have received, read, and understand the contents of the Wondernest Weekday Preschool 2026 Parent Handbook. I understand my responsibilities as outlined and agree to abide by the guidelines set forth.

Signer's Printed Name:

Signer's Signature:

Date Signed:

**WONDERNEST WEEKDAY PRESCHOOL
2026-2027 STUDENT HEALTH FORM**



Child's Name: _____

Medical History (to be completed by a parent or guardian)

1. Does your child have any allergies? ☐ yes ☐ no
If yes, please provide details and describe severity: _____

2. Is your child on any continuous medication? ☐ yes ☐ no
If yes, please list the name of the medication(s) and the reason it is being given: _____

3. Has your child ever been hospitalized? ☐ yes ☐ no
If yes, please list dates and reasons for hospitalization: _____

4. Does your child have any history of:
 - Diabetes ☐ yes ☐ no
 - Convulsions ☐ yes ☐ no
 - Heart problems ☐ yes ☐ no
 - Significant disease or recurrent illness (please list) ☐ yes ☐ no
 - Other conditions (please list) ☐ yes ☐ no
 - _____
5. Does your child have any mental or physical disabilities?
If yes, please explain: _____

6. If your child has any special needs (diagnosed or suspected), please let us know what those needs are below: (We reserve the right to discontinue enrollment if we determine that we do not have the adequate staff to serve your child appropriately and also due to insurance liability.)

7. If you would like us to administer non-prescription topical ointments, please indicate below:
Wound Wash:
Medi Cleanse Sterile Saline or Antiseptic ☐ yes ☐ no
Wound Care
First Aid Ointments: ☐ yes ☐ no
Neosporin Ointment, A&D Ointment,
Aquaphor ☐ yes ☐ no
Benadryl Gel Children's Anti-Itch Cool Gel

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date



Wondernest Weekday Preschool 2026-2027 Photo Release Form

At Wondernest Weekday Preschool, we take lots of pictures! We take pictures to capture precious moments as well as illustrate what your child is doing at preschool. We use these pictures in many different ways. They may be included in our “End of Year Program”, displayed in the room, or put in our classroom books.

Please complete the following:

List Child/Children Name(s):

☐ I give permission to Wondernest WP to use photos of my child(ren).

☐ I DO NOT give permission to Wondernest WP to use photos of my child(ren)

If you have any special concerns or restrictions, please specify below:

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date



Child's Name: _____

Parents' Name: _____

Date: _____

ALL ABOUT YOUR CHILD

Welcome to Wondernest Weekday Preschool 2026-2027!

Please help us get acquainted by filling out and returning this form.

We look forward to getting to know your child and your family this summer.

Tell us about your child's personality: _____

What are your child's eating habits? _____

Tell us about potty training: _____

Tell us about your child's self-help and social skills: _____

Any likes, dislikes, or fears? _____

Tell us your hopes and expectations for this school year: _____

Anything else you'd like to share? _____

Thank you for your input. We are looking forward to a terrific school year!