



LATHERS EARLY CHILDHOOD AND
KINDERGARTEN CENTER

**Garden City Early Learning Center
28351 Marquette
Garden City, MI 48135**

Welcome to Garden City's tuition-based program! We are fully licensed by the State of Michigan for infants-12 year olds. Our center offers a full day and half day Early Childhood Education program for infants through 5 years olds and school-aged Latchkey care for Kindergarten through 6th grade. Our lead teachers have a CDA or higher and all staff is trained in first aid and CPR annually.

To schedule a classroom visit contact us at [734-762-8440](tel:734-762-8440).



Mission

Every child is unique and comes to us with their own way of learning. We give each child valuable opportunities to grow and develop as learners. We provide a learning environment that allows for personal development to take place using developmentally appropriate and best practices!

Our Promise

The ingredients needed to build a solid foundation for your little learner comes from home and our classrooms. We promise to:

- ★ Give each child a warm and nurturing early childhood learning environment.
- ★ Understand that children learn and progress at different levels and times.
- ★ Focus on all developmental domains of learning: Physical, Social-Emotional, Cognitive, Language & Literacy, Mathematical and Creative Arts.
- ★ Children will learn and develop individually through teacher-directed and self-directed activities.
- ★ Encourage children's learning through hands-on, multi-sensory exploration and discovery!
- ★ Cultivate a love of learning through our well-balanced and research-based curriculum.

Philosophy

Teacher's Role

Our Early Childhood teachers guide children in a direction that interests the child. By doing so, children are able to choose their learning and playing style. Play and learning go hand-in-hand and the teacher's role is to support learning by providing a nurturing and safe environment as well as activities and materials that children find engaging! By providing your little learner with a developmentally appropriate environment, interesting materials, adequate time to explore and interact, your child will grow and development at their own rate.

Teachers also observe the children in their class and listen carefully to determine their needs. Documenting this information allows teachers to plan intentionally based off of your child's interest to aid in their development.

Teachers will communicate with parents daily through face-to-face conversations, newsletters, Parent-Teacher Conferences, REMIND101 phone app and/or E-mail.

Child's Role

Young children do not separate subject areas such as math, science, literacy, etc. Instead, they learn about the world around them through relationships with people and things. They are active learners, meaning children form their own ideas, learn basic concepts, and construct their own knowledge through having conversations, singing, moving, and manipulating objects.

Play is linked to learning and builds a foundation for later learning in some of the following ways:

- Self-regulation
- Making rules and using symbols
- Prosocial Behaviors
- Collaborate with peers
- Creating and using imagination
- Problem-solving
- Memory and recall development
- Meaningful connections to real life
- Motivation to learn
- Task persistence
- Inquiry skills
- Explore mathematical and literacy concepts
- Increase language development

Parent's Role and Family Inclusion

When parents and other family members show an interest in their child's work and play, they are teaching children that learning is interesting and fun! Children become inspired and motivated to keep investigating their surroundings. We encourage parents to read to their child, cook with them, play with them, build with them and create together! Connect with your child every day through conversations, experiences and teachable moments!

We have an open door policy. Feel free to stop in anytime to visit your child's classroom and/or volunteer. During the month of January, we have a 6 week volunteer program for parents to work with children in our program for Motor Moms and Dads.

Visit <http://www.motormomsanddads.com> for more information! All volunteers require a background check to participate in this program.

We encourage every family to join our *Parent Teacher Support Team*. We meet every other month for fellowship, share ideas for fundraising, family fun nights, and parent education nights. This team also allows parent networking, teacher support, and provides a time where ideas, concerns, and questions about the program can be addressed.

Creative Curriculum by *Teaching Strategies*

We chose *The Creative Curriculum*® because it incorporates current research, best teaching practices, flexibility and takes the needs of every type of learner into account. The curriculum is divided into Units of Study, which is made up of investigations for each day. The day is spent in interest areas of a child's choosing, large group time, small group time, read alouds, music and art experiences and so much more!

Teaching Strategies GOLD assessment aligns with Michigan Early Childhood Standards of Quality. We believe child observation is an authentic and ongoing form of assessment which supports infants, toddlers and twos; and preschool children. Teachers observe what children do, say, draw, and create as a way to gather information about a child. The observations are recorded and helps teachers plan intentionally with a goal in mind, which is the key to planning appropriate learning experiences.



Michigan Standards

Michigan Early Childhood Standards of Quality for Infants & Toddlers

http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/ECSQ_IT_approved_422341_7.pdf

Michigan Early Childhood Standards of Quality for Pre-Kindergarten

http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/ECSQ_OK_Approved_422339_7.pdf

Alignment of Standards

Michigan Early Childhood Standards with Teaching Strategies GOLD for Infants & Toddlers

<http://teachingstrategies.com/content/pageDocs/MI-GOLD-Alignment-IT2-2010.pdf>

Michigan Early Childhood Standards with Teaching Strategies GOLD for Pre-Kindergarten

<http://teachingstrategies.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/MI-GOLD-Alignment-Pre-K-2014.pdf>



Tuition Rates Fall 2017-2018

September - June Classes

(Prices are subject to change)

Full Time Tuition (Flexible Schedule)

Annual Registration Fee: \$50.00

Each Additional Child: \$35

Minimum Requirement: 2 days a week

Age	Time Block	Daily Rate
Infants (6 weeks- 18 months)	6:45-6:00	\$46.00
Toddlers (18 months to 2.5 years)	6:45-6:00	\$46.00
Transitions (2.5- 4 years): NOT potty-trained	6:45-6:00	\$40.00
Transitions (2.5- 4 years): Potty-trained	6:45-6:00	\$36.00
Preschool (3-4 years): NOT potty-trained	6:45-6:00	\$40.00
Preschool (3-4 years) Potty-trained	6:45-6:00	\$36.00



Part Time Tuition (Flexible Schedule)

Annual Registration Fee: \$50.00

Each Additional Child: \$35

Minimum Requirement: 2 days a week

Age	Daily Before Care Hours and Fees	Daily School Day Session Hours and Fees
Toddlers (18 months to 2.5 years)	6:45-9:00 \$7.00	9:00-12:30 \$23.00
Transitions (2.5- 4 years): NOT potty-trained	6:45-9:00 \$7.00	9:00-12:30 \$23.00
Transitions (2.5- 4 years): Potty-trained	6:45-9:00 \$7.00	9:00-12:30 \$21.00
Preschool (3-4 years): NOT potty-trained	6:45-9:00 \$7.00	9:00-12:30 \$23.00
Preschool (3-4 years): Potty-trained	6:45-9:00 \$7.00	9:00-12:30 \$21.00



34 Week Classes September-May

Pre-Kindergarten



Preschool

Half Day Tuition (Fixed Schedule)

We offer a ½ day class for 3 and 4 year old children. Children registered in this class attend September-May only and must be 3 or 4 by September 1st. Non-residents are welcome with an additional fee.

Registration Process

Please print and fill out forms located below under *Registration Forms*.

Please bring a copy of your child's birth certificate, insurance card, and your driver's license.

**** Non-refundable Registration Fee Due at Registration****

Non-Refundable Registration Fee	2 Day \$140.00/Resident \$180.00/Non-Resident	3 Day \$160.00/Resident \$200.00/Non-Resident	6 Tuition Payments ↓
3 year olds	Tuesday/Thursday	9:00-11:30 A.M.	\$130.00/month
4 year olds	Monday/Wednesday	9:00-11:30 A.M.	\$130.00/month
4 year olds	Monday/Wednesday/Friday	9:00-11:30 A.M.	\$175.00/month

Registration Dates

For currently enrolled families: March 1-15, 2017

Open to the public: March 20, 2017

Please come to Lathers Early Childhood & Kindergarten Center and enter through the Marquette doors closest to the playground.

Registration packets are on site only.

Registration Fee is due at the time of registration and is non-refundable.

Call us for a tour @ 734-762-8440

