



Congratulations!!

Your child is enrolled, or you may be considering enrolling your child in Creative Preschool, a recognized and awarded quality early learning program. As a Two-Star Step Up to Quality awarded program Creative Preschool has shown a level of quality that far exceeds Ohio's child care licensing standards.

As an involved and concerned parent you know that a high quality learning and development program such as Creative Preschool is important because your child's early experiences last a lifetime! Your child has approximately 1,892 days from the time he or she is born until kindergarten. What happens on this journey lays the foundation for success in school and life.

Creative Preschool staff work hard to maintain an exceptionally high quality of care and education. As a recognized and awarded Step Up To Quality Two-Star rated program, Creative Preschool meets or exceeds the following high quality benchmarks:

- **The administrator and lead teachers complete a minimum of 20 hours of specialized training in the field of child development or education every two years.**
The administrator and teaching staff are committed to expanding their knowledge and skills to better support your child's development and learning.
- **Teachers develop activity plans that include all areas of development.**
Teachers use Ohio's Early Learning and Development Standards when planning your child's day. The program uses research based information to create an environment where your child can learn and grow.
- **Staff members participate in an annual classroom self-assessment process to identify the quality of their classroom environment.**
Teachers constantly evaluate the quality of their classrooms, which provides information to better support your child's growth and development.
- **Relationship-building with families is valued.**
Teachers and families work together to create goals for children and share information about their progress. The program offers at least one event to involve families in their child's learning and development.
- **The program supports and values employees.**
At least one of the following are provided to staff: health insurance, paid leave, tuition reimbursement, discount on child care, paid professional development, retirement, flexible spending account, one hour of paid planning time weekly, paid holidays or life insurance.

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