

YMCA PRESCHOOL

Our school is a child-size world. The children thrive in this world which is created to fit his/her age, size, interests and needs. Trained and experienced teachers are the foundation of this world. They are here to help your child see themselves as a unique individual and to equip them with the necessary tools to make future classroom experiences positive and beneficial. This learning approach will allow an ample amount of time for your child to think about language, problem solving, active learning and to organize their ideas and thoughts.

MEET YOUR TEACHERS

April Burcham is the Kinder Class teacher. This is her 5th year teaching the Kinder Class. She lives in New Castle with her husband Zach and their three cats and will be expecting their first child at the end of April. She has worked with children for the last 11 years. She is attending Ivy Tech State College where she is one class away from completing her Associates Degree in Early Child Development. As a preschool teacher it is her desire to help your child have fun while learning in a positive and educational environment.

Connie Criswell is the Scamper Class teacher. This is her 8th year teaching the Scamper Class. She lives in Mooreland with her husband, Aaron, and daughter, Brittany. She has worked with children for 11 years and has taken the CDA (Child Development Accreditation) course at Ivy Tech State College. As a preschool teacher it is her desire to help children develop their skills mentally, socially and physically and to always have fun while learning.

Angie Sorrell is the preschool assistant. This is her 17th year with the program. She graduated from Vincennes University with a Nanny Certification and an Associates Degree in Child Care. She also works in the Child Watch area of the YMCA. She enjoys watching movies, spending time with her family, friends and her cats.

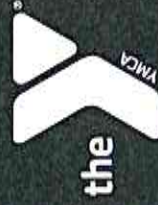


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Preschool Teachers

YMCA PRESCHOOL INFORMATION

Registration

To register your child, please fill out a registration form and pay a non-refundable fee of \$50.

Scamper Class Qualifications:

- Age 3 by August 1st
 - Potty Trained (must be able to take care of own personal hygiene—no pull ups allowed)
- #### Kinder Class Qualifications:
- Age 4 by August 1st
 - Possibly eligible to attend Kindergarten the following year

Monthly Fees

Scamper Class (3 and 4 year olds)

- Tuesday and Thursday
 - 9-11:30AM or 12:45-3:15PM
 - Member fee: \$50 per month or \$250 for 1st semester and \$250 for 2nd semester (if paid in full)
 - Non-Member fee: \$70 per month or \$350 for 1st semester and \$350 for 2nd semester (if paid in full)
- #### Kinder Class (4 and 5 year olds)
- Monday, Wednesday and Friday
 - 9-11:30AM or 12:45-3:15PM
 - Member fee: \$75 per month or \$375 for 1st semester and \$375 for 2nd semester (if paid in full)
 - Non-Member fee: \$95 per month or \$475 for 1st semester and \$475 for 2nd semester (if paid in full)

*To receive member rates, you must have a family membership. Payments are due by the 7th of the month. If your payment is late, there is a \$10 late fee assessed. Payments can be made by EFT from a checking account or by credit card automatic monthly withdrawal.

Guidance

The children will be provided with a Christian atmosphere. The staff will promote an enjoyable and safe environment. The staff will prepare your child for the next step in his/her educational career. The staff will introduce your child to water and water safety. Teachers are accessible for any concerns or questions regarding your child or the YMCA Preschool program.

YMCA Traditions

Over the last 20 years, the YMCA Preschool has recognized many traditional holidays including fall dress up party, Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter. We realize some families might have different practices/beliefs. If you do not wish for your child to participate in these activities, please let the staff know so that they can arrange alternative activities for your child.

Scholarship Program

The T. Michael Jackman Memorial Endowment Fund was established through the Henry County Community Foundation to help offset the cost of enrollment into the Henry County YMCA Preschool Program for children of families without the financial means to cover the fees. The fund was established in memory of T. Michael Jackman. Please fill out a Scholarship Application at the front desk.

Expectations

Your child is expected to follow the rules and regulations for the YMCA Preschool and know right from wrong. We follow strict rules in the pool for the safety of your child and others.

Swimming Program

As in years past, we will be teaching your child about water and water safety. To feel safe around the water and to experience the variety of ways it can be enjoyed is vitally important.

The swimming class is taught by a trained YMCA instructor. Swimsuit, towel and swim bag (large enough to put your child's clothes in when they change for swimming) must be brought to class each day. Scamper class swim day is Tuesday. Kinder class swim day is Monday or Wednesday.

The instructors and families can share in each child's success. However, this does not always come quickly. It is not unusual for a child to shy away from swimming. If this reaction does occur, please allow your child time to adjust to these new experiences. Please remember that only time, familiarity, persistence and reassurance can help your child overcome one of his/her major challenges. It is quite thrilling to watch them overcome their fear in the water.

It is important that there be a relaxed and positive attitude toward swimming from the entire family. Emotions are very contagious! A child can sense apprehension, fear or any other negative attitudes the family may have toward swimming or water. We must surround the child with positive comments.

If your child does not wish to return to the YMCA Preschool because of swimming, please talk with the teachers about the situation. We are here to understand and to make your child's first experience with school a successful one.