



Early Learning Readiness Program

Our Early Learning Readiness Program is designed to prepare children with the necessary skills to be “kindergarten ready” when they enter kindergarten. The program requires the adult caregiver to come with their child (3-5yrs old) to the program. You may also bring other siblings/children ages (0-2) to the program with you. Please note **the Caregiver does not have to be the child’s parent**- the Caregiver can be any adult who is providing care for the child.

The environment is set up similar to a preschool classroom. Your child will initiate the learning experience when they choose the learning center they are interested in. As the adult caregiver, you will follow your child’s lead and join them where they want to play. Each session starts and ends with a Circle Time gathering similar to formal preschool. Snack is always served- we strive to serve something healthy, but occasionally we have snacks that bring out the kid in all of us. The sessions are led by a YMCA staff facilitator, but you get the privilege of being your child’s first teacher. The Facilitator will offer prompts and there are various resources in the environment to guide adult caregivers in simple tasks to encourage learning with the child.

We also use the Ages& Stages questionnaires to help gauge the development progress of your child.

“On The Go Bags” are available for your child to check out and take home to engage in at home. These bags are designed around the five development areas of Kindergarten Readiness.

At the end of each session, the child leaves excited about the fun they had at “school”- not even realizing they were learning. **PLAY- Planned Learning Activities for the Young**. The adult leaves pleased that they are being invited to be a part of their child’s early learning experience, and they feel more confident about activities they can do at home to help prepare their child for the “real” school environment.

If you have already been practicing the basic academic expectations for preschoolers and your child is ready academically, your child may be able to benefit “socially”. Please feel free to call me for an opportunity to ask more questions, OR you may come check the program out to get a better understanding. This is a free program BUT, we do ask all participants to commit to having positive engagement and consistent attendance.

If you want to stop by, please let us know. Registration is done on site. We have two locations: Thomas Jefferson Middle School- Bruce Gymnasium at the rear of the school- (please enter through door 27) and at Roosevelt Perry Elementary School.

Program sessions are two days a week and run in conjunction with the JCPS school calendar. Meeting times are as follows;

Mon. and Wed. 10-12 or Tues. and Thurs. 10-12

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