

Rainbow Academy for Little Scholars
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Dear Parents,

What a joy to enclose an application for *Rainbow Academy's* school year, 2024-2025! A full day program is offered for toddlers, aged twelve through twenty four months. Both half-day and full-day classes are offered for children aged twenty four months through kindergarten. Kindergarten Enrichment, as an "elementary school half-day program (to complement a full day)" is offered.

The curriculum for all of our classes follows a multi-sensory/developmental approach to early childhood education. *Rainbow Academy* is devoted exclusively to the young child. Children play. Children imagine. Children create. Children explore. Teachers incorporate learning goals through monthly units and themes, which invite the child to discover. Our classrooms, which include both indoor and outdoor learning areas are divided into "learning centers" where children engage in self-initiated as well as teacher-directed activities. These "centers" include blocks and transportation, creative art and music expression, STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics), housekeeping and drama, manipulatives for fine motor dexterity, and a language and literacy center. All of our classrooms are print-rich and include both a whole language and phonetic pre-literacy program. Music and movement opportunities, so critical for young minds, are provided both indoors and outdoors (in our Melody Garden).

Our 5-acre facility includes several fields and vibrant playgrounds (in color and activity!) to romp and play. Each of the five playgrounds is specifically designed for age-appropriate opportunities. We are proud to offer two darling playgrounds exclusively for our "toddler" and "early threes" children! There is also a tennis/basketball court, trike courts, and covered area outdoors for easel painting, art, and science activities. Our lambs, chickens and goats (part of the petting zoo area), as well as Hubert (the big Bloodhound) greet children each day with a "baa and a bray." They welcome you to the henhouse to pick some warm brown eggs! Licorice (our pony), and her friend, Rosalina (our miniature donkey) meander in the field, and offer pony rides on warm days. A tractor pulls a hay wagon for the children to enjoy during the Fall and Spring seasons. The facility allows itself to pumpkin patch picking, scarecrow contests, campfires, snowman building, bird watching and other outdoor special events. The greenhouse and gardens offer seasonal delights as the children grow seeds and bulbs to plant in the spring, flowers and vegetables to water in the summer, and leaves to rake in the Fall. On a sunny winter day, children may eat snack and explore in the greenhouse. In the snow, fun abounds building snowpeople and riding on sleds.

The **Toddler Program and Early Threes Program** at *Rainbow Academy* are full day programs for children aged 12 – 36 months, with limited half day slots available for 24 – 36 months. Trusting relationships are developed through a small child/staff ratio. At *Rainbow Academy*, our toddlers and twos investigate the world around them through play. Delightful and colorful learning centers are arranged to explore and discover. Staff's knowledge of early childhood development encourages the learning process for toddlers and twos to socialize and develop language, thinking, and motor skills.

The **Pre-School Program** at *Rainbow Academy* is offered for two, three, or five half-days or full days, or any combination of full days. Please choose which days you prefer. We will try to honor requests, however, there are limited spaces for each day. Pre-schoolers learn social and emotional skills through play and exploration in the indoor and outdoor learning centers. A comprehensive learning program involving emerging literacy, writing and language skills; fine motor and sensory motor skills; social studies/science goals; mathematics; gross motor skills; and creative expression are developed through a monthly curriculum, which is shared with families.

The **Pre-Kindergarten Program** at *Rainbow Academy* is for children who plan to enter either public or private school kindergarten the following year. Children can attend 3, 4 or 5 AM or PMs, or 3, 4, or 5 full days. Additionally, any child enrolled in the 5 AM program may extend any number of PM days that is needed. We will try to honor "day" requests for the 3 day programs. However, there are limited spaces available for each day. As well as a delightfully rich curriculum of discovery and exploration (as listed above), Pre-K children enjoy the Handwriting without Tears program to extend language, literacy, and fine motor dexterity.

Social and emotional learning happens naturally throughout the day, however, techniques of the Responsive Classroom, including classroom meetings, sharing, and conflict resolution are specifically built into the daily lessons. Children experience what it means to be part of a learning and social “community.”

A full-day and half-day **Kindergarten** is offered for children who turn 5 before 1/1/2025. This program encompasses age-appropriate curricular goals similar to those listed above. The reading program uses a “whole language” approach, as well as techniques of “phonemic awareness” (using the *Reading Horizons reading program*). Science and social studies concepts are taught through hands-on exploration, as well as through the use of “big books.” Our kindergartners will publish their own books, create a Native American village, engage in scientific experimentation, and enjoy music and creative arts. They will learn mathematics through the use of a textbook and hands-on manipulatives. They build upon techniques of the *Handwriting without Tears* program. Each month (during the PM session), they explore an Artist of the Month to learn techniques and creative art expression from different periods of artists. The academic program is challenging -- yet filled with enough enrichment and giggles to delight any 5 - 6 year old heart. Kindergarten children who attend public elementary school in the PM may choose to attend our half-day morning **Kindergarten** program, have lunch, and be transported to their public elementary school.

Kindergarten Enrichment (for children attending AM public school programs) is exactly what the name implies – an enrichment program of creative arts and applied sciences. Teachers follow curriculum goals, including Artist of the Month, lots of math and scientific exploration, outdoor activities, and learning fun. Five and six year old children need time to imagine, create, and play, and they do this in our creative play and learning centers. Children are picked up at their elementary schools and brought to *Rainbow Academy* for lunch and an afternoon of exploration and fun.

It is exciting and fun to share that 2024/25 will be *Rainbow Academy*’s 37th year – and that it is multi-generational! This school year will showcase our *new* Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Center, as well as some enchanting changes to our current *Rainbow Academy* building. This expansion, a dream come true, will fill every child with delight. Additional space will allow for larger classrooms and learning centers, a new library, a conference room for families and staff to enjoy, and a creative arts room for exploration.

Rainbow Academy welcomes children with diverse learning styles and abilities into our embracing and inclusive community. Our school prides itself on a staff of educators who know and understand learning. Staff are trained and seamlessly involve *all* children in learning, by including lots of sensory activities, outdoor fun, teaching responsibility and caring, as well as emerging literacy, language, math, creative expression, fine and large muscle activities. The social curriculum is an important learning tool at pre-school. Additional support services can be provided by *Rainbow Academy* at an hourly rate, including 1:1 aide support.

If your child attends any of our half-day programs at *Rainbow Academy*, and you wish for your child to come early or remain for extended hours, an hourly rate of \$22.00 is charged.

Rainbow Academy is licensed by the ***Pennsylvania Department of Education/Private Academic Schools, the Department of Human Services, and accredited through the National Association for the Education of Young Children***. We are a ***Keystone Stars 4*** site. Our unique curriculum is cross-walked with the Pennsylvania Department of Education’s Early Learning Standards and Core Curriculum. Photos of children at play and other information is shared with you continuously. For a copy of our curriculum, information about our summer camp, or an appointment to visit the school, please do not hesitate to call!!! You can also reach us on our website, at www.rainbowacademypreschool.com and through our e-mail at mlrainkids@aol.com.

What is truly unique at *Rainbow Academy* are the relationships formed with our families. Parents and grandparents are always seen at the school reading a story, sharing an art activity, etc. Join our family and join the fun!

Best,
Dan LaGrotte and Cheryl Duffy

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Application for Enrollment 2024-2025 School Year

Child's Last Name First Name (Nickname) Gender _____ Birth Date _____

Address City State Zip Phone Number

1) _____ 2) _____
E-Mail Addresses (Rainbow Academy often sends photos and memos through e-mail, so please keep us updated!)

Parent/Legal Guardian's Name Occupation Business Address Telephone Number Cell Phone Number

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Name of Emergency Contact (other than parent) Address and Telephone Number

Name of Child's Physician Telephone Number

Special Medical Concerns for Child: Allergies, Physical Disability, Hearing, Vision Difficulty, Language Delay, etc.

Special Educational Concerns: Does child have any educational/behavioral support in school setting? Such as IEP or 1:1 aide

List Names and Ages of Other Children in the Family

If one parent is not residing with your child, please list his/her address and telephone number.

List any person other than parent to whom your child may be released.

List any person who may NOT take your child from the school.

Has your child been involved in a playgroup or pre-school experience previously? If yes, where? _____

Do you want your pre-schooler to nap? Yes _____ No _____

How did you learn about Rainbow Academy? _____ Whom may we thank? _____

Parents will be responsible for submitting an Application for Enrollment and signed Policy Form, Developmental History Form, Emergency Contact Information (PA Code 55 Chapter 3270), Child Health Assessment (55 PA Code 3270), and Tuition Contract before admittance.
Please check the program that you desire for School Year 2024-2025 on the reverse side of this form.
The tuition on the reverse side of this form reflect a yearly school tuition divided into 10 monthly payments.
A \$100 non-refundable, application fee is due with this Enrollment Form.
Rainbow Academy is an equal opportunity school, in program services and employment.

Kindergarten

Children who are 5 by 1/1/2025
8:45 – 3:30 _____ \$1440/month
7:00 – 5:30 _____ \$1540/month
8:45 – 11:45 _____ \$770/month
AM Kindergarten w/lunch and transportation
to public school _____ \$990

Kindergarten Enrichment

Public School Attending: _____
5 days/wk. 11:30-3:30 _____ \$850/mo. w/trans. from public school
3 days/wk. _____ \$690/mo. 2 days/wk. _____ \$470/mo.
Please Circle Days Preferred: M T W Th F

5 days/wk. 11:30-5:30 _____ \$970/mo. w/trans. from public school
3 days/wk. _____ \$790/mo. 2 days/wk. _____ \$570/mo.
Please Circle Days Preferred: M T W Th F

Pre-Kindergarten Program

(Children who are 4 before 1/1/2025)

Full Day School (5 days only) Half Day School (5 days only)
8:45 – 3:30 _____ \$1450/month 8:45 – 11:45 _____ \$710/month
7:00 – 5:30 _____ \$1540/month 12:30-3:30 _____ \$710/month

Three Day School (limited number of enrollment)

3 AM Half Day 8:45-11:45 _____ \$575/mo. 3 PM Half Day 12:30-3:30 _____ \$575/mo.
3 Full Day 8:45-3:30 _____ \$1050/mo. 3 Full Day 7:00-5:30 _____ \$1150/mo.

Please Circle Days Preferred:
M T W Th F

Pre-School Program

(Children who are 3 years old before 1/1/2025)

Five Day School	Three Day School	Two Day School
8:45—3:30 _____ \$1525/month	8:45—3:30 _____ \$1080/month	8:45—3:30 _____ \$720/month
7:00—5:30 _____ \$1615/month	7:00—5:30 _____ \$1180/month	7:00—5:30 _____ \$880/month
8:45—11:45 _____ \$740/month	8:45—11:45 _____ \$600/month	8:45—11:45 _____ \$410/month
12:30—3:30 _____ \$740/month	12:30—3:30 _____ \$600/month	12:30—3:30 _____ \$410/month
	Please Circle Days Preferred:	Please Circle Days Preferred:
	M T W Th F	M T W Th F

Twos and Early Threes Program

(Children who between 24 – 36 months of age before 9/1/2024)

Five Day School	Three Day School	Two Day School
8:45---3:30 _____ \$1590/mo.	8:45---3:30 _____ \$1115/mo.	8:45---3:30 _____ \$745/mo.
7:00---5:30 _____ \$1690/mo.	7:00---5:30 _____ \$1210/mo.	7:00---5:30 _____ \$910/mo.
8:45--11:45 _____ \$800/mo.	8:45---11:45 _____ \$680/mo.	8:45__11:45 _____ \$500/mo.
	Please Circle Days Preferred	Please Circle Days Preferred
	M T W Th F	M T W Th F

Toddler Program

(Children who are 12-24 months of age)

Five Day School	Three Day School	Two Day School
8:45---3:30 _____ \$1625/mo.	8:45---3:30 _____ \$1160/mo	8:45---3:30 _____ \$770/mo.
7:00---5:30 _____ \$1730/mo.	7:00---5:30 _____ \$1260/mo.	7:00---5:30 _____ \$920/mo.
	Please Circle Days Preferred:	Please Circle Days Preferred
	M T W Th F	M T W Th F

Extended hourly tuition is \$22.00/hour.

Additional support services can be provided by Rainbow Academy at an hourly rate, including 1:1 aide support; speech/language therapy; occupational therapy; and educational consultation.