

Rainbow Academy for Little Scholars
226 Grenoble Road
Ivyland, Pennsylvania 18974

Dear Parents,

How delightful it is to enclose an application for *Rainbow Academy's* twenty fifth school year, 2011-2012! A full day program is offered for toddlers, aged twelve through thirty months. Both half-day and full-day classes are offered for children aged thirty months through kindergarten. Kindergarten Enrichment, as an "after elementary school half-day program" is offered, as well as before and after school programs for elementary aged children. Pre-school and Pre-K children are invited to share extra time for lunch and play (until 12:30).

The curriculum for all of our classes follows a 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 and indoor creative learning areas are divided into "learning centers" where children engage in self-initiated as well as teacher-directed activities. These "centers" include computers, blocks and transportation, housekeeping and drama, manipulatives for fine motor dexterity, creative expression, science and discovery (mathematics), 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 three playgrounds is specifically designed for age-appropriate opportunities. There is also a basketball court/big wheel and trike court, and covered area outdoors for easel painting, art, and science activities. Our two lambs, chickens and goat (part of the petting zoo area) greet children each day with a "baa." Candy (our pony), and her friend, Tingalayo (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** at *Rainbow Academy* is a full day program for children aged 12 – 30 months. Trusting relationships are developed through a small child/staff ratio. At *Rainbow Academy*, our toddlers 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 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 or 5 AM or PMs, or 3 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 2/1/2011. This program encompasses age-appropriate curricular goals similar to those listed above, as well as techniques of the "whole language" approach to teaching reading (using the Wright series), and the Explode the Code phonics series. 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 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.

Our **Before/After School Program** is available for children attending certain Council Rock schools. This program includes interesting activities, homework time, outdoor fun, snacks, and transportation to/from the public elementary school. Also, we offer programs on days when the public elementary schools are closed. If you are interested in this **Vacation Day Program** for a sibling, please call for a separate application.

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 \$10.00 is charged.

Rainbow Academy is licensed by the Pennsylvania Department of Education/Private Academic Schools, the Department of Public Welfare, 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. 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.

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, creating a snack with the children, etc. Parent/Director breakfasts are held bi-monthly to give everyone an opportunity to meet new friends and to discuss child development and issues relating to raising young children.

Join our family and join the fun!

Best,

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Application for Enrollment 2011-2012 School Year

Child's Last Name _____ First Name _____ (Nickname) _____ Boy Girl
 Circle One _____ Birth Date _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____ E-Mail Address _____

Parent's Name _____ Occupation _____ Business Address _____ Telephone Number _____ Cell Phone Number _____ Beeper _____

Parent's Name _____ Occupation _____ Business Address _____ Telephone Number _____ Cell Phone Number _____ Beeper _____

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

Name of Child's Physician _____ Telephone Number _____

Special Needs of Child: Physical Disability, Hearing, Vision Problems, Language Delay, Allergies, etc. _____

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? _____

Are there any special friends (attending on the same days) that you would like your child to be in class with, if possible? _____ Do you want your pre-schooler to nap? Yes _____ No _____

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

Please read the parental agreement below (and on the back side) and sign in the designated spaces:

Parental Agreement

1. I understand that a non-refundable registration fee of \$90 should accompany this form.
2. Hours at Rainbow Academy are 7:00 – 6:00. A \$10.00 per child will be charged for each 15 minute period after 6:00 PM.
3. Extended hours are billed at a rate of \$10.00/hour before or after program hours (not including 6:00PM).
4. Rainbow Academy provides services and admission without regard to race, religious creed, ancestry, sex, disability, age or national origin.
5. I give permission for the school to use a photo of my child for media or advertisement purposes.
6. I agree to have my child's physician fill out all required health forms and submit before 8/1/10.
7. I give my consent for my child to be transported to/from school and on field trips during the school year by Rainbow Academy staff with a signed permission slip.
8. I understand that my child will only be released to those designated on this application, and with written or oral permission if changed.
9. I understand that the 1st tuition payment is due on July 15 to finalize my child's enrollment. Yearly tuition will be paid over a ten month period beginning on 7/15 through 4/15/2012. No refunds will be made for days missed due to snow, vacation, holidays, or illness. No refund will be given for early withdrawal of a child during the school year unless the vacancy can be filled by another child.
10. I give permission for Rainbow Academy staff to administer prescription medications as instructed by my child's physician or non-prescription medications as instructed by a parent.
11. I give permission for my child to be treated in an emergency room in case of accident or illness.

Parent Signature _____ Director Signature _____

Check the Program Desired for School Year 2011-2012:

Kindergarten

Children who are 5 by 2/1/2012
8:45 – 3:30 _____ \$950/month
7:00 – 6:00 _____ \$1030/month
8:45 – 12:30 _____ \$585/month

Kindergarten Enrichment

Public School Attending: _____
11:30-3:30 _____ \$595/mo. w/trans. from public school
3 days/wk. _____ \$475 2 days/wk. _____ \$335
Please Circle Days Preferred: M T W Th F
11:30-6:00 _____ \$745/mo. w/trans. from public school
3 days/wk. _____ \$595 2 days/wk. _____ \$405
Please Circle Days Preferred: M T W Th F

Pre-Kindergarten Program

(Children who are 4 before 12/1/2011)

Full Day School (5 days only) Half Day School (5 days only)
8:45 – 3:30 _____ \$950/month 8:45–11:45 _____ 12:30-3:30 _____ \$470/month
7:00 – 6:00 _____ \$1030/month 8:45-12:30 _____ \$580/month

Three Day School

3 AM Half Day 8:45-11:45 _____ \$395 3 AM Half Day 8:45-12:30 _____ \$450 3 PM Half Day 12:30-3:30 _____ \$395
3 Full Day 8:45-3:30 _____ \$705 3 Full Day 7:00-6:00 _____ \$790

Please Circle Days Preferred:
M T W Th F

Pre-School Program

(Children who are 3 before 9/1/2011)

Five Day School	Three Day School	Two Day School
8:45—3:30 _____ \$990/month	8:45—3:30 _____ \$725/month	8:45—3:30 _____ \$495/month
7:00—6:00 _____ \$1075/month	7:00—6:00 _____ \$810/month	7:00—6:00 _____ \$610/month
8:45—11:45 _____ \$480/month	8:45—11:45 _____ \$405/month	8:45—11:45 _____ \$285/month
8:45—12:30 _____ \$590/month	8:45—12:30 _____ \$460/month	8:45—12:30 _____ \$320/month
12:30—3:30 _____ \$480/month	12:30—3:30 _____ \$405/month	12:30—3:30 _____ \$285/month
	Please Circle Days Preferred:	Please Circle Days Preferred:
	M T W Th F	M T W Th F

(Children who are 30-36 months of age)

Five Day School	Three Day School	Two Day School
8:45—3:30 _____ \$1080/month	8:45—3:30 _____ \$810/month	8:45—3:30 _____ \$545/month
7:00—6:00 _____ \$1145/month	7:00—6:00 _____ \$870/month	7:00—6:00 _____ \$640/month
8:45—11:45 _____ \$540/month	8:45—11:45 _____ \$430/month	8:45—11:45 _____ \$310/month
8:45—12:30 _____ \$655/month	8:45—12:30 _____ \$495/month	8:45—12:30 _____ \$355/month
12:30—3:30 _____ \$540/month	12:30—3:30 _____ \$430/month	12:30—3:30 _____ \$310/month
	Please Circle Days Preferred:	Please Circle Days Preferred:
	M T W Th F	

Toddler Program

(Children who are 12-30 months of age)

Five Day School	Three Day School	Two Day School
8:45---3:30 _____ \$1120	8:45---3:30 _____ \$830	8:45---3:30 _____ \$555
7:00---6:00 _____ \$1190	7:00---6:00 _____ \$890	7:00---6:00 _____ \$665
	Please Circle Days Preferred:	
	M T W Th F	

Transportation

(Available for children over the age of 3 attending 5 days only)

\$230/month _____ AM transportation to school. Arrival to Rainbow Academy at approximately 9:00 AM.
\$230/month _____ PM transportation to home. Children will leave Rainbow Academy at 3:00 PM.