



Children's Odyssey

Our Philosophy

The Preschool years are a time of learning, wonder, exploration and discovery. It is a time to create positive experiences within a child's world to last a lifetime.

At Children's Odyssey we provide a nurturing, safe environment where children actively learn through play. We recognize that each child is unique and develops at her own pace. A distinct feature of Children's Odyssey is our commitment to the integration of children with special needs. Our program is designed to meet your child's individual needs, learning styles and interests while fostering self-esteem, self-respect and self-confidence.

By definition odyssey is: a long wandering or voyage usually marked by many changes of fortune.

During your child's journey through Children's Odyssey s/he will find good fortunes in learning new skills, making new friends and gaining confidence in oneself.

Children's Odyssey provides a structured and developmental program. We offer creative and inviting individual, small, and large group activities, which promote growth in all areas of development while meeting each child's individual needs. Hands on activities will encourage your child to explore and discover the wonders of the world. Your child will enjoy socializing with peers while gaining respect for individual differences and respect for oneself.

Admissions

Registration and enrollment is on a first come, first serve basis. Prior to admission, parent and child are required to visit the classroom. Admission to the program is a joint decision made by parents and staff. Continued participation in the program will be determined by on going parent-teacher evaluations of your child's progress and the appropriateness of the program to meet your family's needs. Prior to admission your child must have an up-to-date immunization record signed by a physician. A non-refundable application fee must accompany the application and will secure a slot for your child.

Teaching Staff

We provide a qualified dedicated staff chosen for their educational background, teaching experience, and foremost for their sensitivity and understanding of the needs of the young child. Primary staff members are educated in the field of Early Childhood Education, Young Exceptional Children and Child Psychology.

Hours/ Programs Offered

A.M Mainstream: 8:15–11:15

A.M. Special Purpose ASD 8:30-11:30

P.M. Special Purpose 1:15–4:15

Extended Day 8:15–4:15

Please be prompt and observe the arrival and pick up times of your child's program. A late fee of \$1 per minute will be charged for children who are picked up after the time their program ends.

Our Storm Policy

Decision to cancel will be based on the severity of weather conditions. Cancellations will be announced on WCSH 6.

Parent Involvement

Parent participation is an important component to our program. There is an opportunity for daily communication between parents and teacher and we are available to meet with parents anytime if necessary. Parents are more than welcome to observe or visit their child anytime.

If you have a special talent or hobby that you would like to share with us, please let us know. Volunteering your help in the classroom is always appreciated and a fun way to get involved.

Tuition/Withdrawal

Once your child is enrolled in the program you have bought the slot. Therefore payment is required in the event of illness or personal vacations. A two-week notification is required prior to the withdrawal of your child from the program. Tuition is due on Fridays for the upcoming week. Failure to pay after one week will result in termination of services until payment arrangements have been made.

We are closed the following legal holidays:

Martin Luther King Day	Veteran's Day
Washington's Birthday	Patriot's Day
Memorial Day	Fourth of July
Labor Day	Columbus Day
Thanksgiving Day (and the day after)	
Christmas Week through New Year's Day	

We follow the Portland Public school calendar therefore we are closed for one week in Feb. and one week in April. We also close for 16 hours a year for staff training. Upon enrollment you will be notified of these days with your school calendar. There is no charge for the week we are closed at Christmas.

Illness

For the protection of all children and staff we ask that you keep your child at home if s/he shows any of the following symptoms:

- *Elevated temperature
- *Diarrhea or Vomiting
- *Unexplained rash
- *Discharge from eyes
- *Communicable Disease

Please call by 8:00 am if your child is unable to attend due to illness. Your child must be free from these above-mentioned symptoms for 24 hours and be able to participate in all classroom activities (outdoors or indoors) before returning to school. Parents will be notified if your child becomes sick during school and will be responsible for arranging pick up within the hour.

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