

Inspiring a Love of Learning through Our Curriculum

Here at JCAL Academy, we use a nationally acclaimed curriculum, **The Creative Curriculum®**. The philosophy of **The Creative Curriculum®** is that young children learn best by doing. **The Creative Curriculum®** is built on theories of development in young children, that all children learn through active exploration of their environment and therefore the environment plays a critical role in learning. The goal of the *Creative Curriculum* is to help children become independent, self-confident, inquisitive and enthusiastic learners by actively exploring their environment.

The curriculum identifies goals in all areas of development: **Social/Emotional, Cognitive, Physical and Language**. The planned activities for the children, the organization of the environment, the selection of toys and materials, planning the daily schedule and interacting with the children, are all designed to accomplish the goals and objectives of the curriculum and give your child a successful year in school.

Our teachers integrate learning in literacy, math, science, social studies, the arts, and technology throughout the day. They also use a wide range of teaching strategies-- from child-initiated learning to teacher-directed approaches-- to best respond to their children's learning styles, strengths, and interests.

The staff at JCAL Academy builds the curriculum for their children around the environment using nine different interest areas or centers:

- Dramatic Play
- Blocks
- Table Toys
- Art
- Sensory Table (Sand and Water play)
- Library
- Computers
- Outdoors
- Science

The richer the environments, the more concrete opportunities there are for children to learn by interacting with materials and people. The teacher's role is to create an environment that invites children to observe, to be active, to make choices, and to experiment.




Enrichment Programming 2012-2013



Little Explorers (2-3 year olds) Geared for the toddler and young preschooler. Programming will have more time for play within the special program. Children will also have the ability to rest prior to enrichment if needed.

12:30-1:15 Quiet Activities


1:15-2:00 Activities

- Monday** **Fitness Fun** – play cooperative games and sports while developing body coordination and team work.
- Tuesday** **Yoga**- develop body awareness, self-control and relaxing techniques to help in life today and in the future.
- Wednesday** **Little Picassos** – big messy fun, a variety of mediums are explored and inner artists are encouraged to blossom. 
- Thursday** **Mini Mozarts**- explore various styles of music and movement through play
- Friday** **Silly Sensory**- investigate the world through the five senses. Prepare to get messy!

Big Discovery (3-5 year olds) Geared for older preschoolers. Programming will be a little more structured and activities will be more advanced than Little Explorers.

12:30-1:00 Recess Time

1:00-2:00 Activities

- Monday** **Budding Beethovens** –explore various styles of music and movement through play
- Tuesday** **Fitness Fun**- learn about health and nutrition while getting fit and having fun.
- Wednesday** **Broadway Stars**- discover your dramatic side as you act, sing and dance in two productions! 
- Thursday** **Yoga**- develop body awareness, self-control and relaxing techniques to help in life today and in the future.
- Friday** **Math=Fun!** - That statement definitely computes in this enrichment where the children explore math through games and crafts.



Playgroup Enrollment Agreement

Please register my child, _____, in the JCAL Academy Playgroup program. I understand that I am guaranteed only the hours/classes specified below, and I am responsible to pay for these hours, even if I do not use them. The playgroup tuition will be added to your preschool invoice and will be included in your monthly preschool payments.

Child's Schedule

Type	Time	Circle Days	# of Days	x	Yearly tuition per day		Total
					Nonmember	Member	
Morning Care	7:30-9:30	M T W TH F		x	\$370	\$330	
Mini Morning	9:00-9:30	M T W TH F		x	\$90	\$80	
Afternoon 1	2:00-3:30	M T W TH F		x	\$275	\$250	
Afternoon 2	3:30-5:30	M T W TH F		x	\$370	\$330	
Custom Hours - AM		M T W TH F		x	Will be prorated based on schedule		
Custom Hours- PM		M T W TH F		x	Will be prorated		

Late Pick Up: Please call the school to notify us if you cannot arrive at your scheduled pick up time. You will be billed in half hour increments at the drop-in rate which is \$ 4.00/half hour.

After Hours Fee: Playgroup closes at 5:30 pm. Arrival after 5:30 pm will be charged at \$ 1.00 per minute based on the school clock.

Scheduling Change: You are allowed one change of schedule to your contract per school year. Additional Schedule changes will be charged an administration fee of \$10.

Drop-In: If there is space available, we will accommodate children at a drop-in basis for enrichment and playgroup. Parents must notify the director in writing in advance. (48 hours' notice) Drop-In rates are \$15 per enrichment and \$4.00/per half hour for playgroup. Drop- In will be billed monthly.

All sessions of playgroup require a minimum of 5 children per day to run. Classes with low enrollment may be canceled. In the event of a cancellation of a class, JCAL Academy will make every effort with accommodate those families. If no accommodation is able to be made, JCAL Academy will refund any unused tuition.

I have read, understand and accept each of the above terms of JCAL's playgroup contract.

Date Parent/ Guardian

Date Director