



Pre K Program

Typical Day: 12:15-3:00-Every Afternoon

12:15-12:45 Table top Centers and Play time

12:45-1:10 Calendar & Literature time

1:10-1:45 Math and Literacy Centers

1:50-2:10 Art Activities

2:10-2:40 Kid's Gym, Big Gym or Outside play time

2:40 Snack

2:50 Clean up/ pack up/table tops or books

3:00 Dismissal

How old does my child have to be to attend Pre K?

This Pre K program is for 4 – 5-year olds. Your child must be four-years-old by November 30th and **completely** toilet trained.

Does my child qualify for the UPK program though Gibson?

The YMCA has collaborated with the Norwich City School District and offers a Universal Pre-K program at the YMCA. This UPK program is available free of charge to the first fifteen Norwich City School District students that register. To qualify for this program your child must be four-years-old by November 30th and live in the Norwich City School District. There are additional slots available for students that live outside the Norwich City School District but there is a monthly tuition fee paid to the YMCA of \$190.00 for these students. All Pre K students must have a YMCA membership to participate in this program.

What might my child learn while in this class?

Your child will learn social skills such as language development, self confidence and problem solving.

Early literacy skills will focus on letter identification, letter sounds, rhyming words, and concepts of print. Students will also learn to recognize and write their first and last name. Early math skills will focus on rote counting, counting with 1:1 correspondence, identifying numbers and shapes, sequencing and doing comparisons. Read alouds connected to concepts that are taught or simply seasonal will be shared and many art activities will be completed for enjoyment and to provide a place for students to learn skills such as cutting, coloring, gluing, etc.

When does my child swim?

Swimming lessons start about a month into the school year. The class will be split up into small groups and your child will have a designated swimming day that will continue for the rest of the year. We will let you know when this has been established.

How much does it cost for my child to be enrolled in this program?

If your child is a resident in the Norwich City School district then the only cost is a YMCA membership for your child of \$146.00 for a year membership, paid in lump sum or in \$12.50 monthly installments.

If you are not a resident then the YMCA Pre K program has a monthly tuition fee of \$190.00 with a non-refundable registration fee of \$30.00 and the requirement for Y membership still applies.

What can I do to prepare my child for School?

Read to your child! Play with your child! Limit their screen time! Begin introducing them to numbers, colors, shapes, letters and their name if you haven't already done so.

Your child needs to be able to dress themselves, (especially when we start swimming) and to be able to take shoes off and put them on again.

School Calendar?

The YMCA Nursery School follows the Norwich City School calendar. We are closed when Norwich City Schools are closed. This includes planned vacations and weather closings or delays.