



Preschool Program

2024-2025

Our Learning Environment

Kids Garden's mission is to develop a sound, well-rounded foundation of lifelong learning for your child.

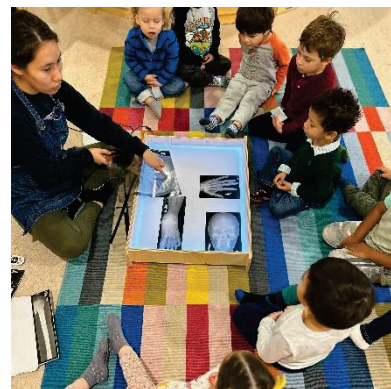
Backed by Reggio Emilia and Montessori educational theories, our diverse curriculum encourages learning through exploration, based strictly on the interests and needs of the children. In our mixed age Learning Center, children work together on projects and collaborate to solve problems. This approach to learning places an emphasis on creative expression, critical thinking, and a strong sense of self-confidence.

What you will find:

- Loose parts play – fostering imaginative play and creativity
- Inviting art supplies at reach for children to create
- Natural materials, living plants, and wooden toys
- Rotating sensory bin and water table
- Fine motor and pre-writing activities
- Books and a comfortable reading/study area
- Practical Life Activities –kid-sized kitchen and cleaning utensils
- Indoor Playset
- Healthy and fresh, seasonal foods
- Non-toxic art and cleaning supplies
- Sensory play with materials like beans, sand, pant and slime!

What you will NOT find:

- iPads or Screens
- Overstimulating, noisy toys
- Sugary snacks and juices
- Harsh chemicals



Preschool Policies

Preschool Participation

Preschool is offered to children ages 2 to 5. Preschool packages are for Kids Garden members only. Potty training is not required.

Preschool Hours

Preschool is offered every weekday from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM; however, we do offer an 8:00 AM drop-off option. Please indicate whether you plan to drop-off at 8:00 or 9:00. Families who choose 9:00 AM drop-off are still welcome to drop-off earlier and will be charged the standard hourly rate.

What to Bring:

- Children are required to wear socks at all times. Socks can be purchased for \$2.00.
- Please bring a sippy cup or water bottle with only water, labeled with your child's name.
- Please bring extra diapers and wipes and a change of clothes, depending on whether your child is potty trained. Diapers can be purchased for \$1.00/diaper.
- Please bring your child's items in a small, labeled bag or backpack to avoid confusion for our teachers and other families.

Meals:

- We serve healthy (almost always organic) and fresh foods daily.
- We DO NOT allow any outside food or drink. For exceptions, please refer to our parent handbook available at our front desk and on our website.
- Snacks are served at 10:15 AM and 3:15 PM; Lunch is served at 12:00 PM
- Please notify us of any dietary and/or allergy restrictions. To learn more about our food options, please contact us
- For meal pricing, please refer to our packages and rates.

Preschool Packages & Rates

You can start preschool any day of the month, subject to availability.

All preschool packages are based on a 4-WEEK month

1. Choose a how many days of preschool you need in the given 4-week period:
 - 2 days/week = 8 days of preschool every 4 weeks
 - 3 days/week = 12 days of preschool every 4 weeks
 - 5 days/week = 20 days of preschool every 4 weeks
2. Notify us which days of the week your child will attend preschool
3. Choose the duration of time you need
4. Choose from two start times: 8:00 AM or 9:00 AM

Monthly Package Rates*

2 Days/Week	3 Days/Week	5 Days/Week
3 hours - \$330	3 hours - \$455	3 hours - \$700
4 hours - \$425	4 hours - \$585	4 hours - \$890
5 hours - \$520	5 hours - \$710	5 hours - \$1,075
6 hours - \$600	6 hours - \$820	6 hours - \$1,235

***Note:**

- All rates include morning snacks each day.
- 4+ hour plans also include a healthy lunch each day. Otherwise, lunch is \$6.00
- 5+ hour packages are for ages 3 and up.
- We offer flexibility to change the days of the week within the same month (subject to availability); however, we do not allow changes to duration or start time within the same month. Those changes may be made prior to renewal (subject to availability).
- We allow a 10-minute grace period (Free of charge) before/after scheduled preschool hours. Any time consumed beyond 10 minutes of your scheduled hours will be charged at standard hourly rates.
- Preschool packages are honored during our seasonal camps (See schedule for Winter and Spring Break camps). Only children enrolled in preschool packages as of April 4 2025, may exercise the option to extend their preschool package during Summer Break (e.g., June, July & August).

Make-up Days:

- If you miss a day of preschool, you may reschedule within the current 4-week period. (*For 5 days/week plans, we will extend the plan one extra week to use any remaining make-up days). Make-up days may not be exchanged, transferred, or refunded.
- You MUST provide at least 24 hours notice of what date you plan to make it up.
- Make-up days must be used during the hours of preschool (9:00 AM – 3:00 PM), and the hours cannot be split across multiple days.
- Make Up days are not available during summer months as availability is limited. If you plan on traveling in the Summer, a Camp package or drop-in reservation may be a better fit for your family.

Refunds:

Preschool packages are non-refundable under any circumstances, including circumstances in which any or all the days in the plan are not used.

Preschool Calendar

Fall 2024

Dates marked ** indicate a week with a Federal holiday or other school closures, when Kids Garden experiences higher demand for drop-ins.

September

Theme: Building Our Community

Character trait: Curiosity and Wonder

Week 1 (September 2-6) **All About Me** [9/2 Labor Day - KG CLOSED]

Week 2 (Sept. 9-13) **Friendship and Kindness**

Week 3 (Sept. 16-20) **Five Senses**

Week 4 (Sept. 23-27) **Community Helpers**

October

Theme: Falling into Fall

Character trait: Courage

Week 5 (Sept. 30-Oct. 4) **Expressing Emotions**

Week 6 (Oct. 7-11) **Seasons**

Week 7 (Oct. 14-18) **Fall Harvest**

Week 8 (Oct. 21-25) **Pumpkins**

Week 9 (Oct. 28-Nov. 1) **Creepy Critters/Nocturnal Animals** [Oct. 31st-Halloween Party!]

November

Theme: Cultivating Gratitude

Character trait: Gratefulness

Week 10 (Nov. 4-8) **On the Farm**

Week 11 (Nov. 11-15) **Native Americans**

Week 12 (Nov. 18-22) **Weather**

Week 13 (Nov. 25-29) **Thanksgiving** [11/27 - 1:00PM early closure; 11/28-29 KG CLOSED]

December

Theme: Around the World

Character trait: Generosity

Week 14 (Dec. 2-6) **The Water Cycle**

Week 15 (Dec. 9-13) **Holidays Around the World**

Week 16 (Dec. 16-20) **Holidays Around the World**

Week 17 (Dec. 23-27) **** Winter Camp **** [12/24-25 KG CLOSED]

Spring 2025

January

Theme: Winter Wonder

Character trait: Peacefulness

Week 18 (Dec. 30- Jan. 3) ****Ringing in the New Year Winter Camp**** [1/1 New Years Day - KG CLOSED]

Week 19 (Jan. 6-10) **Winter**

Week 20 (Jan. 13-17) **Hibernation**

Week 21 (Jan. 20-24) ****Artic Animals**** [1/20 MLK Day - KG OPEN]

Week 22 (Jan. 27-31) **Nutrition**

February

Theme: Health

Character trait: Kindness

Week 23 (Feb. 3-7) **Health**

Week 24 (Feb. 10-14) **Manners and Sharing** [2/14 Valentine's Day Party!]

Week 25 (Feb. 17-21) ****Transportation**** [2/17 President's Day - KG OPEN]

Week 26 (Feb. 24-28) **Fairy Tales**

March

Theme: Rhythm & Rhymes

Character trait: Patience

Week 27 (March 3-7) **Dr. Seuss**

Week 28 (March 10-14) ****Peace, Love, and Texas Camp**** [Spring Break, St. Patty's Day - KG OPEN]

Week 29 (March 17-21) **Ocean Animals**

Week 30 (March 24-28) **Music and Rhythm**

April

Theme: Earth

Character trait: Independence

Week 31 (March 31-April 4) Seeds --> **Plants**

Week 32 (April 7-11) **Caterpillars --> Butterflies**

Week 33 (April 14-18) ****Insects**** [4/18 Good Friday - KG OPEN]

Week 34 (April 21-25) **Earth Day/Recycling** [4/22 Earth Day]

Week 35 (April 28-May 2) **Rainforest**

May

Theme: Above & Beyond

Character trait: Helpfulness

Week 36 (May 5-9) **Outer Space** [5/11 Mother's Day]

Week 37 (May 12-16) **STEAM**

Week 38 (May 19-23) ****Eric Carle**

Week 39 (May 26-30) ****Summer**** [5/26- Memorial Day - KG CLOSED]

[Friday, May 30 - Last Day of Preschool - -Summer Camps begin Monday, June 2]

Daily Schedule

8:00 – 9:00	Arrive and thrive! – Children choose how to start their day, whether they opt for open play of their choice or snuggle up to a quiet book
9:00 – 9:45	Independent stations – developing pre-writing and math skills, from threading and tracing to measuring and sorting
9:45 – 10:00	Clean up – Teamwork to tidy our working spaces and develop practical life skills, like stowing toys, wiping down tables, and sweeping the floor
10:00 – 10:15	Indoor Playset & Movement – Gross motor development comes in all types of forms; this is a time to climb, jump, and dance our wiggles out!
10:15 – 10:25	Healthy Morning Snack
10:30 – 11:00	Circle Time – We gather as a community to learn about our weekly theme in the form of storybooks, sharing the “news,” and singing and dancing
11:00 – 11:45	Explore theme-based independent stations; we focus on the letter and character trait of the week
11:45 – 12:00	Indoor Playset & Movement
12:00 – 12:30	Healthy Lunch
12:30 – 1:00	Quiet play, reading, and pre-writing activities
1:00 – 2:00*	Group Art Project Reading circle for 3- and 4-year-olds <i>*Extended Day - 3:00 PM pick-up option is available for Ages 3 and up.</i>

We do not offer a scheduled nap or rest period. If your child requires a nap, we highly encourage pick-up by 1:00 PM. Kids Garden is not a daycare facility.

Meet our Team



Mrs. Kimi
Managing Owner

After a career in Human Resources, Kimi understands the stress and demands of a busy work and family schedule. As a mother herself, Kimi recognizes the need for the flexibility and peace of mind that Kids Garden provides. Kimi graduated from Mississippi State University with a degree in Marketing. Prior to opening Kids Garden Kimi worked at Oasis Petroleum. Kids Garden is her “second career” in which she has been able to fulfill her goals of helping other parents as they navigate work/life balance.

On occasion, you may see Kimi’s husband, Paul, in the Learning Center handling IT issues and routine maintenance. When he is not standing in as our repairman or front desk clerk, Paul is a consultant with Alvarez & Marsal.



Mrs. Ruth
Director

Ruth has been with Kids Garden since the very beginning and her leadership and love for teaching has blessed our center immensely. Prior to working at Kids Garden, Ruth nannied for 7 years while attending The University of Houston. While nannying, Mrs. Ruth began to adopt a Montessori approach in her children’s homes and grew her interest in early education.

When she is not at Kids Garden, Ruth enjoys spending time outdoors with her husband and two “Fur Babies.” Mrs. Ruth is always bringing the “outdoors in” at Kids Garden and enjoys sharing her collections of rocks and insects.

Our Teachers are qualified early childhood educators and caregivers, who provide a safe and nurturing environment for children to thrive, create, and discover. All staff are background checked and CPR/First aid certified. We are committed to continuing education and attend Reggio Emilia Conferences and Rice University’s Early Literacy Conference, annually.