



# Little Wonders Early Learning Center

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*"High-quality early learning provided by educators, for the children of educators."*



## Mission

Little Wonders Early Learning Center aims to deliver high-quality, child-centered early education and care to the children of Davidson county's hardworking educators. Through stimulating classroom and outdoor environments and responsive educator practices we strive to **foster children's innate wonder, curiosity, and brilliance** as, together, they learn about the world around them.

To achieve our mission, we prioritize the foundations that matter most to children, families, and educators. Our pillars include:

**Degreed Educators**

**Research-Based Curriculum**

**Child-Centered Instruction**

**Daily Music Classes**

**Family Partnerships**



This is the place to learn and grow

To explore everything from high to low

I ask questions and adventure both inside and out

That's what Little Wonders is all about!



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## Achieving Our Mission

### Degreed Educators

Teachers are the core of our high-quality program. All full-time staff have bachelor's degrees in early childhood and related fields. Our educators are full of "little wonders" about the complex work of their practice and engage in deep thinking about that practice through weekly coaching, on-going professional development, and a collaborative professional environment.

### Research-based, child-centered curriculum in ALL classrooms

Many childcare facilities begin using formal curriculum when children turn 3. However, children's brains are developing at an astonishing rate during the first 3 years of life.

#### Creative Curriculum for infants, toddlers, and twos

This curriculum incorporates meaningful learning experiences into the daily caregiving routines of the infant and toddler classroom. Teachers respond to children's babbles, gaze, pointing, and other forms of communication. These responsive practices help children learn to regulate their emotions, participate in a group, develop relationships, and support brain development. By age two, the curriculum begins to introduce units of study as children deepen their exploration of the world.

#### Creative Curriculum for preschool

The project-based, investigative learning curriculum promotes creativity and critical thinking as children explore and wonder about the world around them. The preschool class engages in 6-week studies around a central area of inquiry (for example, water, clothing, or pets). Hands-on learning and play is at the heart of what we do at Little Wonders. Ongoing documentation of children's development is used to differentiate instruction to ensure all children are building the academic foundations they will need in Kindergarten and beyond.

### Daily music classes

Every classroom enjoys daily music classes at Little Wonders. Taught by a board-certified music therapist, children participate in group singing, instrument playing, songwriting, and more through engaging, child-centered lessons. Daily music time supports young children's brain development, social skills, and introduces children to the foundations of rhythm, pitch, and melody.

### Family Partnerships

Parenting is not an easy job and at Little Wonders you're not in it alone! From daily touch-points with your child's teachers, to monthly family events, parent-teacher conferences, and parent-learning events, we walk alongside you and your child through the early childhood years at Little Wonders.



## Educator Benefits

**Priority enrollment**

**Lower tuition rates**

**11-month care and payment option**

**Peace of mind**

*"When educators know their own children are deeply cared for during the school day, it allows them to be fully present in their own work."*

