

EASTMINSTER PRESCHOOL

Eastminster Preschool has provided quality preschool education to area children since 1973. Our curriculum is based on skills for kindergarten readiness, with a play-based and child-centered focus. The enriched and exciting learning environment offers unparalleled space to move and learn. It inspires a child's natural curiosity, promotes self-discovered knowledge, encourages independence, and builds self-esteem. With low student/teacher ratios, the classes are taught by teams of licensed and bachelor-degreed teachers, possessing the highest level of education and experience available in our area. These highly-qualified and enthusiastic teachers provide a curriculum which is developmentally appropriate and fosters social, emotional, physical and cognitive growth. Our goal is for each child to leave preschool with enhanced knowledge, independence, self-confidence, creativity, self-control and a love for learning. They will attain the foundational skills for success in kindergarten and beyond.



CLASSES

You may ENROLL FOR 2 CLASSES in the same age group.

3 Year Olds	M/W	8:30 - 11:15 am
3 Year Olds	T/Th	8:30 - 11:15 am

4 Year Olds	M/T/W/Th	8:30 - 11:15 am
^accommodations can be made in this class if only 3 mornings are desired—M/T/Th		
4 Year Olds*	M/T/W/Th	12:15 - 3:15 pm
Young 5's *	M/T/W/Th	12:15 - 3:15 pm
*these classes may be a combination class based on enrollment		

Lunch Bunch	M/T/W/Th	11:15 - 12:15
—can be added to any class, children bring lunch from home		

TUITION

Two day per week classes \$150 per month
Four day per week AM classes \$270 per month
Four day per week PM classes \$290 per month
Lunch Bunch See website for pricing
Tuition Assistance Applications are available on request and are due July 15. Those receiving assistance will be enrolled in one class only unless there are spots available yet in late August.

STAFF

Director: Wendy Zwiers, M.Ed. Western Michigan University; K-8 license with early childhood endorsement, B.A. Calvin College, Special interests: music, children's lit, story telling. 25 years experience.

Director/Teacher: Amy Karel, K-6 license; B.A. Calvin College, Child Development Associate Credential (CDA). Special interests: music & movement, language arts. 22 years experience.

Teacher: Allison Kress, K-5 License; B.A. Ferris State University. Special interests: art, sensory play, children's literature. 20 years experience

Teacher: Kathy Wiegers, B.A. in sociology, minor in social work, Calvin College. Lead teacher Daycare Center, Michigan licensed home daycare provider. Special interests: art, children's literature, social development. 24 years experience.

Teacher: Melissa Marsh, M.Ed. Grand Valley State University; K-8 license, B.A. Michigan State University. Special interests: differentiated instruction, children's literature, reading readiness. 20 years experience.

Teacher: Anne VandenBerg, Child Development Associate Credential (CDA). Special interests: creative movement, social-emotional development. 25 years experience.

Teacher: Becky van der Woerd, K-6 License; B.A. Calvin College. Special Interest: art, social development, and reading . 16 years experience.

Lunch BunchTeacher: Jessica Gragg, B.A. Calvin College. 7 years experience as a preschool aide.

CHILD/TEACHER RATIOS

3 Year Old Classes	7 children to 1 teacher
4 Year Old Classes	8 children to 1 teacher
Young 5 Class	8 children to 1 teacher

BIRTHDATE GUIDELINES

3 Year Old Classes	9/02/19 - 12/01/20
4 Year Old Classes	9/02/18 - 12/01/19
Young 5's Class	4/01/18 - 4/01/19

ENROLLMENT

To enroll your child, fill out the enrollment form below, detach and mail with your \$100 enrollment fee, or enroll and pay the enrollment fee at eastminsterkids.org. The enrollment fee is non-refundable but you will receive a \$50 credit on your May 2024 tuition bill.



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ENROLLMENT FOR 2023-24

Child’s Name

Parent(s) Names

Address

City/Zip Code

Telephone

Email

Child’s Birth Date

Place an X next to the class(es) in which you desire to enroll

	3 yr old	Mon/Wed	8:30-11:15
	3 yr old	Tues/Thur	8:30-11:15
	4 yr old	M-Th AM	8:30-11:15
	4 yr old	M-Th PM	12:15-3:15
	Young 5’s	M-Th PM	12:15-3:15
	I am interested in Lunch Bunch.		

Mail to:

Wendy Zwiers

Eastminster Preschool

1700 Woodward Ave SE

Grand Rapids, MI 49506

Read what your friends and neighbors have to say about Eastminster Preschool:

“What impressed us initially about Eastminster was the low teacher to student ratio and the curriculum that is tailored specifically for each age group. The kids get a lot of individual attention from a certified teacher, which is rare in preschool programs. But what we find most impressive now that we have had our kids in the school for five years is the quality of the teachers. They create an environment where kids feel safe and loved and where they have fun learning. We tell everyone we know about Eastminster because these are the teachers you want you kids to be with!”

*Michael Scholten, Senior Engineer at GV Aviation
Kelli Scholten, former teacher, Holland Christian High School*

“Our son feels known at Eastminster Preschool. We worried that preschool would be tough because our three-year-old was so shy and quiet, but he has LOVED school from the first day he went to Eastminster. We have been amazed at how he has opened up, tried new things, and made friends. This school has been an absolute gift.”

*Jeremy Veenema, Pediatrician
Laura Veenema, Reading Specialist*

“We are so appreciative of the teachers and staff who took the time and individual care our daughter needed when she transferred in. She was dealing with major anxiety issues after having had a negative first experience of school at her previous preschool. She is now thriving at Eastminster and we attribute that to the teachers who took special individual care to welcome her in. Their patience in creating a safe and loving environment for her has paid off and she not only now loves school, but has learned how to make friends, write her letters and sound out words!

*Lance Kraai, Farm Director at New City Neighbors
Daina Kraai, Children and Youth Coordinator at Creston CRC*

“Our preschool and young 5's experience at Eastminster Preschool was truly wonderful. We found the staff (and environment) to be nurturing but also able to challenge our daughter to learn and grow. Although she is now a third grader, she still talks about her teachers at Eastminster fondly and how much she misses them and the experiences she had during her time there.”

*Matthew Tepper, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Mi Trainer
Lynne Brown Tepper, Executive & Artistic Director Community Circle Theatre*

“Eastminster has been an extremely positive experience for our first two boys and we will send our third child as well. We most appreciate the teachers who are experts in their field. They take their role seriously, love what they do, and create an atmosphere in which our children have thrived.”

*Scott Krosschell, accountant
Heidi Krosschell, teacher*



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