



WELCOME

DISCOVER LEARNING

OUR VISION



The Newtown Discovery Preschool's mission is to nurture a curiosity-driven environment through emergent learning so that students can develop a love for exploration, wellness and relationship building.



We work with each student's natural abilities to expand their view of the world in a supportive, caring and interactive environment. Our goal is to instill a passion for learning that will stay with each child throughout his or her life.

OVERVIEW

SCHOOL HOURS

Newtown Discovery Preschool is open year-round,
Monday through Friday, from 6:30 AM to 6 PM.

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CLOSED ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS

Labor Day
Thanksgiving Day
Christmas Day
New Year's Day

Memorial Day
Independence Day
2 In-Service Days



ENROLLMENT OPTIONS:

M-F Full Day 3 Full Days (M, W, F)
2 Full Days (T, Th)

INCLUDED IN TUITION:

- Highly qualified staff to support and encourage the growth of your child.
- Hands-on opportunities for learning are available in our Village, Theater and Space Station.
- Breakfast, lunch, and afternoon snack. Meals are prepared fresh daily by a cook on-site.
- Enrichment classes to extend learning including: yoga, music, gymnastics, and cooking.
- First aid station available in case of emergency.
- Weekly on-site laundry service for nap bedding.

Re-enrollment fees are billed \$200 to reserve your child's spot for the upcoming school year.

If you enroll between January through May, the re-enrollment fee for your child will be billed in August. Enrollments secured in June or later, will not incur any additional fees for the current year.

THE FACILITY

Our innovative play space is unlike any other. With play-based learning as a priority, we have created an interactive environment where learning is fun and engaging for students. This approach encourages positive feelings associated with school starting at an early age.



We have a slide that goes from the second floor to the first floor of our building. This allows for exciting mid-day transitions for the students!

OUR STAFF

STAFF QUALIFICATIONS INCLUDE:

- Comprehensive background checks
- First Aid, AED, and CPR certifications
- Commitment to Conscious Discipline behavior strategies in the classroom
- Hands-on curriculum and classroom management trainings



Our goal is to provide a safe and friendly environment for each child to learn and grow as a young leader. Each team member is thoroughly trained to foster the joy of learning and sense of accomplishment for all students. All teachers complete an extensive training which prepares them to provide a year full of enriching educational experiences.

OUR STAFF



AMANDA SINKLER

Founder

With over 15 years of professional experience in the field of childcare and a degree in Early Childhood Education from Temple University, Amanda begins this new venture with great excitement. Amanda's passion for educating youth has helped her run a very successful summer camp and Youth Programs at the Newtown Athletic Club. Amanda is globally recognized in the fitness industry for creating health and wellness programs for children. Founding the preschool combines Amanda's passion for providing a safe place for students to learn and grow with encouraging the development of a healthy lifestyle early in life.

Angela Moran

DIRECTOR

Living by her motto of continual education, Angela joins our program with an Associate degree in nursing, a Child Development Associate and a Bachelor of Science in Psychology from Kutztown University. She has worked in both corporate and independent schools as both an early childhood educator and center administrator. She is a passionate educator, proponent, and advocate for Reggio-Emilia-a pedagogy focusing on student-driven, experiential learning.



OUR STAFF



HOLLY COSTANZO ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

With over 18 years of experience she is a very welcomed addition. She has worked as a private nanny, Kids Club Coordinator at the Newtown Athletic Club and classroom teacher. She earned her Child Development Associate Credential from Ashworth College. Her passion is for emergent and child-driven learning.

FRANCESCA MORETTI

ADMISSIONS

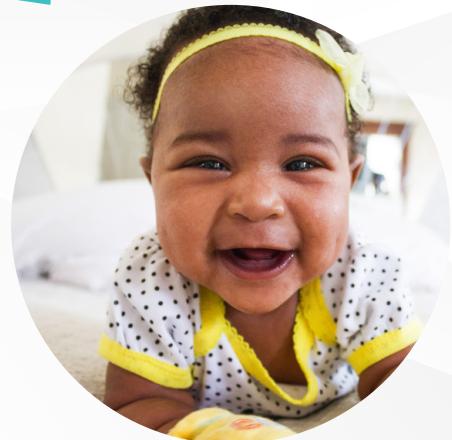
Francesca, with over 3 decades in the field of education, has served as an elementary teacher, early childhood educator and center director in non-profit, independent, franchise, and corporate settings. She earned her Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, with a concentration in Education and her Master's of Education in Deaf Education from Western Maryland College, now known as McDaniel College. She is a compassionate and dedicated educator focusing on the development of the "whole" child.



CURRICULUM

INFANTS (6 WEEKS - 18 MONTHS)

Our infant program begins at six weeks of age and is designed to foster a loving, nurturing, and stimulating environment. Teachers plan individual daily routines that promote social-emotional and physical development through interaction, play, exploration and movement. Infants will be exposed to enrichment programs; these include sign language to encourage positive communication, while your baby is still learning words and baby yoga to increase self-awareness and create a sensory experience.



YOUNG TODDLERS (1-2 YEARS OLD)

Our young toddler program encourages children to gain more independence as they learn self-help skills such as feeding themselves, climbing stairs, and making choices. These opportunities empower children to become more confident learners as they investigate new concepts and begin to play with a purpose.



OLDER TODDLERS (2-3 YEARS OLD)

Older toddlers are always on the go and are like little sponges, constantly absorbing the world at their fingertips! Our toddler program encourages children to gain a sense of independence by providing them the necessary tools needed to problem solve and help themselves. Examples include: learning to play cooperatively alongside others, cleaning up after eating meals and making many other mindful decisions throughout the day.

PRESCHOOL (3-4 YEARS OLD)

Preschoolers are full of adventure and excitement. During this stage of development, they become very interested in forming friendships. This age continues to highlight our comprehensive theme-based curriculum covering basic skills in literacy such as developing a love and appreciation for storytelling, gross and fine motor skills, social-emotional skills, and basic number concepts in mathematics. Teachers devote time for modeling strategies and practicing skills over time until children feel successful.

PRE-K (4-5 YEARS OLD)

Students continue their journey of exploration and discovery in the Pre-K classroom. Teachers foster student learning through a balanced approach to literacy and provide opportunities for real-life math skills that are planned and purposeful. In addition, STEAM is an important component of the curriculum, providing ample opportunities for hands-on scientific investigations during the inquiry process. Learning comes to life through their creative interpretations of thematic units whether it's through role-playing stories, painting portraits, singing songs, or building bridges.

FIRST GRADE PREP (5+ YEARS OLD)

Our Kindergarten curriculum focuses on key skills such as reading readiness and increased understanding of number concepts, while promoting and maintaining the standards needed for first grade. Your child will be actively engaged in hands-on learning experiences by participating in problem-based projects that encourage critical and creative thinking through the inquiry process. Social and emotional development are also a key factor at this age. The children are learning to work together as a team, share big ideas, and truly feel part of a community of learners where their ideas are valued. These experiences increase children's confidence and promote a healthy growth mindset, providing the tools they need to succeed throughout life.



Children will be placed in classrooms based on their age on or before September 1st.

PHYSICAL AND HEALTH

Our teachers enforce healthy habits such as making good food choices, incorporating exercise into everyday life, and practicing good hygiene to promote lifelong wellness. The development of fine and gross motor skills is equally as important as physical well-being. Students learn muscle control during electives such as dance, gymnastics, and fitness classes.

SOCIAL LEARNING

Through teamwork, students develop positive relationships with others inside and outside of the classroom. Instructors assist students in developing social skills and understanding empathy, kindness, sharing, and respect. Each student is encouraged to grow at their own pace as a unique individual.

LANGUAGE AND LITERACY

Young children experience a crucial language boom where they gain pre-literacy skills and develop a vast vocabulary. Newtown Discovery Preschool promotes the development of these skills by exposing students to a variety of opportunities to learn language. Students develop phonological awareness, alphabet knowledge, motivation to read, and an appreciation for literature.

THE SCIENCE OF PLAY

Newtown Discovery Preschool combines learning with structured play in a fun, safe, and nurturing environment that goes beyond the basic preschool education. We utilize an interactive curriculum where students can discover, explore, and learn to their fullest potential while focusing on fun and play.

STEAM

SCIENCE Interactive classrooms allow students to learn the basics of various science concepts.

TECHNOLOGY SMART board technology and tablets accompany everyday learning.

ENGINEERING Through participating in hands-on activities and building, students are challenged to think critically about the world around them.

ART Creative arts are practiced every day through music, art, language, and more.

MATH Students focus on understanding numbers while learning the basics of geometry (shapes and space), measurement, patterns, reasoning, statistics, and probability.



TEACHING PEDAGOGY

Our educational methodology, Creative Curriculum, is research-based, play-based, and child-driven. The curriculum model notes developmental milestones year-over-year based on large, national norms. Children are instructed at their developmental level, not necessarily chronological age. All domains are equally weighted to ensure that we are teaching to the "whole child". These include cognition, social-emotional development, arts and physical development.

Gold Online is the assessment component to promote progression and achievement of milestones. The system stores everything from photographic evidence to anecdotal notes. Data is presented in a horizontal bar graph to display where each child is developmentally across all domains.

Parent - Teacher Conferences are offered twice a year to discuss individual child progression.

Partnering with our families on milestone development allows students to be supported through home connections and mutual goals.



Conscious Discipline Commitment

Social-emotional development is a key component to our commitment to educational success. We use the principles of Conscious Discipline to promote self-confident, life-long learners. Children learn strategies to manage and express their feelings to empower them. These are strategies that may be used not only within the school, but within the greater community.

ENRICHMENT

Enrichment programs are included with enrollment. Within these programs, students participate in structured activities that encourage hands-on learning. Early education fundamentals are used in each class to build skills that students can then apply across all educational settings.



GYMNASICS

Gymnastics-one of the most comprehensive exercise programs for students-incorporates strength, speed, flexibility, balance, coordination, power, endurance, and discipline. Whether a child is shy or bold, gymnastics teaches students to reach beyond their comfort zone and move their bodies.

MUSIC

Music is incorporated into everyday lessons and activities. NDP's music enrichment nurtures children by exercising the brain. This curriculum focuses on language development, improving memory, boosting confidence and offers creative expression.

COOKING

Twice a month students take a cooking class which allows them to try fun, new foods and learn recipes. Based on the season, each child can grow their own fruits, vegetables, and herbs to use in their culinary creations.

YOGA

Yoga promotes a healthy body through poses that stretch and strengthen muscles while developing coordination. This also allows students time to relax and reflect.



SAMPLE DAY PRE-K

6:30-8:30 AM COMPLIMENTARY BEFORE CARE

8:30 AM BREAKFAST

9 AM MORNING MEETING

9:15 AM SMALL GROUP INSTRUCTION/CENTER ROTATIONS

10 AM LESSON APPLICATION IN THE VILLAGE

11 AM ENRICHMENT CLASS

11:30 AM LUNCH

12:15 PM REST TIME

12:45 PM MUSIC AND MOVEMENT

1:15 PM PROJECT TIME

2:15 PM SNACK

2:30 PM OUTDOOR PLAY

3-6 PM COMPLIMENTARY AFTER CARE



Security

Enhanced Security Measures

Children's safety is always of paramount importance. Each parent receives a unique code to gain access into the building during our visitation hours. Our camera views of each classroom, the outdoor play space, and front and back doors ensure that only authorized visitors are admitted. Our administrative team has access to the 36 cameras throughout the building. These cameras record and store footage for 30 days. All classroom doors are locked from the outside, but open freely from the inside. Each classroom and office is equipped with a panic button. Depression of this button will automatically close any doors left ajar and call the police and security companies. No one is permitted in or out of the facility until the issue has been resolved. An intercom system will allow for coded messaging during an emergency event. The metal bars located directly under the automatic doors at the entry are set to only open with the presence of an adult, as the setting prohibits those under adult height from being able to trigger the sensor to allow access out of doors. Enhanced sprinkler systems throughout the building provide an additional layer of protection while exiting in the event of a fire.

A photograph of a tree trunk with white, peeling bark and green grass in the foreground.

**36 Cameras
Throughout
the Building**

**Intercom Station
at Entrance**

**Front Door
Controls with
Individualized
Entry Codes**

MEALS



Complimentary breakfast, lunch, and snack is provided to each child over the age of one every day.

All meals are prepared on-site .

NDP is a peanut-free and nut-free facility.

All meal options are homemade with fresh ingredients, nutritionally balanced, and appropriately portioned for growing bodies!

Example Menu

BREAKFAST

Breakfast is served with a side of fruit. There is one featured option each day.
Whole grain cereal is available as an alternative option every day.

FEATURED BREAKFAST OPTIONS ROTATE BETWEEN:

- Scrambled Eggs
- Pancakes
- French Toast Sticks
- Oatmeal

LUNCH

Lunch is served with a side of vegetables and a fruit. There is one featured option each day. A sunbutter and jelly sandwich on whole wheat bread is available as an alternative option every day.

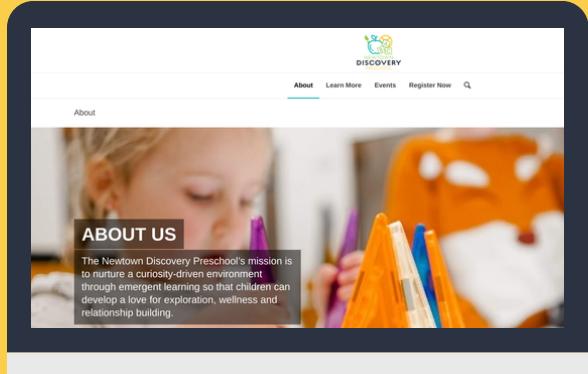
FEATURED LUNCH OPTIONS ROTATE BETWEEN:

- Grilled Chicken Sliders with Sweet Potato Fries
- Ravioli
- Mac & Cheese
- Grilled Cheese Sandwiches
- Chicken Parmesan



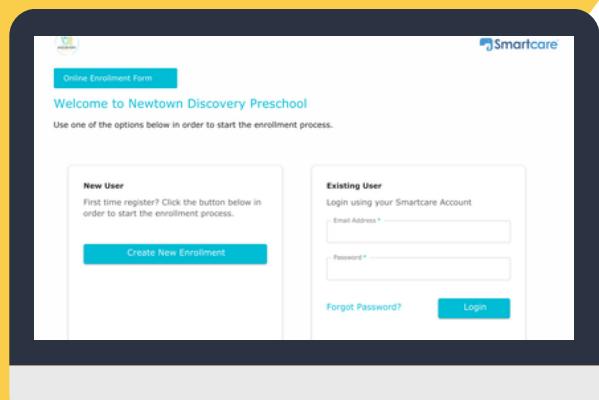
I LOVE YOUR SCHOOL! HOW DO I SIGN UP?

STEP 1



Click "Enroll Now" at the top corner of our web page!

STEP 2



Create a new enrollment, complete all required information, and pay a registration fee to secure your child's spot!

We'll contact you to verify your child's start date, enrollment plan, and discuss next steps!



We are so happy to be part of NDP! Knowing that our girls are cared for and growing their love for learning in a safe, nurturing environment is amazing! The admins are all wonderful! Thank you for all you do for our girls!

LAUREN D.

"It is always hard sending your newborn child to preschool for the first time. I feel so comforted knowing my daughter Violet is taken care of the way I would care for her."

MEGHAN K.

Completely different approach. All staff appear happy, welcoming and clearly enjoy caring for the kids. I cannot praise this facility enough. I am thankful for you all, personally and professionally.

SCOTT B.

I have had an amazing experience at NDP! As a mom, I was so nervous when choosing a daycare. The staff at NDP was so assuring and my children thrived there. The teachers are absolutely amazing. And one of the best parts was that meals were provided; it is so convenient not having to pack breakfast, snacks, and lunch for both kids. Highly recommend.

ERICA S.

We are so thrilled with our experience at NDP! Despite being shy in the classroom, Madison comes home every day excited to share stories and talk about her day. Each member of the staff has been wonderful, and we appreciate their love and care for our children. The monthly family activities have been a great way to meet other parents, and we look forward to more upcoming events!

LAUREN P.

We are a very happy family at Newtown Discovery Preschool. Arianna has grown so much developmentally and emotionally since starting at this facility.

BLAIR R.

FAQ

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

IF MY CHILD IS GIFTED, CAN THEY ADVANCE INTO THE NEXT LEVEL ROOM?

The curriculum is aligned with Pennsylvania State Standards, and students are placed in their classrooms based on their age. All students will remain with their age group; however, differentiated instruction may be provided based on the student's skills and abilities to make sure that each child is reaching their full potential.

DO YOU OFFER ANY DISCOUNTS?

Yes, we offer a 10% multi-child discount!

How often do teachers communicate with parents?

Communication is the heart of our program. SmartCare is the application used for daily updates. Teachers send photos and/or videos along with timeline entries (curricular highlights, food intake, nap schedule, upcoming events, etc.) This app will allow parents to converse freely between home and the classroom teachers. Educators use this system to inform parents of the upcoming week's course of study and activities to perpetuate connectivity between home and school.

WHAT AGES ARE TAUGHT AT NDP?

We care for and teach children from six weeks of age through Kindergarten.

HOW BIG ARE THE CLASS SIZES?

Class sizes vary depending on age, teacher to student ratio, and classroom square footage. At most, some classrooms may have up to 14 students.



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