



## INFORMATION ABOUT OUR PRE-CARE & AFTER-CARE PROGRAMS

### Welcome to Our Pre-Care and After-Care Programs for Children Ages 3-5!

We understand the busy schedules of families and are here to provide both **Pre-Care** and **After-Care** services that ensure a safe, nurturing, and engaging environment for your child before and after their regular school day.

#### Program Details:

- **Ages:** 3–5 years old
- **Pre-Care Hours:** 7:30 AM – 8:15 AM
- **After-Care Hours:** 2:15 PM – 6:00PM  
**Early Dismissal After-Care Hours: 11:15 AM – 6:00 PM**
- **Days:** Monday to Friday
- **Location:** Curious Children Child Care Center  
Fellowship Hall, 150 South Orange Avenue, South Orange, NJ 07079
- **Availability: Spaces are limited. Students will be accepted on a first-come-first-served basis**
- **Meals:** Snacks will be provided but parents are free to send their own.
- **Tuition:** Offered on a weekly or monthly basis, as indicated on the Registration form.

Our **Pre-Care Program** offers a peaceful and nurturing start to your child's day. Children ease into the morning through story time, light play, quiet activities, and gentle transitions that help them feel comfortable and ready for the school day ahead. Our caring and experienced staff provide attentive supervision to ensure each child begins the day feeling safe, relaxed, and welcomed.

“Our **After-Care Program** offers a warm and relaxed environment where children can unwind after the school day while continuing to engage in creative, social, and educational experiences. Less structured than the classroom setting, the program allows children the freedom to explore their interests, build friendships, and enjoy a balance of guided activities and free play under the supervision of our caring staff.

#### Program Features:

1. **Safe and Nurturing Environment**
  - Staff trained in CPR and first aid
  - Low child-to-staff ratios for individual attention
2. **Less Structured Daily Schedule**
  - Balance of free play, guided activities, and quiet time (as necessary)
  - Activities support learning, creativity, and relaxation
3. **Classroom Support**
  - Reinforcement of early learning concepts for preschoolers
4. **Creative Arts and Crafts**
  - Daily projects in painting, drawing, and crafting
5. **Outdoor Play**
  - Weather-permitting physical activity in a secured play area
6. **Music and Movement**

- Dance and music to encourage rhythm and physical coordination
- 7. **Snack Time**
  - Nutritious snacks provided; dietary needs accommodated
- 8. **Social and Emotional Development**
  - Group activities focused on social skills and emotional awareness

#### **Enrollment**

- **Fall 2026 Registration:** Opens June 19, 2026; closes September 4, 2026
- **Spring 2027 Registration:** Opens December 4, 2026; closes January 14, 2027
- Each student must be registered by a parent or legal guardian
- Enrollment is limited and based on available space


Submit completed application forms and signed agreement to: [curiouschildren5@gmail.com](mailto:curiouschildren5@gmail.com)

#### **Why Choose Our Programs?**

Our programs go beyond basic childcare. We foster an enriching extension of your child's early education through a warm, developmentally appropriate environment. Our staff is committed to your child's growth—socially, emotionally, and intellectually.

#### **Contact Us:**

 [curiouschildren5@gmail.com](mailto:curiouschildren5@gmail.com)

 (973) 763-1385 or 917-593-6267

#### **Rules and Regulations (Apply to Both Pre-Care and After-Care)**

- Supervision by at least two qualified staff members at all times.
- \$1.00/minute late fee after 6:00 PM for After-care.
- No program on days the Center is closed.
- No refunds or credits for missed days.
- Monthly payments due by the 1st (grace period until the 5th).
- Make checks payable to Curious Children Child Care Center.
- Students may be removed from the program for nonpayment.
- Notify the office if child will be absent or picked up early.
- Daily attendance will be taken.
- Parents/Guardians must sign children out of After-Care.
- Participation is encouraged daily, but flexible to accommodate parents.

#### **Pick-Up/Sign-Out Policy for After-Care**

Children must be picked up by an authorized adult listed on the registration form. Sign-out is required. Late pickups beyond 6:00 PM will incur a fee. If no one is reached after 30 minutes past closing, or we have not been notified that pick up will be late, we will contact the authorities.

#### **Health and Safety Policies**

- No medication will be administered by teaching staff during program hours.
- Parents will be contacted in the event of illness or injury.
- Emergency medical treatment authorization is required.

#### **Parent/Guardian Agreement**

Please read, sign, and return the agreement below to confirm your understanding and acceptance of our program's policies and procedures.



## Parent/Guardian Agreement

I have read and understand all the information provided above regarding Curious Children Child Care Center's **Pre-Care and After-Care Programs**, and I give permission for my child to participate in one or both of these programs as registered.

I acknowledge that all information provided on my child's registration form and emergency contact form is complete and accurate.

I agree to follow the program's rules and policies, including payment terms, attendance expectations, and pick-up procedures. I will help my child understand and follow these guidelines to ensure a positive and safe experience for all participants.

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### Pre-Care and After-Care Participation Waiver

I, the undersigned parent or legal guardian of the child named below, hereby give my permission for my child to participate in activities offered by the **Curious Children Child Care Center Pre-Care and/or After-Care Programs**.

I am aware of and consent to the scope of the activities in which my child will engage. I understand that participation requires acceptance of risk, and I accept the risks associated with these activities.

I certify that my child is in good physical and mental health and has not been medically restricted from participating in physical or group activities. I further certify that my child has no known pre-existing condition that would limit safe participation.

In the event of a medical emergency, I authorize Curious Children Child Care Center staff to act on my behalf to secure medical treatment deemed necessary. I agree to assume responsibility for all expenses incurred due to such treatment.

I hereby waive, release, and hold harmless Curious Children Child Care Center, its staff, and affiliated partners from any and all claims, liabilities, or actions arising from my child's participation in these programs.

**Child's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Name (Please Print):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_