



SMART START Academy



it started as a dream***



...six years later,
new larger quarters
and more of a
demand than we
ever hoped for.

As a teacher in the public school system, when I started my family, I searched and searched for a pre-school/daycare where I would be comfortable leaving my child. What I found were pre-schools that started at age 2 ½ (and my child had to be potty trained) or part-time pre-school two or three mornings a week. I was unhappy with the daycares that would accept an infant. My dream had always been to have my own pre-school/daycare that would be the best of both worlds, so when the opportunity knocked on my door, I answered!!! That is how Smart Start Academy began.

We began Smart Start Academy six (6) years ago as a school for early childhood education. We invested in caring, qualified teachers and assistant teachers,

and a wonderful educational curriculum. We answered a need for a combination pre-school and daycare in one facility. A place where children would be loved, nurtured, and educated, and find that learning could be fun. Knowing how difficult it is for working parents, we have tried to accommodate both working parents and non-working parents with the best of all worlds. It is family owned and operated with Directors on-site everyday.

Did you know that children do their most important learning before they even reach age 5? Smart Start Academy believes all children can learn and will learn given the proper environment. The school provides an atmosphere which encourages social, emotional, physical and intellectual growth skills that will be needed for the rest of your child's life.

Smart Start Academy is licensed for infants through age 13. The children are grouped by their age in a classroom designed specifically for their age group. There are 4-year NJ State certified teachers in every pre-school room. Each classroom's lesson plans are filled with developmentally appropriate experiences. We have invested in the Open Court curriculum for Pre-K and

our all-day Kindergarten which is the same curriculum used by the district's school system.

The mature infant room staff offers their babies a safe, nurturing, loving atmosphere to ensure happy and well-adjusted children. They interact with the babies and are in the infant room because they love babies.

The toddler room is a wonderful place to discover, play and learn. The children are encouraged to safely test their sense of curiosity. The creative lessons are designed to develop gross motor skills, fine motor skills, language and socialization skills in a nurturing, loving environment. This bright, fun room will make your child's day exciting.



Infants and Toddlers are welcome at Smart Start!

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Pre-School 1 is an adventurous, exciting room where the formal learning years begin. We place a large emphasis on socialization and sharing techniques as well as educational areas such as language, shape and color recognition.



There's lots to learn at Smart Start!

Pre-School 2 is geared to meet the ever-changing needs of your child. Children are encouraged to make choices on their own by learning the difference between good and bad choices. Our goal is to provide an environment where your child can socially interact, learn, be creative, and discover in a positive and fun way.

Our Pre-K program builds an academic foundation with a strong focus on language arts and communication skills. The Open Court reading program offers age-appropriate experiences to motivate children and to promote their social, emotional, intellectual, aesthetic, and physical development. Your child will be prepared and ready to learn upon entering their Kindergarten classroom. The school year culminates with an exciting graduation program!

Our newly established all-day Kindergarten program answers a need that our local school system cannot offer at this time. Utilizing the same Open Court curriculum as our school system, we have the benefit of offering our children a full day to optimize their learning time, and give them the tools they need for a smooth transition to public school for first grade.

All in all, Smart Start Academy is home away from home for all of our children. We have successfully achieved what began as a dream. An educational facility with the ability to accommodate working parents by having extended care hours. By being open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m, we have found that the majority of parents needs can be met.



Children at play at Smart Start.

Please call either Alicia or Marilyn for a tour of our beautiful new facility and any further information you might want at 732-929-4550.

