

IT'S A SMALL WORLD CHILD CARE CENTER



“Where Child Learn Through Diversity”

Information Flyer

Our Philosophy

Our program has been designed to enhance the whole child in a positive atmosphere of warmth and caring. Through our constant awareness of child development and consistency, our goal is to meet the social, emotional, physical and intellectual needs that are unique to each child. Children learn through their daily experiences and routines to make decisions, to carry out responsibilities, to express him or herself creatively and to discover friendships. Children are exposed to music, movement, art, science, reading, dramatic play, life skills, blocks, outdoor play and manipulative experiences. Themes and activities are planned around the interests of each group of children and staff. We believe a daily schedule helps to provide a familiar flow to each day. It balances learning, active and quiet play with child and teacher directed activities within various learning centers and sessions. We strive to achieve these goals through the partnership of child, parent, staff, school and community.

“Family, is the root of each child's development. For that reason, It's a Small World places the utmost priority on honoring and respecting each family's cultural heritage. Our teachers incorporate stories, songs, and games from a wide variety of cultures and encourage parents to share about their family's traditions as well. It's a Small World's families and staff members bring tremendous diversity to our program and we embrace each and every opportunity to learn from each other.

- *Danielle DeSano -Smith
Owner and Director*



Child development does not mean developing your child into the person you think they should be, but helping them develop into the best person they are meant to be.

~Tori Sorenson



Frequently Asked Questions & Answers

We know that choosing a child care and preschool is one of the most important decisions you will make for your family and along with that decision are many questions. Here is a quick overview of frequently asked questions about our program.

Q. What are the ages of the children in your program?

Our program starts as early as 6 weeks and provides care up until 12 years.

Q. Are you a licensed Facility

Yes, we are licensed by the State of Michigan. We also follow standards of quality guidelines of NAEYC (National Association for the Education of Young Children) and the Great Start to Quality Program.

Q. Are the teachers certified?

We strive to offer our children the very best education and caregivers. Many of our teachers have degrees in early education related fields. All of our staff are also required to complete 24 hours of early childhood related trainings each year.

Testimonials

I love this place!! They are patient, kind, fun, up beat people who love the kids! They are truly life savers!! As a working, single Mom, I wouldn't have made it without them.

-DeLisa

My daughter has attended this daycare for almost a year now and I feel very comfortable that her caregivers have the best intentions for her. She comes home everyday with a different art project, meaning that they are engaging her socially and engaging her senses. She is excited about going to daycare and says, "Bye mama" when I drop her off. This means that she enjoys ISW and is treated well and given lots of love. The staff is always open with me about her day and the director and co-director are always more than willing to talk if I have any questions or concerns. Thank you, ISW, for giving parents peace of mind!

-Anna

I have 3 children at ISW, the first starting there at 8 months old (and now she's 4). Here's what I can tell you with certainty- I love the teachers. My 4 year old has been through 3 classes now and she loves going to school. Whether it's the numerous art projects, the outdoor play, including water play that she loves, or the gymnastics class they offer every term, I am very happy with ISW. As we all know, child care is very expensive, but we find that ISW charges a very fair price for the services they offer.

-Emily

Q. Is there a planned curriculum?

Absolutely! Our play-based curriculum uses themes that focus on all areas of development. Our Preschool and Pre-K classrooms offer activity time in a station format, allowing children to make independent choices. Weekly lessons are provided to parent over HiMama.

Q. How do you keep parents up to date on their kid's daily activities or behavior?

Our main way of communication is through HiMama, our parent app used at the center. HiMama easily captures and shares your child's developmental milestones through fun pictures and videos. You'll receive updates on your child's activities to your email and smartphone in real time – everything from health and nutrition to learning and development. You can even add friends and family as a "Crew" to receive those same pictures and videos throughout the day.

Q. Will my child have the same teacher/caregiver on a continuing basis?

Absolutely! This is very important for each child to have a bond and feel comfortable with their caregiver. We do our best to reduce teacher movement amount the classrooms.

Q. What are the ratios?

Our goal is to maintain ratios equal to or less than that required by the State of Michigan. The Michigan ratios are to follow.:

- *Infants & Toddlers- 1 adult for every 4 children
- *Preschool- 1 adult for every 10 children
- *Pre-k- 1 adult for every 12 children
- *School Age- 1 adult for every 18 children



Q. Do you serve meals or snacks?

We currently provide breakfast and afternoon snack. Children bring their own lunches every day. Infants must bring bottles prepared. Ask about our Pizza Day program!

Q. What are your visitation policies?

Parents and Guardians are always welcome visitors at our center.

Q. Do you offer any extracurricular activities?

In addition to our daily activity time, music and movement and circle times, we have a large selection of extracurricular activities offered at an additional cost. A few examples are, Gym America Gymnastics, Dance Class, Capoeira and Pizza Tuesday.

Q. What are the hours of operation?

We are open Monday through Friday, 6:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Children attending a full day of childcare are required to limit their daily schedule to 10 hours.

Q. Are you closed for any holidays? Are there unplanned closings?

We do close for MLK Day, Memorial Day, the week of 4th of July, the Friday before Labor Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Thursday and Friday, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

Q. What are the tuition and fees? When are payments due?

Please see our website for updated tuition and fees. Invoices are posted on the 8th and due on the 15th each month. Tuition is billed for the preceding month. Payments can be made online in parent's Brightwheel accounts through ACH payments.

Q. What happens when the children go off to elementary school?

The Explorer Club transports children to and from school by bus. The Explorer Club offers child care services for Young-5 through 8th grade children that attend school at South Arbor Academy, East Arbor Academy, Milan Area Schools and Ann Arbor Learning Community. Our programs are divided into sessions to accommodate each family's needs.

The Explorer Club fosters connections between home, school and community. The curriculum emphasizes the integration of thought and experience. We utilize the center learning system which focuses on themes and projects that are fun and relate to life. We also provide a homework time each day for the children that need it. Each program has been designed to meet the needs of the unique and varied developmental levels and ages of the child.



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