



# HeartPrints

Center for Early Education

850 Cranberry Woods Drive, Cranberry Township, Pa 16066

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## 2021-2022 Registration Packet

**Toddler+Parent Class • Preschool • Kindergarten • S.T.E.A.M. Clubs**

**Register Online at [www.heartprintsed.org](http://www.heartprintsed.org)**

**Registration for Current HeartPrints' students begins January 4, 2021**  
**Open Registration begins February 1, 2021**

*Using current research about children's development and learning, HeartPrints has designed an early learning program that reflects the principles and guidelines established by the National Association for the Education of Young Children. Based on a developmental approach, the curriculum focuses on the whole child and fosters social, emotional, cognitive, physical, and aesthetic development. The latest research about early literacy and numeracy learning in young children guides the day-to-day curriculum experiences in the center. In the area of social and emotional development, a primary focus is to help children learn to manage their feelings and use conflict management skills with the support of a caring and nurturing environment.*

### Our Mission

**HeartPrints Center for Early Education is an organization that strives for a more peaceful world by involving young children, their families and their teachers in a process of self-directed, lifelong learning which will encourage young children to think clearly and creatively, to discover cultural and aesthetic values, to respond sensitively to others, to manage conflict respectfully, and to recognize they are members of the worldwide community.**

### HeartPrints Highlights:

- Peaceful conflict resolution
- Wilderness exploration
- Critical thinking
- Kindness
- Project-based learning
- Individualized learning
- Inclusion
- Spanish, Yoga, and Art classes
- Field trips & in-school programs
- Parent-involvement events

## School Philosophies

### Reggio Emilia

This northern Italian philosophy believes that children are capable of guiding their own learning through their innate curiosity in the world around them. In-depth project work emerges as teachers facilitate what children choose to explore: puddles, shadows, bugs, etc. Teachers bring materials into project work that promote math, literacy, science, and social studies. For example, if children show an interest in the planets, the teachers might have the children create a 3D solar system employing measurement and writing to label each planet. Each child learns content at their own pace through an emergent curriculum. Children gain a deeper relationship to their local and world-wide community by exploring nature, cultures, and real-life experiences. Children model what they have learned through art, drama, music, storytelling and more. Varied styles of presentations instill a deeper connection and retention of learning than work sheets or tasks focusing on rote memory. This style of learning is collaborative, requiring children to work together to develop and follow through with elaborate plans.

### Montessori

Montessori education focuses on self-directed activities, hands-on learning, and collaborative play. Materials in the classroom are organized and displayed beautifully to inspire children to manipulate and explore. Children maximize their potential by learning at different paces as teachers pay close attention to the development of each child to ensure they are appropriately challenged. Hands-on, self-directed activities challenge children to think creatively, cultivating the mentality of a do-er rather than a follower. Life-skills such as cooking, sewing, and cleaning are developed throughout the school year.

### HighScope

Grounded in research, HighScope education relies on teachers supporting children as they independently make decisions, develop academic skills, and grow socially and emotionally. Children work together in a community to learn naturally through play. Teachers challenge children to explain the *how* and *why* of their choices, create in-depth plans, communicate clearly with peers and adults, and reflect on their decisions. Children learn to be self-aware and in control of their emotions and decision-making.

### Project Based Learning (<https://www.pblworks.org/>)

Students work on a project over an extended period of time – from a week up to a semester – that engages them in solving a real-world problem or answering a complex question. They demonstrate their knowledge and skills by creating a product or presentation.

As a result, students develop deep content knowledge as well as critical thinking, collaboration, creativity, and communication skills. Project Based Learning unleashes a contagious, creative energy among students and teachers.

# HEARTPRINTS 2021-2022 PROGRAM FEES

## Registration Fees

<b>Come Play with Me Registration Fee</b>	<b>\$40.00</b>
<b>Preschool &amp; Kindergarten Registration + Activities Fee</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>
<b>Kindergarten Book Fee</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>

Tuition payments have been divided into 9 equal monthly payments. Your first payment is due by June 1, or upon registration if after June 1. You will make 8 additional payments by the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month September-April.

Children who attend HeartPrints in the morning can register for lunch and S.T.E.A.M. Club one or more days per week. Children who attend HeartPrints Preschool/Kindergarten in the afternoon can register for S.T.E.A.M. Club on the days of the week that they do not attend another class.

<b>Program</b>	<b>Monthly Tuition</b>
<b>Morning Extension 8:30AM-9:00AM</b>	
*Ask about afternoon extensions if desired. A minimum & maximum number of children is required for the extensions to be offered.	
<b>Morning Preschool &amp; Kindergarten 9:00AM-12:00PM</b>	
3 Day Morning Preschool - Tuesday-Thursday	\$355
4 Day Morning Preschool – Monday-Thursday	\$475
5 Day Morning Preschool – Monday- Friday	\$600
Kindergarten – Monday - Friday Morning (Wednesday's until 12:45pm)	\$615
<b>Lunch Extension 12:00PM-12:45PM</b>	
<i>Children who attend both morning and afternoon sessions have a brief rest time from 12:45-1:00.</i>	
Extension – 1 Day Lunch	\$30
Extension – 2 Day Lunch	\$60
Extension – 3 Day Lunch	\$90
Extension – 4 Day Lunch	\$120
Extension – 5 Day Lunch	\$150
<b>Afternoon Preschool 1:00PM-4:00PM</b>	
2 Day Afternoon Preschool – Tuesday & Thursday	\$240
3 Day Afternoon Preschool – Monday, Wednesday & Friday	\$355
5 Day Afternoon Preschool – Monday-Friday	\$600
<b>Afternoon S.T.E.A.M. Clubs 1:00PM-4:00PM</b>	
STEAM Club – 1 Day Afternoon	\$120
STEAM Club – 2 Day Afternoon	\$240
STEAM Club – 3 Day Afternoon	\$355
STEAM Club – 4 Day Afternoon	\$475
STEAM Club – 5 Day Afternoon	\$600
<b>Afternoon Extension 4:00PM-4:30 PM</b>	
*Ask about afternoon extensions if desired. A minimum & maximum number of children is required for the extensions to be offered.	
<b>Toddler Class</b>	
Come Play with Me – Toddler & Parent Class: Friday's 9:00-11:00AM	\$80

# COME PLAY WITH ME

## PARENT TODDLER CLASS

**Age on September 1st:**

**Class Schedule:**

**Class Time:**

**Fee:**

**Registration fee:**

**2 - 3 years old**

**Friday mornings**

**9:00 - 11:00 AM**

**\$80.00/month**

**\$40.00**

This class is designed as a collaborative learning experience for parents and toddlers. Our goal is to introduce toddlers to cooperative learning experiences with the support of parents and teachers. If parents are unable to attend classes, other family members can accompany the child to class.

Because this class is designed as a special learning time for a toddler and parent, we ask that you do not bring other siblings to the class unless they are infants comfortable in a carrier. HeartPrints' preschool families can make plans for older siblings to join our Friday morning preschool class.

Program Highlights:

- Sensory experiences that encourage participation
- Opportunities to explore exciting materials and equipment
- Opportunities to strengthen both large and small motor skills
- Music and movement
- Story
- Cooperative experiences that introduce toddlers to the social world
- A morning snack will be provided

***When registering for this class online, you will be prompted to pay \$200 upon enrollment. This \$200 is the cost of the \$40 registration fee and your first two months of tuition.***

# PRESCHOOL CLASS

**Age on September 1st:**

**Class Schedule:**

**Class Time:**

**3-5 years old**

**2, 3 or 5 half days**

**9:00 AM-12:00 PM or 1:00-4:00 PM**

This class is designed to foster a love of learning in children by exposing them to learning through play. Our teachers will build experiences in math, literacy, science, and social studies based on student-initiated projects and interests. Art is used to represent knowledge and learning. Mixed-Age classrooms nurture peer mentorship and allow teachers to challenge children at different academic levels based on readiness.

Program Highlights:

- Learning through play
- Teamwork and empathy
- Formulating and executing in-depth plans
- Fostering leadership and responsibility
- Improving representational art
- Hands-on project work
- Kindergarten readiness

# KINDERGARTEN CLASS

**Age on September 1<sup>st</sup>:**

**Class Schedule:**

**Class Time:**

**5 years**

**5 half day morning**

**9:00 AM-12:00 PM**

*All Kindergarten students stay until 12:45 PM on Wednesdays and bring a lunch from home.*

In this program, teachers design an engaging center-based learning environment for exploring our world through the Project Approach. Classroom learning is enhanced through field trips and visits from special guests. Teachers incorporate the Pennsylvania Kindergarten Standards in the on-going assessment of children's development and learning. Each Wednesday children bring a packed lunch from home and stay at school until 12:45. Throughout the year, special guests are invited on Wednesday to talk about their career, hobbies, or special skills.

## Program Highlights:

- Differentiated reading and math small groups
- Discovery and exploration
- Student-lead project work
- Hands-on collaborative learning
- Imagination and problem solving
- Kindness and cultural awareness
- A maximum class size of 16 with two certified teachers

## HEARTPRINTS' S.T.E.A.M. CLUBS

**Age on upon enrollment:**

**Class Schedule:**

**Class Time:**

**Fee:**

**3-5 years**

**Monday-Friday**

**1:00-4:00 PM**

**\$120/ day/month**

**HeartPrints' S.T.E.A.M. Club** is based on the disciplines of science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics. Our club curriculum is designed to support and enhance young children's learning through quality activities that expose children to new concepts/ideas and encourage children to use their developing skills in a variety of creative ways.

You may choose to register your child in one club per week or multiple club days per week. No refunds are issued for absences due to travel or illness.

These programs are open to both current HeartPrints' students and community members. Children who attend HeartPrints in the morning, can register for lunch and S.T.E.A.M. Club one or more days per week. Children who attend HeartPrints Preschool/Kindergarten in the afternoon can register for S.T.E.A.M. Club on the days of the week that they do not attend another class.

### **General Topics:**

**Monday – Technology & Engineering**

**Tuesday – Science**

**Wednesday – Conservation Club**

**Thursday – Makers Club**

**Friday – Culture Club**

## SUMMER CAMP

- Themed week-long camps for ages 3-8
- 9:00AM-1:00PM Monday-Thursday through June & July
- Registration Information available on our website in March



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## Registration & Enrollment Policies

Please read all information carefully.

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- The registration fee must be paid upon enrollment. Children will not be enrolled without the registration fee.
- September tuition is due by June 1 or once your confirmation email is received if after June 1.
- Registration and Tuition Payments are withdrawn using e-check or debit/credit card. You will be notified via email before payments are withdrawn.
- Registration fees are nonrefundable.
- Your child must be within the age range listed for each class due to state license requirements. You can contact HeartPrints prior to enrollment if there is an age-accommodation request.

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### Tuition Policies

- September tuition is due by June 1 or upon enrollment if after June 1.
- Tuition is due by the first of the month prior from September forward. October tuition is due by September 1<sup>st</sup>. November tuition is due by October 1<sup>st</sup>. Etc.
- Tuition is paid via credit card or e-check through the online JackRabbit Portal. Your account will automatically be charged on the first of each month September-April unless you notify HeartPrints in advance to stop withdrawals.
- Please notify HeartPrints at least 10 days in advance if you need to change your online payment method.
- You may access Dependent Care receipts through the online JackRabbit Parent Portal.
- Bank fees accrued due to bounced e-checks or rejected credit cards will be deferred to the parent.

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## Program Extensions

- HeartPrints offers morning, lunch and afternoon program extensions.
- You may register for these programs online using the JackRabbit portal.
- Program extension fees will be added to your monthly reoccurring auto-withdrawal for the remainder of the school year unless HeartPrints is notified at least 10 days in advance to adjust your child's program.
- Families are expected to pay for scheduled extensions even if your child is absent as staffing has been put in place regardless.

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## Discount and Refund Policies

- There are no discounts or refunds on registration fees.
- Families may only use one discount.
- Discounts apply to preschool, pre-K, and kindergarten tuition only.
- No refunds will be given for September tuition if you withdraw after July 31.
- A 5% tuition discount will be given on the younger sibling(s) when two or more siblings are enrolled in preschool or kindergarten classes.
- 30 day written notice is required if withdrawing from a program to receive a tuition refund.

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## Vacation Policy

- Families are expected to pay full monthly tuition regardless of family travel plans.
- If you are traveling for an extended period, you may choose to withdraw your child and re-enroll them upon your return. Re-enrollment is based on available space. A second registration fee would not be collected.

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**Please contact a member of our staff if you have additional questions or concerns regarding registration.**

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*\*Direct enrollment, tuition, and Jackrabbit parent portal questions to Susan*

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### **Nondiscrimination in Services:**

Admissions, the provisions of services, and referrals of clients shall be made without regard to race, color, religious creed, disability, ancestry, national origin (including limited English proficiency), age, or sex.