



# HeartPrints

Center for Early Education

850 Cranberry Woods Drive, Cranberry Township, Pa 16066

## 2024-2025 Registration Packet

Toddler Classes • 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 22, 2024 @ 10:00 AM**

**Open Registration begins February 19, 2024 @ 10:00 AM**

**First Day of School: August 21, 2024 Last Day of School: June 6, 2025**

*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 can guide 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 2024-2025 PROGRAM FEES

## Registration Fees

<b>Come Play with Me Registration Fee</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>
<b>STEAM Club Registration Fee</b> (not required for students enrolled in another program)	<b>\$100.00</b>
<b>Toddler Class, Preschool &amp; Kindergarten Registration &amp; Activities Fee</b>	<b>\$250.00</b>

- The Annual Tuition total has been divided into 10 even monthly payments
- Your first payment is due by May 21<sup>st</sup>, or upon registration if after May 21<sup>st</sup>
- You will make 9 additional tuition payments by the 21<sup>st</sup> of the month August – April

**First Day of School:** August 21, 2024

**Last Day of School:** June 6, 2025

<b>Program</b>	<b>Monthly Tuition</b>
<b>Toddler Classes 9:00AM-12:00PM</b>	
2-Day Morning Toddler Class (for children 2 years old) Tuesday & Thursday 9:00AM-12:00PM	\$340
3-Day Morning Toddler Class (for children 2 ½ - 3 ½) Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9:00AM-12:00PM	\$495
Come Play with Me – Toddler & Parent Class: <i>Friday's 9:00-11:00AM</i>	\$115
<b>Morning Preschool 9:00AM-12:00PM</b>	
4 Day Morning Preschool – Monday-Thursday	\$660
5 Day Morning Preschool – Monday- Friday	\$810
<b>Afternoon Preschool 1:00PM-4:00PM</b>	
2 Day Afternoon Preschool – Tuesday & Thursday	\$340
3 Day Afternoon Preschool – Monday, Wednesday & Friday	\$495
4 Day Afternoon Preschool – Monday-Thursday	\$660
<b>Full Day Preschool</b>	
5 Day Full Day Preschool – 9:00AM-4:00PM <i>Includes: Morning Preschool, lunch, afternoon STEAM Club</i>	\$1,805
<b>Kindergarten</b>	
Half Day Kindergarten – Monday - Friday 9:00AM-12:00PM	\$810
Full Day Kindergarten – Monday - Friday 9:00AM-4:00PM <i>Includes: Morning Kindergarten, lunch, afternoon STEAM Club</i>	\$1,805
<b>Afternoon S.T.E.A.M. Clubs 1:00PM-4:00PM</b>	
2 Day STEAM Club – Tuesday & Thursday 1:00-4:00PM	\$340
2 Day STEAM Club <i>with lunch extension 12:00-4:00</i>	\$415
3 Day STEAM Club – Monday, Wednesday & Friday 1:00-4:00PM	\$495
3 Day STEAM Club <i>with lunch extension 12:00-4:00</i>	\$605
4 Day STEAM Club – Monday-Thursday 1:00-4:00PM	\$660
4 Day STEAM Club <i>with lunch extension 12:00-4:00</i>	\$805
5 Day STEAM Club – Monday-Friday 1:00-4:00PM	\$810
5 Day STEAM Club <i>with lunch extension 12:00-4:00</i>	\$995

## 2-DAY TODDLER CLASS

**Age: 2 years old by August 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Class Schedule: Tuesday & Thursday Morning**

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

**Fee: \$340/month**

This class is designed to prepare toddlers for their preschool experience the following year. Our goal is to introduce toddlers to cooperative learning and play experiences. Toddlers will practice classroom routines. Our teachers will design a learning environment that inspires hands-on learning and exploration exposing children to learning skills appropriate for their age.

Program Highlights:

- Cooperative Play
- Conflict Resolution
- Small Group & Whole Group Participation
- Exposure to colors, shapes, numbers, and pre-literacy

## 3-DAY TODDLER CLASS

**\*\*NEW CLASS OFFERING\*\***

**Age Range: 2 ½ - 3 ½ years old**

Youngest age: 2 years, 7 months old by August 15<sup>th</sup>

Oldest age: 3 years, 7 months old by August 15<sup>th</sup>

*Please note: If your child is older than 3 years 7 months on August 15<sup>th</sup>, they cannot be enrolled in this class.*

**Class Schedule: Monday, Wednesday + Friday Morning**

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

**Fee: \$495/month**

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Program Highlights:

- Cooperative Play
- Conflict Resolution
- Small Group & Whole Group Participation
- Exposure to colors, shapes, numbers, and pre-literacy

## PRESCHOOL CLASS

**Age: 3 years old by August 15; up to 5 years old**

**Class Schedule:**

<b>Morning Preschool 9:00AM-12:00PM</b>	
4 Day Morning Preschool – Monday-Thursday	\$660
5 Day Morning Preschool – Monday- Friday	\$810
<b>Afternoon Preschool 1:00PM-4:00PM</b>	
2 Day Afternoon Preschool – Tuesday & Thursday	\$340
3 Day Afternoon Preschool – Monday, Wednesday & Friday	\$495
4 Day Afternoon Preschool – Monday-Friday	\$660
<b>Full Day Preschool</b>	
5 Day Full Day Preschool – 9:00AM-4:00PM	\$1,805

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: 5 years old by September 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Class Schedule: 5 Half Day Morning 9:00AM-12:00PM Fee: \$810**

**5 Full Day 9:00AM-4:00 PM \$1,805**

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. Children who register for Full Day Kindergarten complete Kindergarten curriculum in the morning and participate in STEAM Club enrichment in the afternoon.

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 18 with two certified teachers

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

**Age: 3-6 years**

**Class Schedule:**

2 Day STEAM Club – Tuesday & Thursday 1:00-4:00PM	\$340
2 Day STEAM Club <i>with lunch extension</i> 12:00-4:00	\$415
3 Day STEAM Club – Monday, Wednesday & Friday 1:00-4:00PM	\$495
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4 Day STEAM Club – Monday-Thursday 1:00-4:00PM	\$660
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5 Day STEAM Club – Monday-Friday 1:00-4:00PM	\$810
5 Day STEAM Club <i>with lunch extension</i> 12:00-4:00	\$995

**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.

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. Clubs. Children who attend HeartPrints Preschool 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. Children do not have to be enrolled in HeartPrints Preschool or Kindergarten in or to attend STEAM Club.

## COME PLAY WITH ME

### PARENT & TODDLER CLASS

**Age: 2 - 3 years old**

**Class Schedule: Friday mornings**

**Class Time: 9:00 - 11:00 AM**

**Fee: \$120.00/month**

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



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### Registration Policies

- The registration fee must be paid once enrollment is confirmed. Children will not be enrolled without the registration fee.
- Your first tuition payment of 10 total payments is due by May 21<sup>st</sup> or once your enrollment confirmation email is received after May 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Registration and Tuition Payments are withdrawn using **e-check**. 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.
- Children must be fully immunized according to the Center for Disease Control's immunization schedule, (<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/imz/child-adolescent.html>) *If you would like to request a medical exemption, please contact HeartPrints prior to enrollment.*

### Tuition Policies

- Your first tuition payment of 10 total payments is due by May 21<sup>st</sup> or upon enrollment if after June 1.
- After your first tuition payment in May, 9 additional tuition payments will be due by the 21<sup>st</sup> of each month August – April. You will pay for tuition 1 month in advance.
- Tuition is paid via **e-check** through the online BrightWheel Portal. Your account will automatically be billed on the 21<sup>st</sup> of each month August-April unless you notify HeartPrints in advance to stop withdrawals.
- Please notify HeartPrints at least 5 days in advance if you need to change your online payment method.
- You may access Dependent Care receipts through the online BrightWheel Parent Portal.
- Bank fees accrued due to bounced e-checks or rejected credit cards will be deferred to the parent.

### Discount and Refund Policies

- There are no discounts or refunds on registration fees.
- July 21<sup>st</sup> is the last day to withdrawal from the school year and receive a tuition refund. No refunds will be given for your first tuition payment if you withdraw after July 21.
- A 5% tuition discount will be given on the younger sibling(s) on toddler class, preschool or Kindergarten tuition only when two or more siblings are enrolled in HeartPrints programs. Discounts do not apply to Come Play with Me or STEAM Club.
- **30 day written notice is required if withdrawing or changing 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 administrative staff if you have additional questions or concerns regarding registration.**

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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.