



Typically-developing children and those with disabilities bring rays of sunshine into each other's lives.

E.S. Weiant Center
116 N. 22nd St.
Newark, OH

NOW ACCEPTING PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT APPLICATIONS FOR TYPICALLY-DEVELOPING CHILDREN FOR 2008-2009.

HURRY -- SPACE IS LIMITED!

We offer the same curriculum as typical preschools by meeting all Ohio content standards for kindergarten readiness. All teachers are state certified, and the teacher to student ratio is very low -- 1 to 4.

The cost is only \$40 per week, and transportation is available in certain areas for a nominal fee. To learn more, please call:

(740) 344-6921

Enroll now -- space is limited and fills up fast!
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Preschool classes at the E.S. Weiant Center are available to all children – those with and without disabilities – ages 3 to 5 years.

Children who are typical in their development and children with developmental disabilities are enrolled in every classroom and encouraged to interact and learn from one another.

A maximum of 12 children is enrolled in each classroom -- six to eight of whom may have disabilities.

Certified teachers and assistants plan daily activities to meet every child's individual needs. Teachers develop lesson plans in accordance with the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) Early Learning Content Standards. All E.S. Weiant teachers hold college or graduate degrees in education and are certified by ODE in early childhood education.

Children attend preschool for four half-days per week. The cost is only \$40 per child, per week, and transportation is available in some areas for a nominal fee.

In this environment, typically-developing children enjoy strong leadership skills while learning to accept and appreciate the friendships of other children who may be different than they are. The benefits of learning from peers are critical for children with developmental disabilities. They need the opportunity to learn from typically-developing children who serve as same-age role models for appropriate behavior. Being a member of a classroom community with their typical peers provides important social benefits for children with developmental disabilities. The increased self esteem and the formation of friendships is the most obvious benefit. Research shows that children with disabilities who attend inclusive preschool programs demonstrate higher levels of social play and are more likely to initiate interactions with others. They also make more progress in language and cognitive motor development.

The benefits to typically-developing children are that they learn at a very young age to respect diversity of ability and to be sensitive to others' limitations. Typically-developing children quickly discover that those with disabilities are as marvelous and filled with curiosity as they are. They recognize that unusual characteristics or behaviors are simply part of who some children are.

Highlights:

- **Open to children ages 3 to 5**
- **Meets all Ohio content standards for kindergarten readiness**
- **The teacher-to-student ratio is very low – 1 to 4**
- **The cost is affordable – only \$40 per child, per week (transportation provided in most areas for an additional, nominal fee)**

