



Les Petits Cherubs

Quality Childcare, Learning Centers and Summer Camp
Serving Infants through School Age Children



Les Petits Cherubs is a quality, licensed, private childcare and learning center offering enrollments to children 6 weeks through 12 years of age. Les Petits Cherubs provides year round Infant and Toddler Programs, Pre-School, Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten and Before and After School Programs, as well as Drop In Care and a Summer Camp Program.

CIVIL RIGHTS CLAUSE

Admissions, the provisions of service and referrals of clients, shall be made without regard to race, color, religious creed, disability, ancestry, national origin, age or sex. Program services shall be made accessible to eligible persons with disabilities through the most practical and economically feasible methods available. These methods include, but are not limited to, equipment redesign, the provision of aids, and the use of alternative service delivery locations. Structural modifications shall be considered only as a last resort among available methods.

Our Mission

At Les Petits Cherubs, a program that operates 52 weeks a year, we strive to provide a comprehensive curriculum to establish firm foundations in the areas of emotional, cognitive, and physical development. By offering children the opportunity to learn, grow, and accomplish in a challenging environment, we promote confidence, security, and a positive self-image for each child. We expect children to be children and firmly believe that their day should be a happy one.

Les Petits Cherubs truly respects the rights of parents and their children. In strong support of open and continuing communication between parents and staff, we encourage any and all comments or suggestions.

Our Staff

The teachers at Les Petits Cherubs are of the best and most dedicated professionals in the field. All full-time and part-time staff are required to have state criminal, child abuse and Federal FBI fingerprint clearances. All staff must also complete 18 hours of annual training in Child Development in addition to CPR, First Aid, Fire Safety, Water Safety and Emergency Preparedness. Our staff undergoes 27 hours of professional development training annually.

State Licensing

Les Petits Cherubs understands the importance of maintaining strict compliance with state licensing regulations in order to ensure a quality environment for our children. Each center undergoes an annual inspection by the Department of Public Welfare, where the regulations of staff qualifications, facility, playground, health and safety, and staff/child ratios are regulated.

Keystone Stars Programs

Keystone Stars, a state wide, voluntary quality improvement program that recognizes child care providers who exceed Department of Public Welfare (DPW) requirements. All Les Petits Cherubs locations have been actively involved and continue to meet and exceed the performance standards in the areas of: Staff Education, the Learning Environment, and Administration. These specific areas have been identified as making a difference in the quality of child care.



Our Campuses

Ridge Campus

The Les Petits cherubs Ridge Campus is located at 7901 Ridge Avenue in Roxborough, Philadelphia. The Ridge Campus accepts children 6 weeks through 4 years of age. The age groups* are broken down into five separate groups and classrooms:

- Infants:** 6 weeks to 12 months
- Transitional Infants:** 12 months to 18 months
- Younger Toddlers:** 18 months to 24 months
- Older Toddlers:** 24 months to 36 months

Hours of Operation:
6:00am – 6:30pm

All meals and beverages are provided to our enrollments. The Before and After School Program provides a breakfast and a supper. All meals are provided when full day care is needed for school age children.

We serve locally grown, in-season, fresh fruits and vegetables and use only whole grains. No trans fats in our meals!

Cathedral Campus

The Cathedral Campus is located at 8630 Ridge Avenue in Roxborough, Philadelphia, PA. It is situated on the grounds of St. Mary's Church. The Cathedral Campus serves children 2 years through 13 years of age. The age groups* are broken down into four separate groups and classrooms. Cathedral Campus is non-sectarian.

- Older Toddlers:** 24 months to 36 months
- Pre-School:** 3 years by September 1st
- Pre-K:** 4 years by September 1st
- Before and After School:** Currently enrolled in local elementary school K-5th
- Drop-In Care:** Drop-In Care for school-age children that are not enrolled in our Before and After School Programs who will need care for full days when local elementary schools are closed.
- Summer Camp:** Please visit our website for more information.

Radnor Campus

The Les Petits Cherubs Radnor Campus is located at 424 King of Prussia Road in Radnor, Pennsylvania. The Radnor Campus accepts children 6 weeks through 12 years of age. The age groups* are broken down into the following groups and classrooms:

- Infants:** 6 weeks to 12 months
- Transitional Infants:** 12 months to 18 months
- Younger Toddlers:** 18 months to 24 months
- Older Toddlers:** 24 months to 36 months
- Pre-School:** 36 months to 48 months
- Pre-K:** 4 years
- Before and After School:** Currently enrolled in local elementary school K-5th
- Drop-In Care:** Drop-In Care for school-age children that are not enrolled in our Before and After School Programs who will need care for full days when local elementary schools are closed.
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**The ages listed for all age groups are a general guideline that is followed - children will not be moved on birthday dates. Children may be moved earlier or later than these ages based on social, emotional and cognitive stages. It is most likely to see these "Move Ups" through out the year in the Infant and Toddler Programs. "Move Ups" from the Toddler Programs to the Pre-School and Pre- K Programs are usually done at the beginning of the academic year but could occur during through our the year.*

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Our Curriculum

The curriculum at Les Petits Cherubs is based on the Pennsylvania Early Childhood Education Standards. These research-based standards identify key learning areas of development for children. The PA Learning Standards guide our teachers to integrate developmental knowledge with attitudes, skills and concepts. This helps children to make progress in all of the learning areas. The Creative Curriculum is also incorporated into our daily activities and lesson plans. Les Petits Cherubs Pre-School, Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten also use the core curriculum.

The most important goal of our early childhood curriculum is to help children become enthusiastic learners. This means encouraging children to be active and creative explorers who are not afraid to try out their ideas and to think their own thoughts. Our goal is to help children become independent, self-confident, inquisitive learners. We're teaching children how to learn by incorporating the following centers in all of our classrooms:

- Cognitive Teacher Directed
- Science and Discovery
- Creative Art
- Transportation and Blocks
- Fine Motor
- Library
- Music and Movement
- Gross Motor
- Dramatic Play and Imaginative Area
- Computers

The lesson plans at Les Petits Cherubs are based on monthly themes. This allows the teachers to creatively plan activities that focus on the seasons and holidays. Each month presents a new shape, color, number and letter for the classroom to explore and learn; as well as a set of opposites. Each month a community helper is introduced. Each teacher's objective is to plan activities that focus and target children's individual strengths and weaknesses. We work with families to understand both the child's needs and the family's desires when developing individual care and lesson plans.

Parents also play an important role in our curriculum. Parents are a child's role model for learning. A parent's attitude towards learning can inspire children to continue on their learning journey. Parents can aide in their child's development by exploring nature, cooking together, counting together and especially reading together. Parents can show children how exciting and meaningful learning can be by extending what children have learned in school to their homes. As children grow into school age children, parents become their children's learning coaches. Parents can help their children to organize their time and support their desires to learn new things in and out of school.

Schedules

Daily schedules and routines are important in the lives of children because they provide children with a sense of safety and stability. Our daily schedules allow time for fun and exploration in all of the learning areas as well as set aside time for meals and rest. Creativity, exploration and experimentation are balanced with teacher facilitated themes and projects. Although the daily schedule helps us to organize the day, we don't want it to limit our ability to be spontaneous and flexible. Schedules are flexible enough to accommodate each child's individual emotional, social, physical and academic needs.

Evaluations and Assessment Tools

Evaluations are the first step in getting your child to learn and progress in school. Evaluations tell you and the teachers what your child needs to learn and more importantly, how they learn. At Les Petits Cherubs we use three major assessment tools: Ages and Stages, The Pearson Ounce Scale Child Development Tool and Work Sampling.

Ages and Stages Questionnaires are designed to identify children who are in need of further evaluation and those that are developing typically. The experts behind ASQ have made dozens of enhancements to help identify delays as early as possible with their evaluation and assessment system. Ages and Stages is a Parent Questionnaire that you are asked to complete within the first 45 days of your child's enrollment and then again every September.

The Pearson Ounce Scale Child Development Tool offers guidelines for observing and interpreting growth and development from Birth to 42 months. It has evaluation methods that focus on six major areas of development including: Understanding and Communicating, Exploration and Problem Solving, Movement and Coordination, Feelings about Self, Relationships with Other Children, and Personal Connections.

The Work Sampling System is a tool used to track development for children ages three years of age through Kindergarten. Work Sampling is designed to help classroom teachers document and evaluate children's skills, knowledge, behaviors and accomplishments across a wide variety of curriculum areas. Each curriculum area is observed on multiple occasions and in different settings in order to enhance teaching and learning. This also helps to keep track of each child's individual achievements. Children are observed in our warm and loving classrooms which provide age appropriate activities that challenge and stimulate at the same time. Children's progress is recorded three times a year with a Developmental Checklist, a portfolio collection, and a summary report.



Additional Activities

Les Petits Cherubs has dedicated itself to providing additional learning tools and activities that allow your children to flourish and develop much needed motor and verbal skills.

Computers

In this technologically advanced age, it is never too early to introduce computers. Each child over the age of 2 years old will have the opportunity to familiarize themselves with the computers in their classrooms. They will begin with learning basic computer knowledge, including mouse and keyboard skills. Based on each individual child's skill level, age appropriate educational games will also be provided for each child on a daily basis.

Dance

Children 2 years of age and up have the opportunity to enroll in a ten week dance session. The half hour weekly class consists of ballet, rhythmic play, creative movement and tap. Please check with the campus director for registration forms and session costs.

Karate

Children Pre-School and up are eligible to train in a Karate program as a part of their weekly after-school curriculum. The program is a comprehensive character-enrichment program, which seeks to use karate as a tool to convey lessons, such as self-confidence, focus, self-discipline, respect, goal setting, and self-control, all while being introduced to the traditional martial arts of Kenpo and Tae Kwon Do. The cost to participate varies according to the length of the session.

Violin

For all children 3, 4 and 5 years of age, the half hour weekly violin class introduces our little "Mari Ben-ari's" to classical violin beginning basics. The children will begin with holding the violin and become comfortable with the instrument and the bow. Instructions include learning proper technique and musical notes. Children will eventually be learning to play songs that they will perform at our Holiday Concert and Spring recitals.

Field Trips

Throughout the year, the children will have scheduled field trips to local museums, theaters, and attractions. Sufficient notice will be given before a field trip to allow parents to participate in these activities.

Library

Our children are introduced to the enjoyment and responsibility of the library. The children receive their own library card and travel to the local library at least once a month. During their visit to the library, the children enjoy a story hour and are taught about the many parts of the library. The children are able to choose and check out their own books and are responsible to care for and return the books at their next visit.

Building Bridges

Kindergarten children getting ready to move to 1st grade will be involved with a transition program that has great transition strategies and terrific tips that will ease them into the formal years of elementary education. We have formed relationships with local elementary schools that your child may be enrolling in for first grade. We set up visits with a first grade teacher, as well as invite a first grade class to come and visit for a special story time. We also have a pen pal program with first graders and first grade teachers.

Intergenerational Program

This unique opportunity allows our children to share part of their day with seniors from the Cathedral Village Retirement Home. Our children participate in art, gardening and seasonal celebrations. The typical senior adult enjoys the interaction with our children while the typical pre-school age child gains a respect and comfort from this special bond.

Inclusion Programs

At Les Petits Cherubs our preschool age children share part of their day with other preschool age children who face developmental and physical challenges. The benefit for all children involved is unique and not found in many settings. A typical preschool child will gain increased self-esteem and be more accepting of diversity, from the interactions that come naturally when helping other children who have developmental and/or physical challenges.

Many studies show a marked improvement in interdisciplinary behaviors when children with developmental and/or physical challenges are combined with typical preschool age children. Behaviors improve, self-confidence grows and an IEP is well in place and prepares them for the transition into a public or private school setting. They are well on their way to being mainstreamed through this unique pairing of the children found at Les Petits Cherubs.

Les Petits Cherubs currently participates in Inclusion Programs with Elwyn SEEDS (Special Education for Early Developmental Success) and the Clarke School for Hearing and Speech.



Before and After School Program

Our Before and After School Program is offered at the Cathedral Campus and the Radnor Campus. The purpose of this program is to provide a safe, nurturing and fun place for your school age child before and after school.

Transportation to and from school should be arranged by the parent. However, if your child's school does not provide transportation for any reason (i.e. kindergarten age children are not allowed to take the bus as transportation or we are outside your school district area), Les Petits Cherubs will provide transportation using our school vans.

The cost of the Before and After School Program is a blended rate that includes your child's weekly attendance Before and/or After School, as well as any full days that your child's elementary school is closed. We request that you provide a yearly calendar of events so that we can prepare for these days off. During the week that your child's school closes for long holiday breaks we plan an event-filled calendar with something special planned every day; such as field trips, bake sales, and movie days.

Every day, the school-age children will be offered homework supervision, a nutritious supper and beverage, computer time, outside play, and arts and crafts.

Summer Camp Program

Les Petits Cherubs Summer Camp offers enrollment for boys and girls up to 13 years of age. We offer a unique, exciting and memorable Summer Camp experience that promotes physical health, social well being and a positive self-image. We offer a variety of activities to meet the individual interests of campers of all ages that include: Soccer, Flag Football, Sewing, Lego Robotics, Yoga, Pottery and Tennis.



Enrolling at Les Petits Cherubs

Once you have read the brochure and think that Les Petits Cherubs is right for you and your child, simply call the Administrative Office at 610-650-8157 to arrange a date and time to tour the facility. When you call, be sure to tell them what campus you are calling about. At the time of your tour, you will meet with the campus director who will introduce you to the staff and review all LPC policies and procedures in the Parent Handbook. You will receive an enrollment packet at that time, which includes the application, a financial agreement, an emergency contact form, health appraisal, civil rights awareness and food program forms.

Once you have returned your enrollment packet, with the required registration fee and security deposit, we can schedule your child's orientation days. These are two half days that we offer, at no cost, to you and your child to slowly introduce you both to our program. These days give you an opportunity to spend some time in your child's classroom, as well as time for your child to become comfortable in the classroom with us before having to spend the whole day.

Assistance and Affiliated Programs

Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)

Les Petits Cherubs is a participant in the Child and Adult Care Food Program, which enables us to provide nutritious meals and snacks to infants and children as a regular part of their child care. All families enrolled are eligible and encouraged to participate in the program. Les Petits Cherubs encourages a non-competitive eating environment and offers high quality nutritious meals that meet the required meal components and offers children whole grains with, fresh fruits and vegetables. All meals served to children under the Child and Adult Care Food Program are served at no separate charge regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. There is no discrimination in the admission policy, meal service, or the use of facilities.

Child Care Works

Les Petits Cherubs accepts children enrolled in the Child Care Works. Pennsylvania's Child Care Works provides financial assistance for child care so that low-income parents can continue to work and provide for their families. Pennsylvania's Child Care Information Services (CCIS) agencies offer parents a wealth of resources on how to find the best care for their child. Families can apply for Child Care Works online or visit the CCIS agency in their county. CCIS is your information source for FINDing, SELECTing, and PAYing for child care. There are five CCIS offices in Philadelphia, and at least one CCIS in every county in Pennsylvania. To speak to someone about how CCIS can help you and your family, contact the hotline at 1-888-461-KIDS (5437).



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