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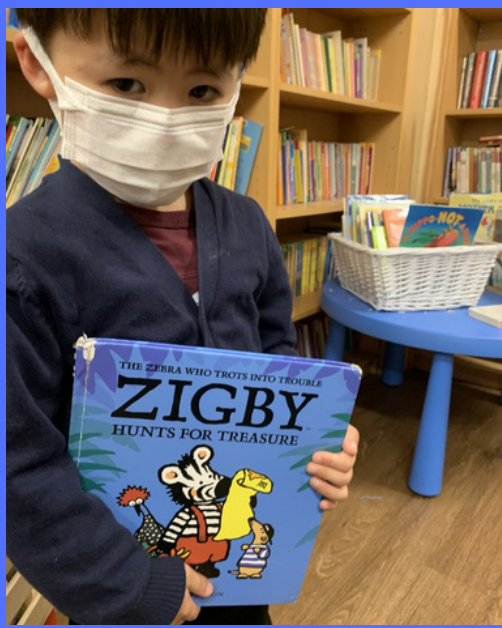
Rising  
Kindergartners!

SUMMER

June 20-August 29  
6:30 AM- 6:00 PM

Program  
for

**Children Entering Kindergarten Fall 2023!**  
*A Bridge to a Successful Transition*



**The Rising Kindergartners Program is part of our longstanding School-Age Program, which provides out-of-school time academic enrichment to K-7th graders (through 12 years of age). Details on page 3!**



## **Rising Kindergartners Summer Program 2023** ***A Bridge to a Successful Transition to Kindergarten***

### **A Significant Step in Your Child's Educational Journey**

Your child is taking a monumental step on their educational journey. Entering elementary school in the fall 2023, your child is a rising kindergartner! This transition is one of the most significant in a child's life. Our summer program serves as a bridge from preschool to elementary school, easing the transition to a new environment, classmates, teachers, and expectations. Preparing your child for this move can make a meaningful difference in their academic experience for years to come.

### **Easing the Transition**

The program helps your child adjust to the transition in several ways, including:

- Our Project Based Learning (PBL) approach (see details, page 2) encourages children to work both independently and with peers, be more vocal about their interests, reach consensus, problem solve, and think critically.
- Introduces your child to a schedule that mirrors a school day, including extended time for academic enrichment and outdoor activities.
- Napping is replaced with quiet time.

### **Guiding Children on their Journey**

The heart of the program is our warm, welcoming, and nurturing teachers. They will have conversations with the children and use literature and other materials to help children understand what's ahead. They will also work with you, as your child's most important teacher. Together, you and the teachers will help your child move forward to kindergarten with excitement and confidence!



## Our Distinction

- Caring, credentialed, experienced teachers, many whose education exceeds the minimum-required associate's degree. Children's Village teachers stay with us—we have an exceptional teacher-retention rate!
- Academic enrichment activities adopt a project-based learning (PBL) approach. This summer, the activities are centered on the theme of music (K-5th graders) and food from around the world (6th-7th graders).
- Partnership with GSK Science in the Summer™ (2nd-4th graders) enhances hands-on science exploration!
- Special interest clubs, such as crafts, origami, drama, and cooking ignite children's imagination.
- Walking excursions to parks and cultural and historical sites are among the adventures in store.
- Our outdoor second-floor deck, big-body play area, and the Crane Chinatown Community Center offer easy access to exciting spaces designed for climbing, sliding, shooting hoops, dancing -- and having a ball!
- Nutritious breakfasts, lunches, and snacks – often featuring fresh, local produce – are prepared daily by our chef and his team in our on-site commercial kitchen.

**Learn more  
in our FAQ,  
page 4!**



## Children's Village Summer Program

### A Closer Look...

Your child's summer experience at Children's Village will be brimming with fun-filled activities balanced with academic enrichment. Our primary aim is to stem summer slide—the loss of knowledge in academic subjects due to the break from school. But it is SUMMER—and our play-based programming will engage, interest, and delight your child!

Our environment is designed for children's needs, which includes age-appropriate materials to spark imagination, creativity, joy, and wonder. A healthy dose of daily physical activity and quiet time to rest and recharge round out the routine.

Books abound at Children's Village—and we offer a wide variety at a range of reading levels. To foster a love a reading, your child should love what they are reading! Your child will also explore scientific and math concepts through hands-on opportunities. Committed to meeting the needs of the whole child, our nurturing, skilled teachers also embed social-emotional lessons into the day.

### Project-Based Learning (PBL) Inspires and Engages

We embrace a project-based learning (PBL) approach. Teachers invite children to explore topics that interest them, engaging children to take the lead in learning. Over a multi-week period, your child will research solutions to real-world issues relating to the theme (noted below). They will work independently and with peers and will present what they have discovered through a culminating activity!

### Themes Connect Activities and Deepen Learning

We also use theme-based learning. This summer, music (K-5th graders) and foods from around the world (6th-7th graders) will drive your child's discovery. Doing so, allows your child to make connections constantly because the topic threads activities together. All age groups then explore and compare what they have learned.

Above all, this summer our teachers will help your child continue to thrive and grow!



# Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

As you consider summer 2023 programming for your child, we aim to give you all of the information you need to make the best decision. This brochure is a starting point. We look forward to 'continuing the conversation' via telephone and/or email. Our contact information is on page 5.

## What are the hours?

The hours are 6:30 AM - 6:00 PM

## What are the dates of the program?

The 10-week program runs from June 20 through August 29.

## Can my child attend part of the week?

No. We are unable to offer a part-week option for children in the Rising Kindergartners Summer Program. For older children, we do offer 2- and 3-day options. All children can enroll for part of the summer.

## What is the cost?

The cost varies, depending on factors, including meal program enrollment and subsidy eligibility. You can find details on our Fee Schedule and Enrollment Application [here](#).

**Is there a fee to register for the summer program?** No. We do not charge a registration fee.

## Do you accept child care subsidy?

Yes! We accept subsidy from PA Early Learning Resource Center (formerly CCIS.) Apply for ELRC Pennsylvania subsidized child care [here](#).

## What are Children's Village's COVID safety precautions?

We adhere to health and safety guidance of several regulatory agencies including the Philadelphia Health Department and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Find more information [here](#).

## What is the ratio of children to teachers?

We embrace best practices and adhere to these children to teacher ratios:

Rising Kindergartners (ages 4, 5): 10 to 1; K-3rd: 12 to 1; 4th through 7th: 15 to 1

## How do you keep in touch with me about my child's activities?

We use the communication platform Class Dojo, which allows teachers and families to share what's being learned through photos, videos, and messages. It also automatically translates messages.

## Tell me more about the meals that my child will be served?

Chicken Tikka Masala, Ginger Citrus Glazed Salmon, and Spanish Chickpea Stew are among our menu items! Our nutritious snacks and meals reflect our commitment to healthy bodies and healthy minds. Meals often represent the tastes, smells, traditions, and cultures of our families. You can view our current menus [here](#).

## What else can you tell me about the Children's Village community?

We are a welcoming, wonderfully diverse community. Many children are from families who speak Mandarin, Cantonese, and other languages. We serve children from families of a range of economic backgrounds. We respect and support all families as children's most important teachers. We provide interpretation and translation. We have earned awards regionally and nationally for excellence in engaging diverse families and learners and promoting equity in the early learning setting.





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**Children's Village also offers nationally accredited, Keystone STAR 4A year-round programming for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers.**