

CHILDREN'S LEARNING ADVENTURE IS... calling all adventure seekers

We've tried for decades to convince our children that learning is fun. Wait no more—Children's Learning Adventure is making it very easy for us to do just that. Unlike anything you've seen before, this unique, advanced childcare center is bringing the exuberant outdoors inside to make the imaginations of children run wild with excitement. Upon entering, you catch yourself holding your breath because of the sensation that you're on the bottom of the deep blue sea with different whale species floating overhead. With high sensory amenities and equipment in every section, you then enter a life-like town called Imagination Island™, built precisely for the development of social, cognitive and motor skills. It's a realistic town with a fire station, railroad, post office and ATM. Then, you will enter the science and planetarium area where planets are realistic with vibrant colors and convincing detail. Next door is a real TV studio for hands-on public speaking experience. A full gymnasium, aquariums with exotic fish from around the world, a realistic library and a rain forest are just a few more things that set Children's Learning Adventure apart. Outdoors you will find a vast playground with sections for different age groups to make it an adventure for all.

THE LEARNING ADVENTURE STARTS HERE

The campus is specially designed to interest the school age child. The afterschool complex will excite any sports-minded child with its four lane bowling alley, indoor and outdoor basketball courts, soccer field as well as tennis, volleyball and kickball courts. For the child interested in the arts, you will find a full art studio including a kiln to fire pottery and a theater stage complete with karaoke machine. Most impressive is the kids cooking kitchen, Culinary Cove™. The stainless steel cooking stations are at the perfect height for a child to bake a batch of cookies or a fruit smoothly with the guidance from the Chef. Children's Learning Adventure understands that we live in an age of technology. Therefore the School Age Jungle is completed with Xbox connects gaming systems, as well as a iPad lab.

INFANTS | The journey begins with the Early Adventurers™, a program for infants. Because infants learn about the world around them at an accelerated rate, three essentials are consistently reinforced for early brain development—Attention, Bonding and Communication (ABC).

Attention: Deliberate curriculum activities such as tracking are designed to help increase a child's attention system and to develop visual discrimination. **Bonding:** Nurturing, consistent care provides the stability a child needs to develop meaningful relationships. Each child has a primary care-giver who works with the child and family to provide the best individualized care. **Communication:** Providing a language-rich environment such as reading, singing, Spanish and sign language to build strong communication skills.

TODDLERS | Toddlers further develop these ABC skills in the Voyagers™ program with an added emphasis on vocabulary, individual needs as well as cooperative play, and sensory-based activities while exploring the world around them. The curriculum was specifically designed to assist toddlers in developing the essentials for early brain development through the concepts of Attention, Bonding and Communication. A strong social/emotional foundation, and a repetition

of skills and language is critical for success in later learning. "Children have to hear the same word between 15-25 times before they really understand it and can use it," said Connie Lee, Vice President of Education. "Some of the one-year-olds in our program speak in complete sentences. There's a lot of research that links the number of words a child knows by age 5 and their I.Q. later in life. Our goal is for them to know between 5,000 and 10,000 words by then. That's why we have a language-rich environment."

The curriculum helps build the Attention system of a toddler's brain, in turn preparing them for later school success. Healthy brain development is promoted through positive relationships and responsive environments helping children to bond. The language rich environments, including, Spanish and Sign Language develop Communication skills so vital in today's world. Children ages 12 months through 36 months develop cognitive skills while engaging in activities that encourage language, creative expression, physical, social and emotional development.

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A NEW CONCEPT IN EARLY CARE AND LEARNING IS REVOLUTIONIZING THE WAY WE THINK ABOUT PRESCHOOL AND AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS—CHILDREN FROM THE AGES OF 6 WEEKS TO 13 YEARS ARE BENEFITING FROM THESE STATE-OF-THE-ART CENTERS. SOME OF THE FEATURES THEY OFFER ARE ADVANCED SECURITY, EXTENSIVELY TRAINED TEACHING STAFF, UNIQUE LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS AND AN ACCLAIMED CURRICULUM BASED ON BRAIN DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH BY SOME OF THE WORLD'S BEST CHILD PSYCHOLOGISTS AND NEUROSCIENTISTS.



PRESCHOOL / PRE-K / KINDERGARTEN

Children 3 and 4 years old are students in the Explorers™ program. Children practice a different set of ABC's, known as Academics, Behavior and Construction. This program implements the structure and core concepts needed to make a seamless transition to elementary school. The Navigators™ program is a full-day, comprehensive private kindergarten with smaller class sizes than traditional schools.

Children's Learning Adventure believes that a crucial component of learning is the environment. Therefore, in addition to the primary classroom, they provide daily small group instruction in specialty classrooms for the young learner. This learning environment provides authentic activities and tasks in a meaningful context to help reinforce the child's learning.

Academics: Intentional lessons that build readiness skills in early literacy, math and science expose the child to a multitude of learning experiences enhancing current knowledge and opening the door to discovery of new information. Literacy concepts include topics such as phonics, comprehension and emergent writing. Counting, graphing and geometry are skills learned in math lessons. Smiles abound as children delight in the hands-on science experiments. **Behavior:** Character development is essential to thrive and communicate in a community setting. Children are empowered to make good decisions by providing positive choices. This develops children in areas such as everyday living and building self-esteem, independence, and character by teaching and showing positive character traits. In addition, the program teaches and demonstrates philanthropic ideals by hosting various community drives that children help organize and operate. **Construction:** Creativity is cultivated through dramatic play, art and sensory, music and movement and physical fitness. Children create experiences from the ability to apply information learned in different formats.

SCHOOL-AGE | Lastly, school-age children are immersed in the ABC's of Arts, Building and Community in the Challengers™ program. School-age children ages 5 through 13 have the opportunity to attend before and after-school care and full-day camp programs when school is not in session. Enrichment-based activities provide just the right mix of freedom and structure. After school and full-day camps incorporate carefully crafted activities that reinforce education while exploring individual interests. Parents and teachers work together to determine the individual student's needs and interests, whether it's committing to a homework contract, playing team sports,



the A-B-Cs of learning

scripting a play or conducting an experiment. Teachers are also available for small group instruction and tutoring. The program is fun and interactive and the kids may not even realize they are learning. Education is infused in not only traditional activities, but in specialty areas as well.

Arts: Individual interests are encouraged in specialty areas such as Culinary Creations, Art Studio, Theater and a TV Studio. **Building:** Educational concepts are furthered reiterated with Computers/iPads, Science Lab Library and the Study/Homework Cove. **Community:** Children work as teams and participate in games in areas such as the indoor basketball court, extensive playgrounds, bowling lanes and Xbox Kinect.

The Curriculum | The acclaimed Lifetime Adventures™ curriculum not only incorporates the latest brain development research, but also early learning standards that encourage children to develop skill areas, for achieving specific learning goals. The curriculum is designed to stimulate the young learner by providing an environment

where the child plays an active role in their cognitive development. Learning is more than a building, a curriculum and a teacher. Children's Learning Adventure features anywhere between eight to twelve specialty classrooms depending on the child's age that stimulate the senses and use a "layering technique." It has been reported that children learn best through repetition and practice. Therefore math, science, and language concepts repeat every six weeks based on the monthly theme. A layering curriculum allows lessons to become more meaningful as students apply knowledge learned in one subject into several areas. For example, children learning about cumulus clouds in Laboratory Lagoon™, might also prepare a weather forecast in Picture Paradise™. Students harvesting vegetables grown in Nature's Nook™ use them in a recipe they are cooking in Culinary Creations. A lesson about perception in the Art Studio derived from a story in Reading Reef™.

The Teachers | Teachers engage the children in interactive and structured learning activities that not only foster individual interest, but also

develop critical thinking skills and prepare students for their academic career. All teachers are given a thorough initial training by the center's Educational Specialist with topics including curriculum implementation, health and safety, classroom management and brain development research. The Educational Specialist also provides ongoing training, mentoring and support for the teachers to solidify best practices in the classroom. The role of Educational Specialist is an industry-first, furthering Children's Learning Adventure's commitment to ensure the integrity and quality of all programs.

Cutting Edge Security | There is nothing more important to parents than the security of their children. A top priority at Children's Learning Adventure, security includes a finger-print scanner at the entrance and a manager is always present. Advanced monitoring systems utilize computer screens in the reception area so that parents may view the entire property including classrooms, playgrounds and hallways. In addition, each staff member is trained in security and emergency procedures.

Playgrounds | Children's Learning Adventure believes healthy bodies create healthy minds. The teachers are instructed to think of the play-



grounds as an extension of the classroom. The expansive playgrounds provide not only an intricate jungle gym, but also offer basketball and tennis courts as well as soccer, kickball and multipurpose fields. The children increase agility, motor skills and learn team dynamics.

Summer Camp | During summer, Challengers will journey on a Passport to Adventure. The children will "travel" the world experiencing cultures, traditions, games and food specific to each destination. Children's Learning Adventure also offers field trips each week and specialty clubs, contributing to the excitement of summer camp.

"We poll the kids to see what they want to do in the summer," said Lee. "In Texas, we're hearing a lot about cheerleading. Whatever the kids are interested in, we try to create clubs for, and they can rotate through those in addition to our regular enrichment programs."

Choice-Based Offerings | The programs offer a well-rounded, comprehensive curriculum for all age groups. Students rotate throughout specialty classrooms in small groups throughout the week to ensure all children have the opportunity to participate. For example, if a child enjoys cooking there are opportunities that are choice-based to foster this interest.

Family Connections | A critical component of each child's progress that won't be found anywhere else is the home-school connection. Partnering with parents, the learning continues at home. Every child and family receives a Field Report or Adventures at Home Folder weekly. These curriculum components outline activities for parents to implement at home to build on the skills and knowledge they are learning that week at school.

Expansion into North Texas | Children's Learning Adventure is growing. Opening first in Arizona, there are locations in Colorado, Nevada, Oklahoma and Texas. North Texas welcomed the Keller Grand Opening on April 26th with West Plano, Coppell, Wylie and McKinney all coming soon. For more information and dozens of reasons why you should consider Children's Learning Adventure, please visit www.childrenslearningadventure.com.

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