

CREATING CURIOUS MINDS

KIND HEARTS &

BILINGUAL VOICES

WUNDERKIND LEARNING CO.

Spanish Immersion Daycare & Preschool

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# Welcome to WUNDERKIND!

*"The wider the range of possibilities we offer children, the more intense will be their motivations and the richer their experiences."*

— Loris Malaguzzi

At **WUNDERKIND**, we understand that choosing the right childcare program is a meaningful decision. We are honored to be part of your child's journey. Our mission is to create a nurturing, inspiring, and enriching environment where every child feels safe, heard, and valued.

We are committed to building strong and meaningful relationships with children and families, ensuring a smooth and joyful transition. During your child's first week, we focus on welcoming your child gently into our routines, helping them form connections with teachers and peers, and learning about their unique interests and personality.

This packet provides essential information about our program, philosophy, rates, and policies. Please review it carefully and keep it accessible. We encourage open communication and welcome your questions and feedback at any time.

We are delighted to welcome your family to Wunderkind and look forward to partnering with you in providing a magical, high-quality educational experience for your child.



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At Wunderkind

we will support  
your child's  
wellbeing, in a  
nurturing,  
fun, positive,  
and stimulating  
environment!

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## Mission Statement



We are educators with a deep commitment to lifelong learning, championing children's rights, and nurturing every child's natural curiosity to explore and construct knowledge about themselves, others, and the world.

We provide a **Spanish immersion** environment that embraces cultural and racial diversity, fostering a strong sense of acceptance and belonging. Our thoughtfully designed, age-appropriate curriculum offers children the opportunity to:

At **Wunderkind** every child will:

- **Celebrate their cultural heritage** and foster a strong sense of identity.
- **Develop language skills in both Spanish and English** through immersive, play-based learning.
- **Engage in multisensory experiences**, supporting cognitive, social, and emotional growth.
- **Thrive in beautifully prepared classrooms**, that inspire independence, collaboration, and discovery.
- **Build critical thinking and problem-solving skills**, laying the foundation for lifelong learning.



## Our Approach

### The Reggio Emilia Philosophy

The Reggio Emilia philosophy believes each child is deeply curious and full of potential. By allowing children to have a voice and learn at their own pace, their curiosity will drive them to understand their world and their place in it. Teachers are to act as their “research partners” and will guide them in activities based on their interests in a supportive and enriching environment. Reggio activities are designed to help children learn and discover, build self-confidence, and develop critical thinking and social skills.

A typical day includes:

- Morning Gathering & Relationship Building
- Exploration Time & The Atelier
- Project Work & Investigations
- Outdoor Exploration & Connection with Nature

Teachers design 4–6-week study units based on student interests. Our annual units explore topics such as motion & movement, animals, community, and caring the environment. All explored through hands-on learning, child-led inquiry, and creative expression.

### Spanish Immersion

**Spanish immersion** opens doors to bilingualism and deeper cultural connection. Whether your family speaks Spanish at home or you're offering your child a new language experience, immersion enhances communication, empathy, and brain development.

- Spanish is one of the most spoken languages globally.
- Immersion helps Spanish-speaking children retain their heritage language.
- Early exposure makes it easier to become bilingual for life.



## Our Community and Environment

Wunderkind is a warm, inclusive community where every child and family is seen, heard, and valued. We encourage families to share their gifts whether by reading in the classroom, joining event experiences, or sharing meaningful stories and traditions from their culture.

Our program offers:

- Four nurturing classrooms for infants, toddlers, twos, and a mixed-age preschool.
- Responsive teacher-to-child ratios with group sizes thoughtfully designed based on age and developmental needs
- Reggio Emilia-inspired environments that are calm, beautiful, and rich in purpose
- Inviting learning stations designed to spark curiosity, independence, and creativity encouraging children to explore, discover, and grow
- Loving, intentional teachers who foster strong home-school connections and nurture each child's sense of belonging and confidence.



# What Makes Us Unique

At Wunderkind Learning Co., we believe early childhood is sacred — a time to be celebrated, nurtured, and filled with wonder. What sets us apart is not just what we teach, but how we make each child feel: seen, heard, and deeply valued.

## ♡ Spanish Immersion from Infancy

Children are immersed in a second language for most of the day through songs, stories, conversation, and exploration.

## ♡ Inspired by Reggio Emilia

Our approach honors each child's curiosity, voice, and rhythm. We follow the child while offering structure, beauty, and rich materials to support their growth.

## ♡ Holistic, Heart-Led Learning

We nurture the whole child — mind, body, and heart — through sensory exploration, movement, creativity, and meaningful relationships.

## ♡ A Calm, Beautiful Environment

Our classrooms are thoughtfully designed to feel like a second home warm, peaceful, and inviting where children can explore freely and feel safe to be themselves.

## ♡ Family Partnerships That Matter

We build strong, respectful relationships with families. You are not just enrolling your child you are joining a loving and intentional community.

## ♡ A Team of Passionate Educators

Our teachers are kind, skilled, and deeply committed to early childhood education. We view ourselves as co-learners and partners in your child's journey.

# Rates and Admissions

## Program Hours

Regular Hours: 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Half-Day Option: 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (subject to availability)

## Meals

We are a nut-aware program.

- Full-Day Enrollment includes Breakfast, hot lunch, and afternoon snack.
- Half-Day Enrollment includes Morning snack only.

CCAP families are responsible for the difference between the DHS reimbursement rate and WLC tuition. For full details on tuition, fees, and discharge policies, please refer to the **Family Handbook**

## Program

## Half Day

## Full Day

Program	Half Day	Full Day	
<b>Infants</b> 8wks-14Mths	\$1,461 Monthly	\$ 1,816 Monthly	CCAP copay + 397
<b>Toddlers</b> 15M-23M	\$1,368 Monthly	\$ 1,687 Monthly	CCAP copay + 283
<b>Twos to Three</b>	\$1,260 Monthly	\$ 1,573 Monthly	CCAP copay + 258
<b>Preschool &amp; Pre-k</b>	\$ 1,082 Monthly	\$ 1,349 Monthly	CCAP copay + 216

# Questions? Answers.

**Q: What if my child has allergies?**

A: If your child has any allergies or dietary restrictions, please complete the Dietary Restrictions Form and submit a note from your child's doctor.

**Q: What if my child gets sick?**

A: We will contact you or an authorized emergency contact. Your child will rest comfortably in a quiet space until you arrive for pickup.

**Q: Do children go outside?**

A: Yes! Outdoor play and exploration are essential parts of our day. Children go outside daily, weather permitting. Please dress your child in layers and weather-appropriate gear so they can play and explore comfortably.

**Q: Do you have cameras in the classroom?**

A: Yes. Cameras are used in classrooms and shared spaces for administrative. They help us monitor for safety and support the quality of care provided. Camera footage is used exclusively for internal supervision and licensing compliance.

**Q. How do I know what happened if my child is injured or involved in a conflict?**

Teachers will provide a written incident report and notify you the same day. Our administrative team reviews and supports these situations with care, transparency, and documentation.

**Q: What is your discipline policy?**

A: We use positive guidance rooted in respect, emotional development, and relationship-building. Teachers support children in learning self-regulation and problem-solving. Physical or verbal punishment is never used.

**Q: What is your acclimation or transition process?**

We offer a gentle acclimation week where your child gradually builds up to a full day. This helps your child build trust and feel comfortable with their teachers and environment.

**Q: Is there a waitlist?**

If your preferred classroom is full, we'll place your child on a waitlist and notify you as soon as a space becomes available. There is a \$15 fee to be placed on the waitlist.

**Q: How do you support children who don't speak Spanish at home?**

Many of our families do not speak Spanish at home. We use songs, visuals, and emotional connection to support children's understanding. Over time, they build comfort and confidence naturally.

**Q. What if my child isn't potty trained yet?**

Children must be fully potty trained before entering our preschool classroom. For younger age groups, teachers closely observe for signs of readiness and will partner with families to create a respectful and supportive toilet learning plan when the time is right. We honor each child's individual pace and never rush or pressure the process.

If your child is accepted for enrollment, you will receive an email with next steps to finalize your child's enrollment.

# Enrollment Process

## What to Expect After You Apply

We're honored you're considering Wunderkind Learning Co. for your child's early learning journey. Here is what you can expect next:

- 1. Welcome Email**  
You'll receive a confirmation email from our administrative team acknowledging your application and introducing you to our enrollment process.
- 2. Complete Enrollment Forms**  
Families will be asked to submit required documents (see checklist in this packet), pay the two-week deposit, and review our Parent Handbook.
- 3. Family Connection**  
We invite you to visit the classroom, meet the teachers, and ask any final questions. For returning families, a brief phone check-in may be scheduled.
- 4. Acclimation Week & Start Date**  
We'll coordinate a gentle acclimation plan to ensure your child's first days are joyful and supported. You'll also be added to your child's classroom communication thread via Brightwheel.



Notes from my visit :

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