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To Whom It May Concern:

At Premier Academy in Rochester Hills we will be providing care and education for students six weeks of age through twelve years of age. Attached you will find a description of each of our programs and what we teach to each age group. Please contact us with any additional questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Jeff Schmitz

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## Infants and Toddlers

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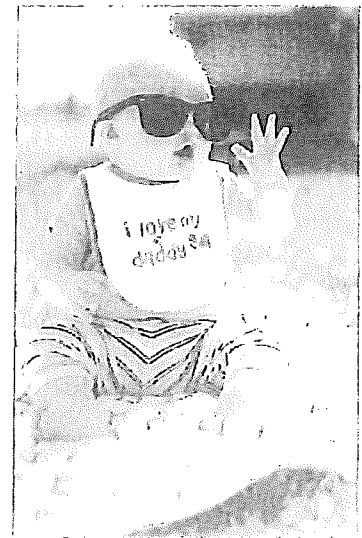
Premier Academy offers a loving and nurturing environment for infants and as young as six weeks old. These classrooms are specifically designed to provide your child excellent individualized care and safety while also providing a stimulating environment for them to explore and learn. As the children grow and reach each milestone, our teachers are specially trained to evaluate and adjust the lesson plans based on each child's stage of development.

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Our infants and toddlers are promoted based on the child's development to ensure appropriate toys and activities are available for each stage. As the infants become toddlers, the lesson plans will begin to include sign language to aid in communication as verbal language skills are being developed.

These children will receive a gentle introduction to letters, numbers, colors, shapes, music and art, and before they enter preschool, each child has a basic foundation for entry into the A

Beka Book Program.



### Infant/Toddler Curriculum:

Tummy Time  
Gross Motor  
Fine Motor  
Tactile Learning  
Colors  
Shapes  
Numbers  
Baby Sign Language  
Spanish Words  
Art  
Circle Time  
Flash Cards  
Color Words  
Shapes  
Animals  
Transportation  
Community Helpers  
Health  
Safety  
Manners  
Science  
Simple Counting 1-25  
Number Concepts 1-10  
Hymns/Choruses  
Memory Verses  
Music and Movement  
Arts & Crafts

# Preschool

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## **A Solid Foundation**

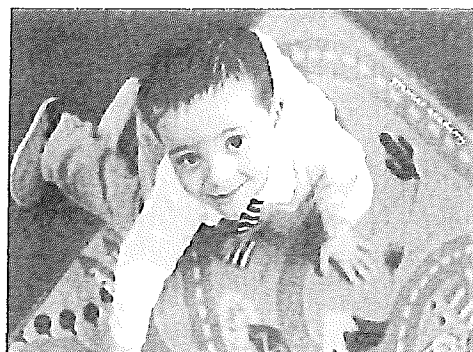
At Premier Academy, we are very proud of the educational foundation the children in our preschool program receive. We use the A Beka Book curriculum, which is a phonics program written and developed at Pensacola Christian College.

With this curriculum, preschool children fully learn each letter, including how it sounds and how to write it. They will also learn numbers and the number values while learning to write each number.

Colors, shapes and calendar skills are also included in the daily lesson plans, along with saying the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag.

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To ensure your preschooler receives a strong foundation, the children have a weekly bible story and lesson. These lessons will reinforce our goals of teaching the children self-confidence and independence, respect for themselves and others, the importance of a sense of responsibility for their own actions and for the well-being of others. By the end of the preschool years, our students have the necessary skills to succeed in the classroom in Pre-Kindergarten and beyond, and they have developed a love of learning that will last them a lifetime.



### **Language Arts:**

1. Names
2. Sounds
3. Picture for short Vowels & Consonants
4. Upper & Lower Case Letters

### **Language Development that include:**

1. Color Words
2. Shapes
3. Animals
4. Transportation
5. Countries
6. Community Helpers
7. Health
8. Safety
9. Manners
10. Science

### **Numbers:**

1. Simple Counting 1-30
2. Number Concepts 1-15

### **Music/ Arts & Crafts:**

1. Colors
2. Shapes
3. Following Directions
4. Hand-Eye Coordination

### **Daily Specials include:**

Music, Art, Spanish, Bible, and Gym

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# Montessori

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## Montessori Method

The Montessori method is an educational approach to teaching children based on the research and experiences of Italian physician and educator, Maria Montessori (1870-1952). It arose essentially from Dr. Montessori's discovery of what she referred to as "the child's true normal nature".

The role of the teacher is to watch over the environment and remove any obstacles that would interfere with this natural development. The teacher's role of observation includes experimental interactions with children, commonly referred to as lessons, to resolve misbehavior or to show how to use the various self-teaching materials that are provided in the environment for the children's free use.

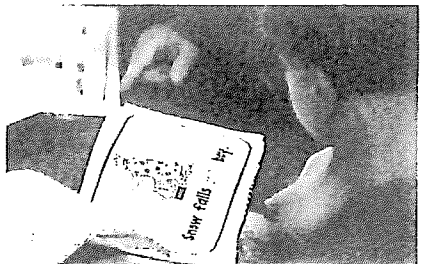
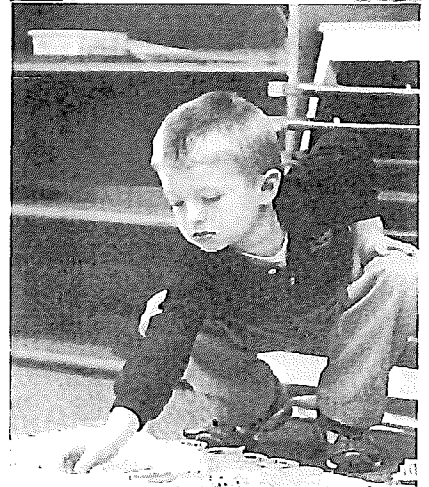
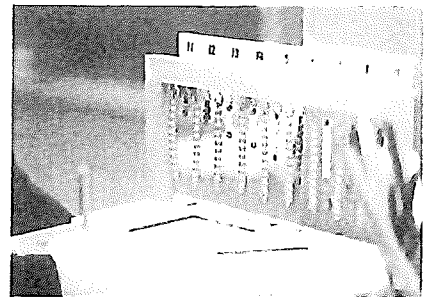
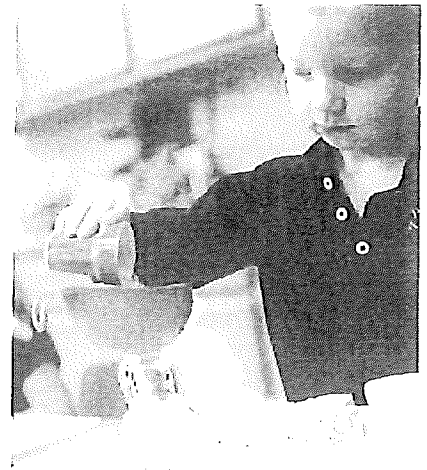
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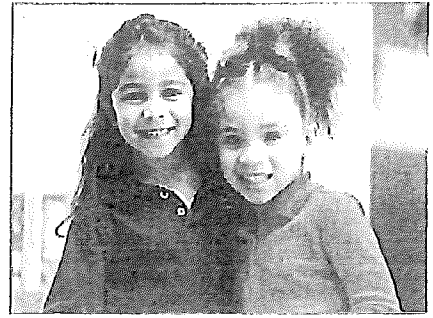
## The Montessori Method at Premier Academy

Premier Academy has taken the Montessori Method, created by Maria Montessori in 1907, and brought it into our own classrooms to create an atmosphere conducive to learning while following the "true nature" of the child. All of our certified teachers are trained to help their classrooms of children use the natural materials and tools of the classroom to direct their own learning through language arts, math, science and much more.

Premier has separated their classrooms so that the Montessori Method can be applied the way it was intended. Students' ages 3 through 6 will be in one of our many combined classrooms. Here, students will continue to develop their skills of learning through individual work and presentations made by the teacher as well as through the mentoring between older and younger students. Here we can begin to see our students grow as leaders as well as develop a sense of empathy for other students, control over their own bodies and an overall sense of peace while learning at a rate them and their teacher feel comfortable with.

Daily Specials Include: Music, Art, Spanish, Bible, and Gym





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# Pre-Kindergarten

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Using the A Beka Book curriculum, students in Pre-Kindergarten classes at Premier Academy learn to use their skills in phonics to blend letters together and read. Taught by degreed teachers, a strong foundation in reading is the focus this final year before entering Kindergarten. Students will begin with a review of the short vowels, and then move to reading three-letter words. As the year progresses, students will begin to learn the rules for recognizing and reading words with long-vowels, and by the end of the year, will be able to read sentences and stories with one- and two- vowel words.

While the focus is on reading, these students will also have daily assignments to expand their knowledge of number values and concepts and will begin to learn simple addition. They will also have bible lessons and lessons in social studies and science. During this time, the students will learn about the world we live in, our place in this world and how we can help to care for ourselves, others and our world.

At the end of the Pre-Kindergarten year, these students are fully prepared to take the next step in their education and enter Kindergarten. They will take this monumental step into the school-age years with a solid academic foundation firmly in place and a love of learning to last them a lifetime.

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## Pre-K Curriculum:

- o Language Arts
- o Phonics
- o Reading
- o Language Development
- o Number Counting
- o Number Recognition
- o Patterns
- o Measurements
- o Addition and Subtraction

## Daily Specials include:

Music, Art, Spanish, Bible, Gym

## Kindergarten & Young 5's

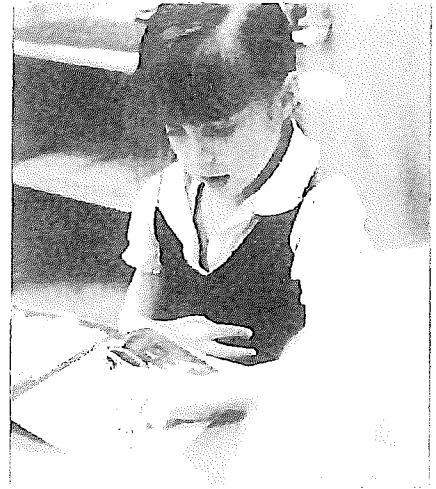
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Combining our A Beka Curriculum with our experienced educator's philosophies of core reading and math, Premier Academy's Kindergarten and Young 5's are excited to offer a full day of academics, as well as Physical Education, Music, Art, Spanish and Bible to create well-rounded students who can read and write at levels that surpasses their public education peers.

Throughout the year the students will be working on laying the foundation for their education path, which includes social, mental, physical, and emotional development.

Gaining independence and self-identification that includes taking responsibility for themselves as well as what is socially acceptable. They are provided many learning opportunities in which they can exercise critical thinking and how it affects the world around them.

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### Kindergarten Curriculum:

- \*Language Arts
- \*Phonics
- \*Reading
- \*Language Development
- \*Number Recognition
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- \*Measurements
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## School Age

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### Before and After Care

Whether you are looking for before and/or after-school care or you are in need of care during school breaks, we know you will find the school-age program at Premier Academy to be what you and your child are looking for. We offer a safe program designed to give your child the type of care you would give them at home. In addition to healthy snacks and a quiet area for homework or reading, "stem" work and the Abeka reader books are available to our school age students. The children also have plenty of time for fun and exercise! Our school-age children have daily opportunities to experience numerous physical sporting activities, as well as participate in educational games. We provide transportation for our school age students to and from local elementary schools!

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## Summer Camp

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Premier Academy's summer camp program has many benefits for your child. Ranging from ages 6-12, we engage our campers in many different physical, mental, emotional and academic learning experiences! Throughout summer, we work through the "BRIDGE BOOK" program. This is a guided series of worksheets designed to bridge the gap between grades. The series is correlated with the common core to keep your children familiar with key concepts as well as challenge them with new material for the upcoming school year. Campers are able to complete these worksheets independently, collaborate with partners and small groups, as well as co-teach with different aged peers. The program includes the following subjects: Reading Comprehension, Mathematics, Social Studies, Science Experiments, Grammar, Time and Money, Character Development, Fitness Activities.

During the summer, we have a reading buddy program which helps us practice our skills, as well as provide entertainment to younger campers. Integrating the language arts common core, we touch on various types of writing: poems, short stories, and skits.

Writer's workshop is a great way to include many aspects of the summer! Campers are able to express their opinions and memories through drawing and writing. It allows them to see themselves as both an author and an illustrator as they "publish" their own piece to share with their peers and younger campers here at Premier Academy.

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