

Little Sprouts Early Childhood Center



2022-23 School Year Programming

♥ **Our Preschool programs** are thoughtfully designed to nurture the unique cognitive, physical and social-emotional development of little learners by utilizing a child-centered, play-based curriculum—Always guided by the unique social-emotional needs, interests and abilities of the children, and by the wonders of the natural world. The children experience a daily balance of indoor and outdoor learning experiences in all types of weather. All children will grow together as leaders, problem-solvers, risk-takers and care-takers in a supportive learning community, with the added benefit of weekly play-based classroom visits with Rev. Cora.

♥ **Preschool Threes** - Tues. / Thurs. - 9:00-11:30 (These Little Sprouts must be Three by 9/1/22 & Potty Trained)
Tuition: \$1050.00/year - **Deposit of \$150.00 required with registration**, (\$50 of which is non-refundable; payable by cash or check). Nine monthly payments of \$100.00 will be due, September 1, 2022 through May 1, 2023. Our Three-Year-Old class serves 15 Little Sprouts with 2 teachers and a parent volunteer.

♥ **Preschool Fours** - Mon. / Wed. / Fri. - 9:00-Noon (These Little Sprouts must be Four by 9/1/22 & Potty Trained)
Tuition: \$1890.00/year - **Deposit of \$225.00 required with registration**, (\$50 of which is non-refundable). Nine monthly payments of \$185.00 will be due August 31, 2022 through May 1, 2023. Our Four-Year-Old class serves 18 Little Sprouts with 2 teachers and a parent volunteer.

♥ **Our Family Play Groups** meet once each week for weekly playful interactions designed to nurture the cognitive, physical, and social-emotional growth of infants and toddlers, to make connections with a caring community of local families with young children!

♥ **First FAMILIES Play Groups** - Mon./Tues./Thurs./Fri. options 9:30-11 (These Little Sprouts must be between the ages of birth-3, and accompanied by a grown-up.) Tuition: \$130 per household for the 10-Week fall session, **paid in full upon registration** (\$50 of which is non-refundable). Join us for a first FAMILY school experience designed especially for children ages birth to three, and their care-givers! First Families has a maximum of 12 Little Sprouts per group. Winter & spring sessions will follow!

♥ **First FRIENDS Play Group** - Wednesday 9:30-11 (These Little Sprouts must be between the ages of 2 ½ -3 by 9/1/22, and accompanied by a grown-up.) Tuition: \$130 per CHILD for the 10-Week fall session, **paid in full upon registration**, (\$50 of which is non-refundable.) Not quite old enough for preschool? 2 ½ - 3-year old First FRIENDS participants meet weekly for playful school experiences! First Friends has a maximum of 12 Little Sprouts. (First FRIENDS is especially for 2½-year-old 'Big Kids', without their sweet siblings—Families who would like to bring their toddlers & babies together are encouraged to join a First FAMILIES play group! ;)



Hello, families!

Central United Methodist Church has been providing Early Childhood Education programming opportunities for Waterford and the surrounding area for more than 50 years. Our Little Sprouts staff is so grateful to have been welcomed into such a supportive, caring, inclusive community, and can't wait to introduce all of you and your little ones to all of the beautiful indoor and outdoor learning spaces here, and to all of the really wonderful people who enhance our learning and community-building experiences in our 'home' here at Little Sprouts!

There will be several faith-based events throughout the school year that the church will host, and that our learning community will always be welcome to participate in. (Summer Socials, Back to School Blessing & Ice Cream Social, Trunk or Treat...)

We feel very privileged to find ourselves presented with the opportunity to design and to implement programming that will support the development of traditional school-readiness skills in this lovely non-traditional setting. The Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) piece of a preschool curriculum is designed to help children build healthy relationships, to feel safe, to understand and manage their emotions, to feel and show empathy for others, to manage frustration, to resolve conflicts, and to develop a positive self-image. We are especially excited to invite Rev. Cora Glass to be a frequent visitor in our Preschool classroom. She will be a kind and supportive presence, dedicated to enhancing our social-emotional learning and to creating a culture of kindness. We look forward to introducing her to your families, and to sharing stories of her visits!

Mary Boynton, Carrie Holmquist & Monica Hungerford

