



December 19, 2022

Hello Families of Children who will be Attending Kindergarten in September 2023 (Rising K Families),

It may seem an unlikely time to begin conversations about next summer and fall, but for us, this is the time that we need to begin planning ahead.

I am writing today to explain the options that are available to the children who will attend Kindergarten next fall and invite you to join me on **Thursday, January 12 at 7pm** via Zoom. Zoom link is at the end of this letter

### **Summer Camp**

PIC has an exciting Summer Camp program filled with nature, creative arts, and STEM for children who will begin Kindergarten through 4th grade in the fall of 2023.

The summer is divided into 9 weekly sessions, with activities for the week focused on a theme. You may sign your child up for the entire summer, or for a minimum of two-weeks (that do not have to be consecutive.) This year, camp runs from **Tuesday June 20 - Friday, August 18, 2022.**

Families have the option of keeping rising kindergarteners in their current preschool classroom for June, July and August, or enrolling their child in our Summer Camp. Here are a few things to think about when making plans.

For children who will be going to our Afterschool program in the fall, Summer Camp is a great opportunity to be in the same space where they will be in September—the Stucco Building, directly adjacent to the Chapel. Plus, many of our summer staff are the same staff members who will be with the Kindergarteners in our Afterschool program in the fall.

For some children, Summer Camp works as a nice transition from the Early Learning to the Afterschool program, leaving only one transition to make in the fall.

It is also important to know that as some children leave the preschool rooms for Summer Camp, younger children will be moving up into those preschool rooms over the summer. For children who remain in preschool rooms, this is a change in their classroom community from what they have known throughout the school year.

Children enrolled in the Summer Camp will spend lots of time outside and on neighborhood excursions. We are so fortunate to have the grounds we have that allow for extensive outdoor play. Campers will also take field trips throughout the community.

Summer Camp ends on **Friday, August 18.** There is a period of time between the end of Camp and when your child starts Kindergarten (Philadelphia public schools have not yet announced the start date for the 2023-24 school year.) Children who attend Camp do not return to their preschool classrooms during this time.

**The Summer Camp Application Form for children going to Kindergarten will be available on our website on Friday, January 13, 2023. All families interested in enrolling their Rising Kindergartener in Camp will need to complete an application. There is a \$50 non-refundable application fee for Camp.**

The cost of the Camp is **\$440 per week** for the 5-day weeks and \$350 for the two weeks that are 4-day weeks because of holiday closings. Families only pay for the weeks their child is enrolled. There is a 10% discount for families enrolling for all 9 weeks and pay in full by April 15th. The discounted cost is \$3,400 for the 9 weeks.

**Camp spaces usually fill up quickly and we suggest getting your application in as soon as possible. For priority enrollment for families currently enrolled at PIC, please return the Application by Friday, March 10, 2023.**

After March 10, the applications are open to the community, and priority is given to families who enroll for the full 9 weeks.

### **After School Center (ASC)**

Our After School Center program is open to children enrolled in Kindergarten through third grade and will begin on the first day of school for the School District of Philadelphia (this date has not been published, yet.)

Children are picked up at the end of the school day from Penn Alexander School (PAS) and Lea School by foot, and Powell School by van. ***Van service from Powell School is limited to spaces available in our two vans.***

The Afterschool program runs until 6 pm each day. The space used for Kindergarten children enrolled in the Afterschool program is the Stucco building that is adjacent to the chapel.

Applications for our 2023-24 Afterschool program will be available after the School District of Philadelphia notifies families of school acceptances (typically mid-late February.) The cost of the Afterschool Program will be published online with the application in February.

**Please note that all families of rising Kindergarteners who wish to enroll their child in our Afterschool Program MUST complete an Afterschool Application Form.**

Subsidy through Child Care Works (CCW) is accepted for Summer Camp and for our Afterschool Program. If your family receives funding through PreK Counts, you may be eligible for CCW subsidy to cover a portion of the costs of Summer Camp. See the link below for the current CCW eligibility guidelines.

<https://www.dhs.pa.gov/Services/Children/Pages/Child-Care-Works-Program.aspx>

Families may also apply for tuition assistance for the Summer Camp and the Afterschool Program through our internal tuition assistance program. Applications will be available in early May. Please reach out to me at [dgreen@parentinfantcenter.org](mailto:dgreen@parentinfantcenter.org) for more information.

The Zoom link for the Information Session on Thursday, January 12 is below.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85776517178?pwd=Q0dRUeFmd3FIWnFPUmpTeTJZSzdTUT09>

Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions before then. Please contact Enrollment Coordinator Morgan Jimenez at [mjimenez@parentinfantcenter.org](mailto:mjimenez@parentinfantcenter.org).

*Thank you for entrusting your children to our care.*

*Debbie L. Green*

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