

## OUR MISSION

To provide the best early learning environment for children through support of social/emotional, development, cognitive development, physical development, nutritional skills, swimming lessons and language development.

## OUR PROGRAM

Preschool and Prekindergarten

- The Wilkes-Barre Family YMCA Preschool Program runs from September through May. It is designed for children ages three, four and five who are completely potty-trained. The program meets two, three or five times per week, for four or five hours each day, with options for a full day. Our program is designed to create an atmosphere where your child will feel safe, emotionally secure and have a sense of belonging. Our focus is a whole-child approach, where we focus on age appropriate developmental milestones. We strive to help your child develop social skills, which teaching life skills that will lead to academic success.

### WHAT TO BRING

1. Backpack with a folder.
2. Towel, bathing suit and swim needs.
3. Shoe box with change of clothes
4. Sneakers only, please.



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# PRESCHOOL

EARLY CHILDHOOD  
EDUCATION

For Ages 3, 4, & 5  
WILKES-BARRE FAMILY  
YMCA

## DEVELOPMENTAL FOCUS

**Social/Emotional:** This is socialization. It is how your child becomes a confident person. We encourage this by having your child relate to other people—both children and adults, taking responsibility for themselves and others by following rules and routines, and respecting others by sharing and taking turns.

**Physical:** Our program provides daily playground or gym play and two 45 minute swim lessons per week. Physical development is just as important as academic development. As children learn what their bodies can do, they gain self confidence. The more they can do, the more willing they are to try new and challenging tasks. Thus, a positive cycle, which affects learning overall, is established.

**Cognitive:** This involves how children think, how they see their world, and how they use what they learn. They will be offered ways to observe the world around them, encouraged to ask questions, shown how to think logically by comparing, sorting, contrasting, counting, and recognizing patterns. Playing pretend and drawing pictures of how they see things allows them to use not only materials but their imagination to explore ideas.

**Language:** This includes understanding and communicating through words, spoken and written. As children learn to listen and speak, they gain control of themselves and their world, relate effectively to others and gather and store more and more information. By giving them an understanding of how letters look and sound, they gain knowledge of the alphabet. We achieve this by encouraging their ability to communicate thoughts and feelings by listening, speaking, reading, and writing.



## POLICY AND PROCEDURE

**Please refer to our PARENT HANDBOOK for further information regarding policy and procedure.**

### Registration Fee:

A \$60.00 non-refundable, non-transferable registration fee is required for participation in this program. It does not go toward your regular monthly tuition payment. This recognizes your child as a Day Care/Preschool Participant, and allows you to receive the “member rate” for other programming that our Y offers.

### Tuition:

Due by the 15th of each month. Tuition payments can be made at the front desk in the form of cash, check or credit card. On the 11th of each month, if your payment has not been received, you will get an automatic late fee of \$15.00.

### Drop off/Pick up time:

Please drop off and pick up your child in their classroom at the YMCA for the scheduled class time. If you choose to park in the “DAY CARE DROP OFF” ZONE please put your flashers on before exiting your car. Please see that an adult brings your child into the building no earlier than 5 minutes before class begins. If someone new is picking up your child, please remind them that they need photo identification. Please abide by pick up and drop off procedures to insure a steady flow of traffic for all classes.

### Right to Dismiss:

We reserve the right to dismiss any child for unpaid tuition bills 30 days overdue. We reserve the right to dismiss any child who after reasonable trial, is in our opinion, not ready for our preschool experience. In such an event, any advance tuition payments will be refunded. Any child whose presence is detrimental to the group will be dismissed. Any parent who violates any of the rules and regulations set fourth by the child care department will also be dismissed. In such an event, any fees paid WILL NOT be refunded. Class times, days, and teachers may be subject to change. No make up days are given for missed time.

### **2019 Class schedule & Tuition Rates**

**5 Day Full Day                      \$160/Week**

**\*DAY CARE: Before/After Care Included\***

**5 Day 4 Hour Program            \$385/Month**

9:00am-1:00pm

**3 Day 5 Hour Program            \$335/Month**

9:30am-2:30pm

**3 Day 4 Hour Program            \$255/Month**

9:45am-1:45pm

**2 Day 5 Hour Program            \$270/Month**

9:30am-2:30am

**2 Day 4 Hour Program            \$215/Month**

9:45am-1:45pm

**Some sections are reserved for children entering Kindergarten in September 2020**