

Infant Program

For 8 weeks through 18 months old

From birth, infants absorb the world around them, investigating the sights, sounds, and feel of their environment. In our classrooms, each child develops physical, cognitive, social, perceptual and sensorial skills by given the independence to explore by their caregiver. Our Montessori curriculum provides infants with a safe world full of opportunities for active exploration and enjoyment through their senses: hearing, feeling, touching, and moving. At the ECC, infants are loved, cared for and consistently engaged.

Toddler Program

For children 18 months to 3 years old

Our Toddler Program is designed to develop a sense of accomplishment, pride and independence for toddlers. Under the nurturing guidance of our teachers, they learn to care for themselves and their environment. They do this by potty training, dressing themselves, and practical life activities such as cleaning after themselves and preparing their own snack. Toddlers also learn motor skills through hands-on activities and games.

Primary Program

For 3 years through 6 years old

Our Primary Program, which includes kindergarten, is purposely structured to help develop concentration, coordination and respect. Children work individually, or in small groups, at their own level and pace in Reading, Writing, Math, Geography and Science. Children are provided with an interactive, hands-on and educational environment so they can become successful learners. Children feel free to explore their senses and are encouraged by their teachers to fully understand the world around them.

"Excellent school ... Amazing teachers and staff. Alhamdulillah, part of the advantage of being in an Islamic school is that our children learn duas, chapters from the Quran, and how to pray salah."

**- Mufti Asif Umar
Imam of Dar Ul-Salam Masjid**



To learn more about our programs or schedule a private tour or meeting.



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About Us

The Al-Salam Day School Early Childhood Center's humble beginning began in the lower level of the Al-Salam Day School building located at 519 Weidman Road. In 2014, the 8200 sq. foot building located at 1400 Wyncrest was bought, completely renovated and specially designed to meet the needs of all children from ages 8 weeks old to 6 years.

At the ADS Early Childhood Center we believe in developing the child as a whole: emotionally, socially, intellectually, physically, spiritually and academically. Our Montessori certified teachers are committed to help each child reach his or her potential in all areas of life. Our developmentally appropriate programs are based on the principles and philosophy of Dr. Maria Montessori that is encapsulated within an Islamic atmosphere. Our program prepares children to become, confident problem solvers and lifelong learners.

We are also fully accredited by the Missouri Non-Public Accrediting Association and are proud to be one of the first schools in North America to receive dual accreditation from AdvancED and the Council of Islamic Schools in North America. Our unique Montessori Islamic School is the gem of the community and in fact a premier choice for families in the Saint Louis area.

Montessori & Islam

The Early Childhood Center blends Montessori methodology and Islamic values to foster happy, intelligent, well-adjusted children.

- Arabic language class and Qur'an memorization and recitation class can customize the Montessori class plan
- Students are engaged with stories from the Qur'an and the lives of the Prophets during story-time
- School field trips, nature walks, in-school petting zoo in-school events are related to the creation of Allah
- Grace and Courtesy activities are made to teach the children fairness, morality, and responsibility
- To have an understanding and love for Allah (SWT), His book and the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH)
- To enjoy and memorize Islamic songs that develop character and promote pride in being a Muslim

Additional Programs & Services

At our accredited school, the ECC is safe, inviting, and a home away from home.

Eid Celebrations & Hajj Simulation

Emphasis is given to Islamic holidays with huge celebrations. Face painting, bounce house fun, snacks and puppet shows are just some of the treats that make up this unique experience.

Before & After Care

This program is designed to provide children with a safe, well-supervised Islamic atmosphere before and after school hours.

Outreach Programs

Preschool Outreach Program

Every month, the St. Louis County Library delivers books and other materials for your child's use in the classroom.

Amazing Athletes

Amazing Athletes offers a weekly after-school program for students 3-6 that is designed to engage children in active wellness through interactive sports lessons.

St. Louis County Library Story-Time

A librarian visits once a month for an exciting and interactive story-time with our students to develop early literacy, communication, and social skills.

Reading Specialist

A Reading Specialist from Parkway School District works individually and directly with struggling readers.

Hot Lunch Program

A well-balanced, healthy zabiha lunch is provided to students at an extra charge.