

TRI VALLEY BRANCH

YMCA OF READING & BERKS COUNTY



EARLY LEARNING CENTER

Fleetwood Elementary School
109 West Vine Street
Fleetwood, PA 19522

The Tri Valley YMCA Early Learning Center consists of Jack & Jill School and Leap & Learn Child Care Center.

Licensing

The Tri Valley YMCA Early Learning Center is licensed by the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare. Leap & Learn Child Care Center is also a participant in the Keystone STARS.

Our Philosophy

At the Tri Valley YMCA Early Learning Center, we seek to provide each child with an environment and learning experience appropriate to individual needs and interests. We believe in an open environment in which each child is free to explore and experiment. We emphasize that play is the child's way of learning and that through play a child makes choices, discovers new ideas, problem solves, and gains a sense of his/her own competence.



Mission

Our primary mission is to provide a safe, developmentally appropriate environment for infants and children, ages 6 weeks-5 years of age. Our focus is to provide a stimulating early care and education experience which promotes each child's social/emotional, physical and cognitive development. Our goal is to support children's desire to be life-long learners while supporting the core values of the YMCA of caring, honesty, respect, and responsibility.

Leap & Learn Child Care Programs



Infants (6 weeks – 12 months) Our staff ensures that infants receive individual feedings and attention, auditory and visual experiences and plenty of cuddling. The program is designed to have as much staff/child contact as possible. Each child is fed and naps according to his/her established schedule.



Toddlers (12-36 months) Our staff understands the toddler developmental stage. In both our younger and older toddler rooms, they provide individual attention and help toddlers in positive ways to accept limits and frustrations. A variety of toys and equipment to help build motor skills and muscle strength are available as well as materials for imaginative play.



Preschool/ Pre*K (36 months – 5 yrs) Our preschool/pre*k program creates an environment that encourages curiosity and offers challenges to stimulate development. The daily schedule provides activities that include indoor/outdoor play, quiet and active times and projects to enhance large/small muscle development. The curriculum helps children build social and self-help skills as well as advance their physical, creative and intellectual development.

Nutrition

The Center provides breakfast, lunch, morning and afternoon snack to children in attendance. All meals and snacks are well balanced and meet the nutritional requirements of children.

Jack & Jill School Programs



Mommy & Me (5-22 months) A bonding experience for mother and child. Emphasis is on stimulating the senses through music. A combination of free play and socialization followed by music, snack time, bubbles, parachute and specialized baby activities.



Terrific Twos (22-36 months) A parent/child group that focuses on teaching your toddler the skills needed to learn and work with a group while participating in rhythm, movement, music, art and developing listening skills.



Preschool (3-4 year olds) Our 2-day program is designed for children to experience preschool in a semi-structured setting. Our program incorporates age appropriate learning activities into a weekly themed curriculum that is based on the Creative Curriculum philosophies. Children will participate in alphabet and language activities as well as free-choice play in various learning centers. Children must be potty-trained.



Pre*K (4-5 year olds) Our 3-day program is based on the Creative Curriculum principles, focusing on learning through play. Our program incorporates age appropriate alphabet and literacy activities, music and movement, hands-on math and science, social activities and games. Our program provides a structured environment to help children transition to kindergarten effortlessly.



Music & Movement (3-5 year olds) This program allows for children to play, listen and move to music that will stimulate their senses and encourage their imaginations. Whether they are creating their own musical instruments, dancing with scarves, marching with instruments, acting out a story or singing about a troubled tortoise, this program is designed to be educational and fun!



Creative Arts (3-5 year olds) This program allows for children to explore different art mediums and learn about different art techniques within a themed curriculum.



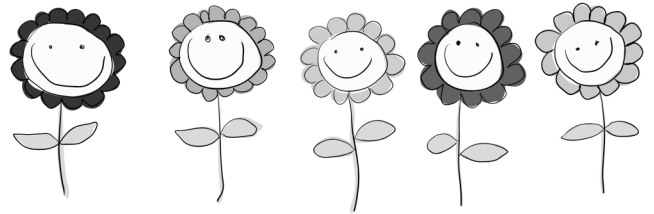
Yoga for Kids (3-5 year olds) Yoga for kids combines exercise with imagination, games, story and playtime. For the younger set, the names and poses are altered to suit little bodies and appeal to their creativity. In our Yoga for kids class we will explore people, places and themes.



Want More Information?

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“There is no better place for a child to grow than our YMCA!”



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