Welcome to Southwood Learning Center

Thank you for visiting SWLC. We are proud to be part of the oldest family owned and operated child care centers serving Bryan-College Station since 1981 (Kiddie Castle Children’s Center). We strive to provide a nurturing environment that allows children to develop the skills needed to be successful in life.

Our graduates are independent thinkers and doers filled with curiosity about the world we live in. The learning foundation established at SWLC is designed to foster your child’s lifelong love of learning and creativity.

**Mission Statement**

To empower and nurture each child’s individuality by building a partnership with families to promote physical, cognitive, emotional and social growth.
Why choose Southwood Learning Center?

1. **Our Montessori Program**- An authentic Montessori education with certified Montessori teachers focusing on math, science, language, practical life, sensorials, and geography.

2. **Our Discovery Program**- A complementary program designed to encourage creativity and group work.

3. **Afternoon STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, & Math) and Cultural Exploration**- Prepares our students for 21\textsuperscript{st} century technology, while establishing appreciation for the diversity which surrounds us.

4. **Each child is unique**- We recognize individual growth and promote self-paced learning with teachers that believe in child-centered learning.

5. **Partnership**- Partnering with our families, we work to help each child reach their full potential
Dr. Maria Montessori (1870-1952) was the first female physician in Italy. She was a visionary who started her first school “Casa Dei Bambini” in Rome in 1907. Her philosophy is based on direct scientific observation with the idea that children will initiate and seek knowledge if given a thoughtful and prepared environment. The Montessori method is an internationally recognized curriculum and has produced a number of innovative and creative individuals including the founders of Google and Amazon.

“Our pupils are equipped in their whole being for the adventure of life, accustomed to the free exercise of will and judgment, illuminated by imagination and enthusiasm”

Dr. Maria Montessori,

To Educate the Human Potential
Our Toddlers are surrounded by an environment that is designed to promote:

**NURTURING**- comfort, hugs, and appreciation for each family’s individual values and traditions allows for a soothing transition from home to school.

**INDEPENDENCE**- eating by themselves, potty training, cleaning up, self-care and making choices are encouraged as part of becoming independent learners.

**COMMUNICATION**- a language rich environment filled with objects and actions to name and teachers who model communication with the use of words, songs and touch.

**SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT**- a place of safety allows for the building of trust and respect as they learn how to establish relationships with the world around them.
Our Primary students engage in purposeful activity of their choosing. By selecting lessons that appeal to their natural curiosity and interest our children develop the three “C’s”:

**Concentration**- an inner quality that arises when children are in an environment of respect where they are given the freedom to work uninterrupted.

**Confidence**- through repetition of activities children learn that perseverance leads to positive outcomes.

**Care**- by mentoring peers, respecting one’s self, others and the environment, our children establish the foundation for becoming compassionate, healthy and purposeful members of our world
We enjoy being part of the SWLC family because we know that our child is loved and well cared for. We love the Montessori curriculum because our child is gaining a strong education foundation and learning many life skills.

-Sarah B.

**Sensorial Activities-** *Color Cylinders* Classification, perception, logic and awareness

**Practical Life Skills-** *Carrot Peeling* Independence and fine motor skills

**Language Activities-** pre-literacy and literacy skills for reading and writing are taught through sandpaper letters, phonics boards, moveable letters and sound blends. Beginning readers are available for those who are ready.
DISCOVERY

MATH-Hands on objects to teach mathematical skills that children can deeply comprehend. Colored blocks, beads, and other manipulatives teach abstract ideas using concrete methods.

SCIENCE- Using powers of observation, experimentation and data collection to experience the wonder of science through both Discovery and Montessori curricula.
Our child has learned so much and continues to share with me the great activities that go on each day at "school!" Thank you to the SWLC child care organization for an incredible Montessori curriculum that engages and teaches at all steps of the day, and a special thanks to all the staff; they continue to do amazing works of "heart" with all children.

Jayme G.

The greatest gifts we can give our children are the roots of responsibility and the wings of independence.

Maria Montessori
Partnering with our families in creating a vision of development for the whole child with cognitive, physical, social and emotional learning.

My child has been with Southwood Learning Center for almost two years now. The knowledge and growth he has gained is reassuring that this is surely a school, not just a daycare. And they have become more than a school to us, as they are a part of our family.

Sarah D.

Schedule your tour today! 979-693-6556
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