

Portage Township YMCA Active Learning Preschool Academy Frequently Asked Questions 2022-2023

Will preschool classes take place virtually or in person?

Classes will take place in person unless the CDC or Health Department recommends us to close. If that happens, we will switch to virtual classes until we can be in person.

What does a virtual class look like?

Our virtual class will take place through a Zoom invitation set up by your child's teacher. Class will be as normal as we can make it to a typical day. We will have circle time, calendar time, academic centers, crafts, songs, stories, and snack time.

Will staff and students be required to wear a mask?

Using current guidance as of January 2022, yes, students and staff will be required to wear a mask. This is subject to changed based upon local, state, and federal guidance.

What extra precautions will take place to help reduce Covid-19?

Temperatures will be taken upon arrival of staff and students. Anyone with a temp of 100.4 or higher will not be permitted to stay. Frequent hand washing and good hygiene will be a regular part of our day. Disinfecting high touch areas, toys and supplies will take place after each class.

If my child appears to not feel well, can they still attend school if not running a fever?

If your child is exhibiting any symptoms of illness they must remain home. They must be symptom-free and fever-free without the use of a pain or fever reducing medication for 72 hours before returning to school. If your child exhibits any Covid-19 symptoms, you will need to seek out medical attention and provide documentation they are free from Covid-19.

What if my child or family member contracts or has been exposed to Covid 19?

Your child's teacher must be notified within 24 hours even if someone is asymptomatic. Your child may not be permitted to attend class and may need to quarantine. This guidance will come from CDC at the time of exposure and be communicated directly to the family by the program coordinator.

What supplies will my child need for school?

When registering for school you paid a \$15 supply fee to cover supplies. Your child will need a full-size backpack and water bottle with their name on it brought to class daily. While water fountains are open, personal water bottles are preferred.

When are class fees due?

Fees are due by the 1st of the month. A \$20 late fee will be assessed after the 1st. If fees are not current by the 5th of the month your child may not attend class until your account is paid.

If our family is going on vacation and will miss time from school, will I be able to pro-rate my fee?

Class fees are divided into nine monthly payments and not discounted for missed days when preschool is closed due to scheduled off days, severe weather days or from a child's absences.

How many teachers will my child have?

Depending on the class size, your child will have one or two teachers.

Can I visit my child's classroom?

Yes, visits have resumed in the building and parents/guardians are asked to drop-off/pick-up from their child's classroom daily.

Do I supply snack for my child or my child's class?

Yes, you will need to send a healthy snack for your child daily.

If it's my child's birthday can I send in a special snack for the class?

Yes! We love birthdays. All birthday snacks must be commercially made and prepackaged. We ask not to bring cupcakes, but if you do please bring the mini ones.

What kind of clothing should my child wear to school?

We participate in gym class, the Lü, go outside and use many different types of art supplies. Children should be dressed in attire they are comfortable in when participating in the variety of activities we offer.

Can I have a friend or neighbor pick up my child when I cannot?

When registering your child, you are asked for the names of authorized pick-up individuals. We will only release students to those on your list. You are able to login to your child's online YMCA account to edit this list, adding or removing individuals. You may also call or visit the YMCA front desk to add or remove individuals, but must be the primary adult on the account.

What happens if I am late to pick up my child?

If you are late to pick-up your child, your child's teacher will first call you then the emergency contact person to ensure someone is on the way. A late fee of \$1.00 per minute is charged for every minute after the end of class that a child remains in the care of YMCA staff. If staff cannot reach anyone and your child has not been picked up within 30 minutes, proper authorities will be contacted as we are obligated to do.

Will my Pre-K child have a graduation?

Yes, pending local, state, and federal guidance, we anticipate hosting a traditional Preschool Graduation ceremony for those moving onto Kindergarten Fall 2022 followed by an End of Year Celebration for all preschool classes. More information will be available as we near the end of the school year.