## ORLANDO SCIENCE CENTER PRESCHOOL C09OR0729

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## **STEM Starts Here!**

Hours of Operation 7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Monday – Friday

2014-2015 Preschool Tuition Fees\*\*

3 years old by September 1, 2014 and Non-VPK 4/5 years old (must be independently toilet trained).

	Member	Member   General Public	
3 day	\$120	\$135	
4 day	\$155	\$170	
5 day	\$185	\$195	

Weekly tuition includes Early Morning and Afternoon Sessions, 2 snacks and lunch daily.

4 years old by September 1, 2014 (must be independently toilet trained).

			Member	General Public
VPK only	Monday – Friday	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon	\$0	\$0
VPK Plus	Morning Session	7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	\$15 daily	\$15 daily
VPK Plus*	Afternoon Session	12:00 noon – 6:00 p.m.	\$105 weekly	\$115 weekly
VPK Plus*	Morning & Afternoon Sessions	7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	\$135 weekly	\$145 weekly

<sup>\*</sup> includes I snack and lunch daily

\*\* Orlando Science Center Preschool is a VPK provider. Pricing is subject to change.

Annual Registration Fees: \$175 NONREFUNDABLE (does not apply to VPK only)



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## Philosophy and Mission

U.S. Education Secretary Arne Duncan stated, "For parents and families, libraries and museums are a go-to resource that supports them as their child's first teacher. [These institutions] are trusted, welcoming places where children can make discoveries, deepen interests and connect their natural curiosity to the wider world—developing the skills they need for a lifetime of learning."

In 2009, the Orlando Science Center launched its very own preschool because we believe in the important role a science center can play in early childhood education. It is never too early to cultivate an interest in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) areas. Young learners are natural scientists and through a preschool we can build on the natural curiosity and inquisitiveness of these learners to provide them with the building blocks to succeed on their educational journey.

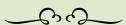
The Orlando Science Center Preschool features an environment unmatched by any other preschool in Central Florida. Children not only benefit from a developmentally appropriate learning space full of hands-on activities and skill building centers but they also take advantage of all the exhibits and educational content the Science Center has to offer. Every day can be a field trip here at the Science Center from taking a nature walk in NatureWorks, which features Florida habitats and species, to journeying to the stars with a planetarium show in the Dr. Phillips CineDome. Here, children can take their first steps toward science discovery while also being provided with a rigorous preschool experience. The curriculum includes a focus on science and mathematics while also embedding literacy, language, cognitive, plus gross and fine motor skills.

The Science Center firmly believes in inspiring and supporting the foundational education of our youngest learners. Using "Creative Curriculum," with weekly themes and a STEM spotlight, children will be actively engaged in enriching learning centers and PLAY based activities. Children will gain social and emotional

skills through interactions with peers and teachers on individual and group levels. "Creative Curriculum" is an innovative program that uses a comprehensive and rigorously researched approach that encourages creativity and is based on the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) standards which reinforces the Science Center's own methodologies and best practices.

Our program serves children ages three to five including students participating in Florida's Voluntary PreKindergarten (VPK) program. School readiness is a top priority at the Science Center's fully licensed Preschool. By introducing children to STEM at an early age, our preschool engages students in critical thinking and problem solving, both of which are essential 21st Century learning skills.





## **Features**

- Low child to adult ratios
- Early Childhood Appropriate Practices
  Florida Department of Education 3 5 year old Standards
- Qualified Early Childhood/Elementary Education Staff Level 2 Background Screened First Aid / CPR Infant/Child and Adult Certified
- Age and Developmental Appropriate Curriculum: "Creative Curriculum"

Embedding Literacy, Language, Cognitive, Gross and Fine Motor, Math and Science skills into daily activities

 Hands-on classroom and outdoor activities through Play and Exploration

Using all 5 senses – See, Hear, Touch, Smell and Taste

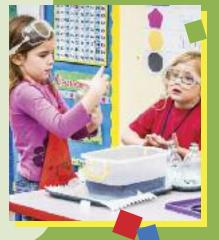
Music and Movement, Physical Education (PE),
 Spanish and Sign Language

Integrated in daily schedule

- Licensed by the Department of Children and Families
  Childcare Center C09OR0729
- Open to any child and family regardless of race, ethnicity, faith or creed.







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