

## 2021 Themes & Schedule

Group Age Requirements		Camper Ratio
<b>Potty training not required.</b>		
<b>18-31 Months</b>	At least 18 months but not more than 31 months on the first day of camp Preference to TT students, camper siblings and those with experience. Grouped by age.	4:1
<b>At least 32 months/ Age 3</b>	For children at least 32 months by camp and entering a 3's program in fall	5:1
<b>Age 4</b>	For children who are or will be 4 by 12/31	6:1
<b>Age 5-6</b>	For children who will be at least 5 by 12/31	6:1

### Outdoor Art Blast (Week 1 June 21-June 25)

Join us for a laid-back, high energy, art adventure where campers explore the arts in a messy, multi-sensory environment. We'll explore art tinkering style--engaging, open-ended and unconventional. Picture - exploding paint filled Alka-Seltzer rockets, life size sculptures and a giant pendulum for creating masterpieces on the playground. Don't be surprised if your camper comes home with paint in their hair!

### Explorer's Club 1 (Week 1 June 21-June 25)

This adventure camp is for those campers who have *completed a 4's, 5's or kindergarten program*. Campers will board a school bus and venture out on an exciting adventure four out of five days. On their day at "home" they will have an in-house field trip. Parents and campers rave about this camp and say it's a great way to get ready to ride the school bus in the fall.

### Pop Fizz Academy (Week 2 June 28- July 2)

Indoors and outdoors, we'll explore the world of science with hands-on investigation. If it fizzes, pops or flies, it's a contender for this camp. Campers will mix concoctions, make balls float, launch rockets and explore chemical reactions.

### Explorer's Club 2 (Week 2 June 28- July 2)

This adventure camp is for those campers who have *completed a 4's, 5's or kindergarten program*. Campers will board a school bus and venture out on an exciting adventure four out of five days. On their day at "home" they will have an in-house field trip. Parents and campers rave about this camp and say it's a great way to get ready to ride the school bus in the fall.

### Once Upon a Time (Week 3 July 6-July 9) No Camp 7/5

Children will explore books based on their age with related activities including art, cooking, science and movement. There's no limit to the fun and learning we can have as we bring the stories to life.

### Chopped@ToddlerTime (Week 4 July 12- July 16)

This week playing with your food is allowed (sorry Mom & Dad). Through cooking, art, literature, science and dramatic play, campers will have fun with food! From tie dye cookies to exploding milk, this session promises to expand our little chefs' imagination about what can be done in the kitchen.



### Out of the Box (Week 5 July 19 - July 23)

Camper's imaginations and creativity (and we're sure a lot of tape and paint) will be flowing as they build with cardboard. We'll have plenty of boxes for forts, castles, ships, and whatever else our campers dream up. Boring paint won't do for these masterpieces, so we'll splat, snap and bejewel to make them extra beautiful.

### Dumpster Diving (Week 6 July 26 - July 30)

Inspired by the book Dumpster Diving, we will create new things out of recycled materials. Recycling, reusing, and repurposing seem to be the words of the day so let's teach our little ones the importance of recycling by making it into fun and games.

### Kaleidoscope Adventure (Week 7 August 2 – August 6)

Colors will explode through hands on art, literature, cooking and interactive science. It's amazing how much fun and variety we can have with colors! We hope you'll join us on this kaleidoscope adventure.

Age	Schedule	Sessions	Cost
<b>18-31 Months</b>	MWF or T/TH 2 wk sessions 9-11:15 option to extend MWF until 12pm	No Camp Week 1 of Camp June 28-July 9(no camp 7/5) July 12-July 23 July 26-August 6	T/TH \$225 MWF \$330
<b>At least 32 months/ Age 3</b>	TWTH or M-F 9-12pm option to extend until 1pm	Weekly June 21-August 6	TWTH \$200 M-F \$300
<b>Age 4</b>	M-F 9-1pm	Weekly June 21-August 6	\$395
<b>Age 5-6</b>	M-F 9-2pm for first 2 field trip weeks then mixed ages 4-6 M-F 9-1pm	Weekly June 21-August 6 First 2 weeks are field trip camps!	\$570 Weeks 1-2 Explorer's Camp \$395 Weeks 3-7

## Where Children Play!



### Helpful Information:

**What's up with our themes?** Some people read our camp material and ask where the traditional summer camp themes are- you know, superheroes, princesses, dinosaurs, under the sea. We purposely do not run those camps. Our camps are intentionally broad, open ended and process rich –which means they do not lend themselves to cookie cutter activities. We are providing an environment for children to play freely and creatively, engaging with loose parts in an open-ended way. We measure the success of our camp by engagement rather than a finished product. Early Childhood experts agree that unstructured and imaginative play is closely connected to success later in life and we couldn't agree more! We hope you'll join us this summer for our version of "unstructured" fun as we discover and experience the joys of childhood through hands on (and sometimes wonderfully messy) good old-fashioned play. Water play, music and gym games are part of every week. Our counselors will facilitate and guide this organic process, but the children will direct the play, helping to boost their social and leadership skills. **Please note that the 2's campers follow the themes more loosely than the other ages.** We promise that all campers will come home with stories, paint in their hair, mud on their clothes and smiles on their faces!

**Camper Information:** Toddlertime camp is for children 18 months until they enter kindergarten (**potty training not required for 2's and 3's**). We highly recommend that if this is your child's first camp/school experience, you register them for a minimum of two consecutive weeks. You should not expect that your children will be in the same classroom or with the same teachers as during the school year so even a current student might have a transition period. Depending on enrollment, some ages may be mixed.

**Camp Specials:** Campers will be treated to special visitors and activities each week. We try to rotate the schedule for those who don't attend camp daily but cannot guarantee days. See our web calendar for details!

**Staff:** Summer camp is under the supervision of the owners, Barbara Davis and Carolyn Williams and managed by Nancy Ferullo. They are responsible for the development and implementation of the camp program and the hiring and training of staff. Each group consists of at least two staff members. In addition to many of Toddlertime's teachers who lead our camp groups, we hire highly qualified early childhood professionals from surrounding nursery schools and college students studying education. We do not count high school students into our ratio. The 2's have a 4:1 ratio, the 3's a 5:1 ratio and 4's and older have a 6:1 ratio. Staff certified in First Aid, Epi Pen and CPR present at all times.

**Payment:** Payment is due by April 1st to secure your registration or within 7 days of registering if after that date. There is a weekly surcharge for non Toddlertime families of \$25/week not to exceed \$75 for the summer. Please make your check payable to Toddlertime Nursery School. Our venmo is @Toddlertimens.

**Cancellation Policy:** Camp fees less \$100 will be refunded if your child is withdrawn before May 1<sup>st</sup>. After May 1<sup>st</sup> your camp tuition less \$100 is applied as a credit for future program if your space is filled. There will be no refunds or make ups for camp absences unless the session is cancelled by Toddlertime. Minimum numbers are required to run each camp group.

**Forms:** If you are a **current student** and your medical forms are valid through the summer, you are all set. **For all other students** we need 1) a Medical Form and 2) Emergency Information Form. If your child has allergies, please contact the office. Forms are due by June 1<sup>st</sup>. **Our summer camp runs on our school license which is why these forms are required by us and not by other camps. They are state mandated, and your child may not attend without these forms.**

**Friends:** If you would like your child placed with a friend who is the same age, please let us know when you register, and we will do our best to accommodate the request. You may request one friend and each friend must request the other. If we cannot accommodate your request, we will let you know before processing your application. State law requires us to follow special guidelines for children who are not yet 32 months so unfortunately, we cannot always accommodate requests to be with friends if they are already 3 and your child is not yet 32 months. If your child is entering a 3's program but is not yet 32 months, come see us to discuss options.

**Food:** A snack is provided **every day**. If your child has allergies or special dietary restrictions, please send in a snack. If your child is staying for lunch (past 12noon), please provide a labeled peanut and nut free lunch with a drink and an ice pack.

**What to Bring:** Please send your camper every day with a bathing suit, towel, plastic bag, and a full change of clothing, **including undergarments in a clearly labeled backpack/bag. If your camper is still in diapers or pull-ups, please send in two diaper/pull-up per camp day in a Ziploc labeled with your name.** If it's raining, please pack a raincoat. You may leave your bag at school all week. Wet items will be sent home for drying and replacement.

**What to Wear:** Please send your child to camp in sturdy/secure sneaker type shoes--water shoes strongly preferred. We do allow cros with a back strap but please no flip flops or open toes. Please apply sunscreen every day before camp even on cloudy days. Dress for mess and outdoor play every day even if it rains. **If it's possible to have the camper wear his or her bathing suit as their clothing or under their clothing, that's very helpful to us. It is also helpful if the girls wear a two piece or a one-piece romper with zipper.** Please clearly label everything you send to camp.

**Water Play:** Weather permitting, we always have water play on the playground- it's just the amount of water that varies from spray bottles, to sensory tables to sprinklers. The younger campers who are still in diapers might not change into their bathing suit every day but please still pack it each day because we hope to get into the sprinkler as much as the group and weather permits.

**Drop off/Pick Up:** For your convenience, we have an optional Drop & Drive program for all ages except those in our 2's program. All children must be walked in on their first day of summer camp except for those who have completed the threes or older at Toddlertime and who have participated in our school drop & drive program. If using our drop off, your children must be on the right side of the car and ready to exit otherwise

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you will need to park and walk in. On the first day, all children will stop by the check-in table to receive their team color and room assignment. Doors will open and drop & drive begins at 8:55. Please do not arrive early as our counselors need this time to set up for the fun day ahead! Children will start and end in the same place each day. Please check the white boards for daily information.

**Parking:** Parking is available in the front of the church, along Park Street, St. John's Place, and in the rear of the church. If you are walking your child in, it's best to park and walk in from the front circle to avoid the drop off line. **For the safety of the children, please do not drive around the drop off line. Please do not park in the first 10 spots in the back marked "Staff Parking" as those are reserved for church staff.**

**Need Help?** Call 203.972.3111 or Barbara Davis at [Barbara@toddlertimens.org](mailto:Barbara@toddlertimens.org). If you need immediate assistance after hours, the best way to reach us is by email.



*Happiness guaranteed! None of us want unhappy campers. If you're camper isn't happy while at camp, we'll refund your remaining weeks.*