

Here We Grow



Early Learning Center

PARENT  
E-PACKET



Where We Learn and Grow  
**TOGETHER!**

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# WELCOME TO OUR HWG FAMILY!

Thank you for requesting more information about Here We Grow Early Learning Center! We are excited that you are looking for the absolute best early education opportunity for your family! This digital packet includes some information about our many programs and services here at HWG. You can also find a lot of helpful information on our [website](#). Please do not hesitate to give us a call if you have any questions, and if you have not already done so, visit our website to [schedule a time](#) to come tour our facility!

We look forward to meeting you and your family,

Here We Grow Management Team



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# OUR MISSION

Here We Grow Early Learning Center supports families in raising their children by providing high-quality care and education for each child in an environment that is nurturing, exciting, and fun!

## OUR CORE VALUES



### COMPASSION

We are kind and considerate, and find empathetic ways to support others to achieve positive outcomes. We treat others as we would like to be treated.



### HELPFUL

We consider the well-being of others before our own. We continually look for ways to build up our children, families, team, and community.



### INTEGRITY

We are honest and do the right thing in all circumstances. We are respectful of all people and property, trustworthy, dependable, and take responsibility for our actions.



### LAUGHTER

We look for joy and humor in all situations. We balance working hard and having fun in everything we do to create positive memorable experiences with those around us.



### DEVELOPMENT

We are dedicated to the individual needs and development of our children and ourselves. We value lifelong learning and always strive to improve daily procedures.

# INFANTS

3 weeks - 1 year

Our infant program is completely devoted to the well-being of our infants. Your baby runs the show in their classroom, eating and sleeping on demand! Our teachers are down on the floor singing, reading, cuddling and talking with your baby. We provide intentional activities and support in language, cognitive, social/emotional, physical, and approaches toward learning to help your infant reach all of their developmental milestones. Your infant develops positive relationships with their caregivers in a safe, loving and clean environment. We pride ourselves on being an extension of our Here We Grow families, teaming up with parents to create individualized developmental goals and the most consistent care possible.



“We are so lucky to have found Here We Grow. My boys love going to daycare! I never have to worry that they aren't being taken care of. The staff is great and very caring, everyone knows all the kids even though they may not be in their class.”

- Mallory Wright

# TODDLERS

1 - 2 years

Toddlers learn through everything they do. That's why each day in our toddler program is filled with play-based learning activities that are designed to promote your child's blossoming independence, develop their social skills, and foster self-confidence. Our teachers are knowledgeable about the development of toddlers and can easily adapt programs and activities to each individual child's age and stage. You will love our program and be amazed at how much your child will learn in our fun Toddler Class!



"Thank you for all you do, we can't even express how grateful we are for the HWG staff. There is no one better that we would entrust our son to. Please know how much we appreciate you."

-The Harford Family

"This place has been amazing!!! I love that I can trust them with my daughter and that she will be well taken care of and watched over. I have had a co-worker take her child to another daycare and have a horrible experience. I am just grateful I have found Here We Grow!!"

- Amanda Rudy

# DISCOVERY

2 - 3 years

Two and younger three-year old's are curious and seem to have limitless energy. They learn through touching, tasting, and exploring. Our

Discovery program is designed to use that energy for your child's learning while we support and encourage their independence. Our two and three-year old's participate in daily art, sensory play, stories, songs, dancing, and outside time. Teachers work with your child on small motor skills, such as holding crayons and pencils, and cutting with scissors.

They also partner with you during this stage to help your child potty train.



"My oldest daughter attended Here We Grow six years ago and she loved it and had a wonderful experience. She really loved your teachers and the owners as well. Now my youngest is attending and just has a great time every day. They really take care of all of his needs and make sure he's well looked after. Currently they are potty training him and it's going great. My oldest attended from the time she was two till she was five and my youngest has been there since he was an infant and is currently three. I can't praise Here We Grow and their staff enough. The owner is hands on and show a lot of genuine love for all the kids in her care."

- Shawn M. Stone

# PRESCHOOL

3 - 4 years

Our Preschool classroom is a child-centered environment where we focus on the basics of your child's formal education. Our preschoolers learn to recognize shapes and colors, uppercase and lowercase letters, count to 20, write their name, use phonics, and more! Our weekly themes encourage hands-on learning in math, science, art, fine and large motor development, language arts, and social-emotional skills. The classroom is organized into centers, which allows children to expand and explore their interests.



"You guys are my hero! Thank you for having a school and teachers and friends who just LOVE Demps. She is so happy at school and expresses her love for "Jo Jo" on a daily basis. You make a HUGE difference in her life and in my life! You provide a peace and security and a trust that my mom heart will be forever thankful for. You are strong and smart, exceptionally unselfish and an example of pure love! Thank you 1 million thank yous!"

- Love, the Thomas Family

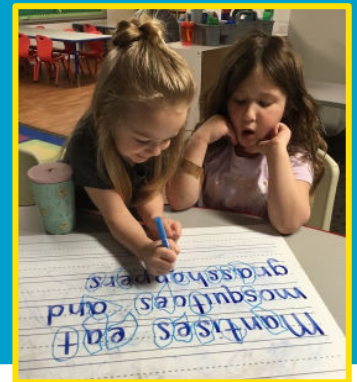
"We love HWG and I don't know what I would do without all of you. You make it so I can do what I love here at work. Thank you, thank you!"

- Ischa Jensen

# PRE-K

4 - 5 years

Our Pre-K program is designed to let creativity, expression and imagination soar, while helping your child meet all of the kindergarten readiness goals. This year is more structured, yet still allows the essential time for your child to learn through free-play and interaction with their peers. Your child will have individualized learning goals that are challenging, but achievable, as well as individual and small group instruction. Our teachers work to build confidence and independence by providing open-ended activities to help your child become a problem-solver and lifelong learner!



“It takes a village” and Here We Grow has been like another home for our kids. While in the care of amazing teachers, I know I can rest easy. They’re learning and having fun and most importantly, being loved. I’m so grateful for this center and everything they’ve done for us. I now have two school-age kiddos and both were more than ready to start kindergarten thanks to the dedication of the teachers in the preschool and pre-k classrooms. Thanks, HWG for being part of our village!”

- Tiffany Royter



# BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL

Kindergarten - Grade 6

Our Before and After School Program offers transportation to and from our local schools. Our afternoon schedule includes snack, homework time with assistance given as needed, arts and crafts, outside time, free play, and more! Having the ability to build strong interpersonal relationships will help your student become more self-confident and enjoy rewarding interactions with their peers. Your child will be in an environment where they feel valued and included!



“We’ve had two kids go to Here We Grow for the past 7 years. We’ve had nothing but positive experiences. The staff and teachers are amazing and caring. The daycare is always fresh and clean and my kids were always happy. Can’t find a better daycare.”

- The Dignam Family

“We love Here We Grow! You’ve been so good to our son and he loves being there. We like that you have playgrounds for the different age groups and have water Thursdays. I know that he’s safe, healthy, and happy each day he’s at Here We Grow.”

- Lisa

# SUMMER PROGRAM

Infants - Grade 6

Our summer program includes amazing field trips and activities that strengthen knowledge and skills, and significantly reduce summer learning loss. In addition to monthly tuition, a one-time field trip fee is collected for children in grades K - 6 enrolled in our summer camp program. All children enrolled at Here We Grow participate in weekly themes which include water days, science and cooking projects, art activities, and in-house adventures, such as Scales and Tales, magic show, petting zoo, and more! School-Age children also go to the zoo and aquarium, Curiosity Museum, visit different parks, movie theaters, and other age-appropriate adventures throughout the community. Your child will love learning through play all summer long!

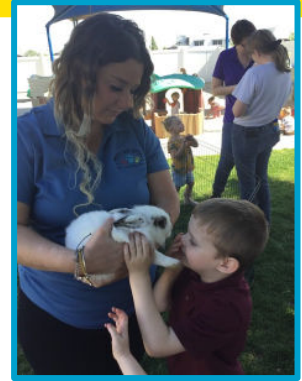


“We have used Here We Grow for the many years with our 2 grandchildren. Our grandchildren love JoAnne and all the staff from their preschool years to the summers they spend here as they have gotten older. They always love the summer activities and didn’t want to miss a day. I would highly recommend Here We Grow as a place where children learn and grow in a nurturing, caring atmosphere. The after-school care and summer care are excellent.”

- Cindy Scott

# PLAY-BASED LEARNING

A play-based approach to learning involves both child-initiated and teacher-supported learning. The teacher encourages children's learning and inquiry through interactions that aim to stretch their thinking to higher levels. Children learn best through first-hand experiences – play motivates, stimulates and supports children in their development of skills, and concentration. During play, children use all of their senses, must convey their thoughts and emotions, explore their environment, and connect what they already know with new knowledge, skills and attitudes. Basic social skills – like sharing and taking turns– are also learned and practiced.



## OUR CURRICULUM



We implement Learning Beyond Paper™ curriculum in our Infant to Pre-K classrooms. LBP is a research-based, classroom-tested curriculum that is designed to create learning opportunities for children through peer-based activities and intentional interactions with their teachers. You can learn more about LBP [here](#).

## FREE MEALS & SNACKS



We provide well-balanced meals and snacks for all enrolled children at no extra cost, including infant formula and baby food. All meals meet [USDA child nutrition guidelines](#), ensuring your child gets the best nutrition possible to keep their bodies fueled and happy throughout the day!



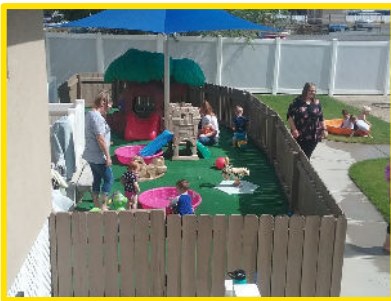
# PROCARE® CONNECT APP



Check your child in and out using the free, contactless Procare® Connect app. Receive live updates about your child, daily photos, see what your child is learning, and use the app to text your child's teacher any time you have a question or concern.

## LARGE OUTDOOR SPACES

We have a beautiful age-separated playground, allowing children of all ages and stages to explore and grow. Our large variety of structures, equipment, and play spaces provide children with the resources to build coordination, motor skills, cognitive abilities, social awareness, language, and more!



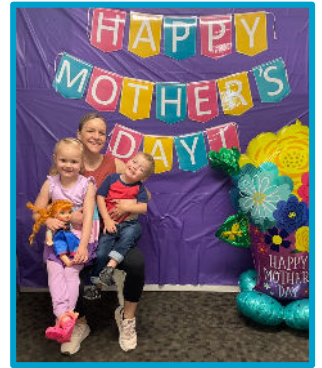
## SECURE ENTRY SYSTEM

Here We Grow restricts access into the building using a secure entry system. Only authorized persons are able to enter using their personal pin number. Any unknown person must ring the bell for entry by staff, ensuring our children's safety every day!



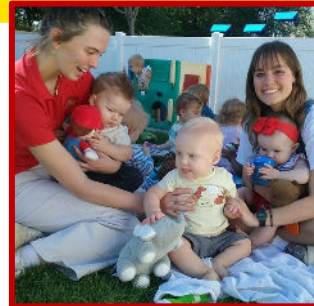
# PARENT INVOLVEMENT

Stay in the loop on your child's progress with our yearly Parent-Teacher Conferences. Join us for family events, like Parent's Night Out, Mother's and Father's Day breakfasts, Trunk-or-Treat, Thanksgiving luncheon, Back-to-School bashes, Pre-K Graduation celebrations, and much more!



## OUR STAFF

We empower our teachers to create safe, nurturing and dynamic classroom environments, customized curriculum, and strong engagement with families. Our wonderful teachers are CPR and First-Aid certified, and given regular training opportunities and career development, providing your child with the most high-quality early education experience possible.



## CLEAN CENTER



Our teachers and staff disinfect all high-touch surfaces, perform a daily classroom deep clean, and a weekly steam clean for all toys. Additionally, professionals are brought in three times each week to make our center extra squeaky clean!

# OUR TUITION RATES

## INFANTS & TODDLERS

★ 3 weeks - 2 years ★  
max 10 hours

5 Days: \$325/week

## DISCOVERY

★ 2 - 3 years ★  
max 10 hours

5 Days: \$300/week

## PRESCHOOL & PRE-K

★ 3 - 4 years (fully potty trained) ★  
max 10 hours

5 Days: \$250/week

3 Days: \$180/week

Add a Day: \$60/day

## SCHOOL AGE (K - 6<sup>TH</sup>)

### KINDERGARTEN 1/2 DAY

5 Days: \$200/week

3 Days: \$155/week

Add a Day: \$55/day

### KINDERGARTEN FULL DAY /BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL

5 Days: \$150/week

3 Days: \$140/week

Add a Day: \$45/day

## SUMMER CAMP

★ K - 6<sup>TH</sup> ★

5 Days: \$175/week

4 Days: \$160/week

3 Days: \$120/week

2 Days: \$80/week

## TUITION PAYMENT OPTIONS:

★ Auto-withdrawal from  
credit or checking account

★ Procure.com  
Payment

★ Venmo

★ Check

Enrollment Fee - \$75 for one child or \$100 per family

Sibling discount - 10% on older sibling's tuition (Full-time only)

Military Discount - 10% per family

## YOUR CHILD'S TUITION INCLUDES:

- Breakfast
- Morning Snack
- Lunch
- Afternoon Snack
- Late Snack
- Infant Formula
- Infant Cereal
- Baby Food
- Baby Snacks
- Baby Wipes
- Sunscreen
- In-house field trips

**Referrals:** Receive \$100 off one month's tuition when a family you refer to us enrolls!