



UCF Creative School for Children is honored to welcome you to our family!

Our Mission

We strive to create a safe and educational environment that provides opportunities for children to:

- ❖ Discover
- ❖ Explore
- ❖ Grow
- ❖ Develop



About Us

The Creative School for Children opened its doors on March 29, 1976 with 15 children enrolled.

CSC is licensed by the Florida Department of Children and Family Services.

In 2005, we became accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC).

CSC is Gold Seal Accredited by the Florida Department of Children and Families.

Over the years Creative School has expanded to seven separate classrooms; the Seedlings, Sprouts, Sweet Peas, Sunflowers, Mulberries, VPK A and VPK B.



Management Staff



Suzette Turner. Ph.D. in Education and over 25 years of experience in Early Childhood Education field.



Kimberly Nassoiy. Completing her Masters in Early Childhood Education at UCF. She has been at the Creative School for Children since 2010 as the Associate Director.



Giatry Bacchus. A.S. Degree in General Education and pursuing Bachelor's in English. Started at the Creative School for Children in 1998 as a classroom teacher.

Employee Qualifications

Ensuring your child's safety is our top priority

ALL STAFF MUST COMPLETE:

- State Background Check and Fingerprinting
- First Aid and Pediatric Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Training
- Emergency Procedure and Fire Extinguisher Training
- Safe Sleep/Shaken Baby Syndrome Training
- Child Abuse and Neglect Course
- Florida DCF Child Care 40 Hour Training



CSC Curriculum

- ❖ Is built on “**Active and Emergent Learning**” principles where children are given the opportunity to engage all five of their senses.
- ❖ Engages children through the **Project Approach**. This approach allows us to guide them through an in-depth study of real-life topics.
- ❖ Uses the latest in early childhood research which supports our hands-on, active learning teaching model, and promotes school readiness.

Learning Centers:

- Blocks/Transportation
- Dramatic Play (Home Living)
- Library (Language Arts)
- Math/Manipulatives
- Science/Sensory
- Music/ Movement
- Creative Expression/Writing
- Large Motor/Outdoor Learning





Curriculum Goals

What will my child learn?

Skills essential to life success...

- Create and encourage positive self-esteem in each child
- Develop positive social behaviors and relationships
- Expand language skills
- Grow cognitive, social-emotional, and physical development
- Encourage play in each child

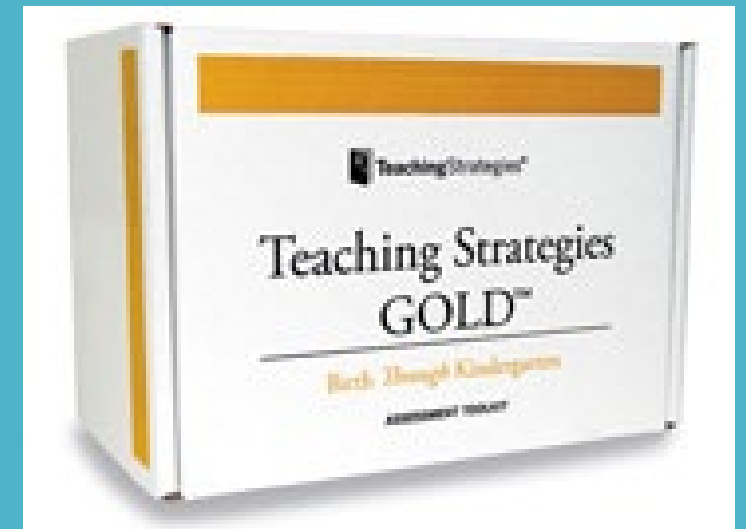
About Our Screening and Assessment

Screening:

Ages and Stages Questionnaire: This questionnaire is used as a baseline to gauge where your child is with his/her development. As a parent, you can also use this tool to assess your child yourself.

Assessment:

Teaching Strategies Gold: Teaching Strategies Gold allows us to document your child's progress and work through narratives, anecdotal notes, pictures and developmental checklists. It lets us assess each child's individual growth, as well as a snapshot of the entire classroom.



What Parents Can Expect



- ❖ An open-door policy
- ❖ Weekly newsletters emailed, printed and posted in the classroom
- ❖ Communication and partnership with your child's teacher daily
- ❖ Two conferences offered annually
- ❖ Compliance with national childcare standards
- ❖ As an educational research facility, UCF students may observe the classroom or your child

Parent's Role



Keep child's records up to date



Clock in and out daily, using Procure computer



Read all information provided to you including newsletters and emails.



Communicate with teacher upon arrival and departure



Wash your child's hands upon arrival



Child Care Fees

- ❖ Tuition is due the first day of the week your child attends
- ❖ Make payments through Tuition Express or credit card
- ❖ Late fees of \$18.00 per week will continue to accrue on your account until paid



Financial Assistance at CSC



Student Government Creative School Scholarship



School Readiness/ The Gardiner Scholarship Program



The CCAMPIS Grant

Infant Care

❖ Nursing Room

- ❖ Infants are fed on demand or according to instructions received from parents.
- ❖ Due to the DCF one-hour policy of not allowing milk to sit out; prepare a greater number of smaller bottles to avoid waste of breast milk or formula.
- ❖ Teachers will not offer solid foods to infants younger than six months.



Outdoor Learning



- ❖ Weather permitting, children will go outside several times each day.
- ❖ Casual, comfortable clothing, which can be managed easily by the child, is recommended.
- ❖ Please label all clothing with your child's name. We recommend to bring a minimum of 2 sets of extra clothes for younger children, in case of accidents or water play.
- ❖ Parents/Guardians will apply initial application of their child's sunscreen in the morning (before arrival). CSC staff will apply sunscreen before going out in the afternoon. (Please sign sunscreen authorization)

Arrival and Departure



Parking lot can be crowded, please allow ample time before arriving to talk with teachers.



Parents are required to see a teacher before dropping off a child or picking up a child.



Staff will never allow departure with someone who has not been authorized by parents. ID must be provided.



Parents are required to sign-in and sign-out on the computer using Procare.



Meals

- ❖ During the Fall and Spring, parents/guardians are responsible to bring a nutritious lunch. Milk is included in your child's tuition and will be served daily at lunch.
- ❖ During the Summer, parents/guardians are responsible for providing a 3:00pm snack for their child.
- ❖ Meal times are comfortable and social skills are encouraged.
- ❖ All food-related allergies must be brought to the attention of CSC staff.
- ❖ Creative School is a '**Peanut Free Facility**', other nut butters are permitted.



Meal Restrictions

"NEVER" FOODS:

The following foods are not allowed at school:

- Soft Drinks
- Candy
- Gum
- Cake
- Donuts
- Jello (no nutritional value)
- Cookies
- Chips
- Sugared drinks/cereals

CHOKING HAZARDS:

These foods are choking hazards for children under 5 years old.

- Nuts
- Popcorn
- Whole grapes
- Whole hot dogs
- Raw peas and raw vegetables
- Hard pretzels
- Long spaghetti noodles
- Fruit roll ups

Emergency Information



The evacuation **On-Site** location meeting area is the outside learning environment fence along Libra Drive.



The evacuation **Off-Site** location meeting area is the UCF Recreation & Wellness Center room 135.



Current emergency contact information must be on file.



Safety drills are completed for fire, tornado, hurricane, earthquakes, and intruders.



Parents will be called in the event of their child becoming ill and are expected to pick up within 30 minutes.



Children may return to CSC after they are fever/symptom free for 24 hours without the use of medicine.



No medications will be given by CSC staff.

Illness Policies

Rest Time

- ❖ All children are offered a quiet nap/rest period between 12:30 pm and 2:30 pm.
- ❖ Children are not forced to nap.
- ❖ All sheets, pillows, and blankets must be taken home every Friday to be washed, so your child will have fresh linen on Monday.



Contact Us



Hours: M-F: 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.



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