



Enrollment

Nurtured Growth
Childcare Inc.








Operating Details

Hours of Operation

MONDAY	6:45AM - 5:30PM
TUESDAY	6:45AM - 5:30PM
WEDNESDAY	6:45AM - 5:30PM
THURSDAY	6:45AM - 5:30PM
FRIDAY	6:45AM - 5:30PM

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Welcome to Nurtured Growth Childcare

Welcome! We are thrilled to have your family looking into joining our program. This overview has been thoughtfully prepared to provide you with all the essential information you need to familiarize yourself with our childcare philosophy.

At Nurtured Growth Childcare, our primary goal is to provide a safe, nurturing, and stimulating environment where your child can learn, grow, and flourish. We believe that early childhood is a precious time for exploration and discovery, and we are committed to creating an enriching experience that promotes holistic development in a Christian-based center.

This overview is designed to answer some basic questions. If you are interested in our program, please fill out a Brightwheel account on our website to get on our list for a tour!

How are we different?

Our vision is to cultivate a community where children grow into healthy, confident individuals, empowered by an environment that promotes student-led learning, physical wellness, and emotional balance in a Christian-based center.

At Nurtured Growth Childcare, our mission is to create an enriching environment where children can flourish. We prioritize intentionally designed spaces that promotes curiosity and creativity, allowing children to explore and learn at their own pace. Our emphasis on relationships, wholesome nutrition, and physical activity nurture your child's body and mind. This helps ensure our children develop a foundation of health, happiness, and lifelong learning.

1 **Our Environment**

Our intentional environment creates a calm place where children can learn and grow. Everything from our tranquil room design to the language we use helps your child feel safe and welcome. Our center is filled with windows to let in beautiful natural light!

2 **Teacher Education and Training**

Our preschool classrooms have a certified lead teacher. All of our teachers take monthly training at double the rate required by the state so they can implement best practices in childcare. We know that the relationships between your child and their teachers matter!

3 **Child-Led Learning**

All children are at different developmental stages. Research shows that children under age five need more play and less direct instruction. Learning social and emotional skills is more important at this age than academics. We encourage child-led play both indoors and outdoors. While we offer group learning activities, we know that many children are not ready to sit and listen. We incorporate academics into our every day experiences and stay away from worksheet-based learning. Your child is encouraged to do process art, explore their surroundings, and make authentic connections.

4 **Well-being**

Our menu focuses on whole foods and low sugar/sodium. We do our best to serve wholesome, non-processed food as often as possible. Our preschool classrooms are presented with choices during breakfast and lunch to encourage participation in the eating process.

Our schedule includes a large amount of physical movement both inside the classrooms and outdoors. You will notice our classrooms emphasize gross motor and sensory equipment for all of our learners. We spend as much time outside as possible. Even our infants will go outside daily weather permitting! We are also proud to brag that our facility is screen-free!



Benefits to Parents

Our services are tailored for parents in the Osage Beach area that want premium childcare.

Communication

Our center uses Brightwheel to communicate with parents about their child's day. This includes photos, messages, and a summary of what the classroom did during the day. Teachers post daily sheets online for parents of our youngest learners.

Cameras

Our center does have cameras inside our facility for in-house use and monitoring in each classroom. While we do not stream live for parents because of children's privacy, it is monitored and reviewed by the director.

Extended Hours

We offer open hours from 6:45AM - 5:30PM daily to meet the needs of our community. We also offer date nights!

Christ-Centered Care

Our preschool children are taught by Christians who want to share the Gospel with them. Our 3-5 year olds pray at meals and learn Bible stories weekly.



Holidays + Closures

Nurtured Growth Childcare will be closed:

- New Year's Day
- Memorial Day
- Independence Day
- Labor Day
- Thanksgiving Day and Black Friday
- Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

Nurtured Growth Childcare will be open:

- MLK Birthday
- Presidents' Day
- Juneteenth
- Columbus Day
- Veterans Day

We will monitor the weather and local news stations to determine when it is appropriate to close the center early or cancel care for the following day. If the community schools are closed for severe weather such as ice or snow, Nurtured Growth Childcare may also be closed. We will try our best to make the decision the night before. We will send communication at 8:00AM if we can be open for a late start at 9:00AM.

In the event that we close early or cancel care for the following day, parents will be contacted and informed via Brightwheel. In the case of an early closure, children should be picked up in a reasonable amount of time to ensure all parents, children, and staff can travel safely home.

In the unfortunate event that our primary care providers fall ill, our dedicated team will make every effort to secure a suitable replacement care provider to ensure continuity of care. However, if we are unable to secure a qualified replacement, the daycare center or specific classroom will close for the day. Maintaining safety ratios is our top priority.

Nutrition



- ✓ FOCUS ON WHOLE FOODS COMPARED TO PROCESSED FOODS
- ✓ FOCUS ON LOW SODIUM AND LOW SUGAR, ORGANIC WHEN POSSIBLE
- ✓ FOCUS ON CONVERSATIONS DURING MEALS TO USE ALL FIVE SENSES TO EXPERIENCE FOODS
- ✓ FOCUS ON PROVIDING CHOICES FOR FRUITS AND VEGGIES AT MEALS
- ✓ WE PARTNER WITH PARENTS TO ACCOMMODATE SPECIAL DIETS
- ✓ FOCUS ON PROVIDING NON-FOOD ITEMS FOR REWARDS AS WELL AS LETTING YOUR CHILD BE INVOLVED IN FOOD DECISIONS

Breakfast for our children is from 8:30 to 9:00 AM. Preschoolers get choices for breakfast, and infants/toddlers are provided one option.

Our lunch and supper options go above and beyond the state minimums for nutrition. We do our best to keep out additives, preservatives, and dyes when we can.

Formula and breast milk bottles are prepared at home and brought daily to our center by each family. Baby food, cereal, and snacks are provided by our center for our infants.

Overall, we do our best to make “nutritious the norm”. However, we absolutely love working with children, and sometimes everyone just needs an ice cream bar on a hot day or a little comfort food! We keep our families updated on what the children eat in our Brightwheel app.

What we strive for:

Fresh or frozen fruit and veggies
Unsweetened or foods with less than 10g
added sugar
Milk at meals, water at snack, no juice
Less sodium by serving less processed foods

Brands we use:

Annie's Organics
Earth's Best Organics
Plum Organics
Aldi's Simply Nature

About Us

Our dedicated and compassionate staff form the heart of our nurturing environment. We take great pride in our team of experienced and qualified caregivers who are passionate about early childhood education and the well-being of every child in our care. Our staff undergoes rigorous background checks and training to ensure the highest standard of care and safety for your child. They strive to create a warm and welcoming atmosphere, fostering positive relationships with our children and their families. Our caregivers are skilled in guiding children through age-appropriate activities that promote social, emotional, cognitive, and physical development.



Molly Felten

Owner/Preschool Teacher

I have been in education for 16 years now and still love it! I have my Masters Degree in Curriculum and Instruction. I love researching best practices in childcare and education and putting theory into practice! The world our children will live in is ever-changing, and childcare needs to change as well in order for our children to thrive in the future. When I created this daycare in 2025, I saw AI changing education. I wasn't sure what my two young girls would do for education or careers, but I wanted them to be happy! I researched "the happiest kids on the planet" vs the "smartest kids" because I knew AI was changing the knowledge landscape. The happiest kids are from the Netherlands and Scandanavia. They prioritize outside time, family connections, healthy food/exercise, independence, and don't start academics until age six.

As the upper preschool teacher, I focus less on academics and more on critical thinking and communication. I know our children will have big problems to solve together and will need to be able to communicate effectively in the future. I focus on having kids be active most of the day with child-led play and gross motor play, and no screen time. I believe this will help nurture well-adjusted and happy children who are ready for kindergarten and beyond!



Amanda Quayle

Director

Amanda is amazing at managing staff and connecting with parents. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Education. She grew up in St. Louis and loves the Cardinals! One of her passions and strengths is to cook foods with hidden veggies for kids to try! She enjoys building relationships with each child and is always around for both staff and parents!

Required Documents

As part of our enrollment process, we require the following documents and forms to ensure that we have the necessary information to provide the best possible care for your child. Our forms are available online to stream-line the process.

Enrollment Form

The enrollment application form is a crucial document that provides us with more detailed information about the child, including personal details, emergency contacts, preferred start date, and any specific requirements or preferences.

Immunization Records

This include details about the child's medical history of immunization records. All immunization records are updated annually.

Infant/Todder Care Form

Any child under 24 months must have a form specifically for their care including feeding, napping, and diapering instructions.

Medication Authorization Forms

This includes instructions for diaper cream, sunscreen, and other non-prescription items used at the center. We also have a separate form for any prescription medications that must be administered (only if needed).

Medical Exam

Per the state of Missouri, within 30 days of enrollment, each child must have paperwork signed by a physician that the child is healthy enough for care at our center.

Parent Acceptance of Handbook Policies

Upon enrollment, parents are required to review and sign an acknowledgment of receipt of the parent handbook. This ensures that parents are familiar with our policies, procedures, and guidelines.

Waitlists

We understand that demand for enrollment may occasionally exceed our available capacity. As a result, we have implemented a waitlist process to ensure fairness and transparency in admitting children when spaces become available.

To join our waitlist, interested families are required to submit a waitlist application form, indicating their preferred start date and any specific requirements or preferences. As spots become available, we review the applications on our waitlist and prioritize admissions based on a variety of factors, including the child's age, program preferences, and the order in which families joined the waitlist.

We require a \$25 deposit to be on our waitlist. To be on the waitlist, parents must have been on a physical tour with us. Parents will have 48 hours from the initial phone call to notify us of your decision. Paperwork and fees must be completed within 48 hours of notifying the center you would like to secure your space. Waitlist deposits are non-refundable.

We strive to maintain open communication with families on our waitlist, providing regular updates regarding their status and estimated wait times. We encourage families to keep us informed of any changes in their enrollment plans or contact information to ensure that they remain up-to-date throughout the waitlist process.

Age Groups



INFANTS UNDER 1 YEAR - OCEAN ROOM

Our babies are treated to a serene sunshine-filled room. They are taken outside to our baby patio every day that weather allows! Infants may take multiple naps in this classroom.



INFANTS - 12 MONTHS - 24 MONTHS DESERT ROOM

Our crawlers and walkers roam around their gross motor play room to gain the physical skills they need for life! We do not help potty train children until they go to our Safari Room.



2-3 YEARS PRESCHOOL

Our early preschoolers come to explore bodily movement and practical skills in our classroom full of adventures! A bathroom is provided inside the classroom and staff-child ratios are 1:8 to accommodate potty training.



4-5 YEARS (PRE-K)

Children who will enter Kindergarten the following school year, who are fully potty trained, use this room to make lasting friendships and memories in our magical classroom setting with self-led inquiry and curiosity.

Nurtured Growth Tuition

	Under two years old	2 and 3 year olds	4 and 5 year olds
Full Time Weekly Rates	\$290	\$240	\$215
Part Time Daily Rates	\$74	\$60	\$52

We offer premium childcare!

TEACHERS WITH MORE TRAINING, SOME WITH DEGREES

FEWER CLOSED HOLIDAYS FOR OUR AREA

FOCUS ON MENTAL WELL-BEING WITH A CALM ENVIRONMENT

NUTRITIOUS FOOD WITH LOW SUGAR/LOW SODIUM