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Sister School MLKECA

**Creating A Culture of Artistic
and Academic Excellence**

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MLKEC SISTER SCHOOL

Martin Luther King, Jr. Education Center Academy

Grade K-8

For parents who prefer a more structured elementary and middle school experience for their child, Martin Luther King, Jr. Education Center Academy (sister school) offers a comprehensive and well-defined graded curriculum. This program will enrich your child's environment and will stimulate him to explore, to listen, and to express himself. The Martin Luther King, Jr. Education Center Academy proposes special preparation in the areas of language arts, mathematics, sociability, awareness, and creativity. MLKECA is certified by the State of Michigan Department of Education and authorized by the Detroit Board of Education. Martin Luther King, Jr. Education Center Academy has won the following awards.

Recognition & Awards

2016-2017 Top School in the DPS Charter Portfolio

2015-2016 #1 Elementary and Middle School in the State

2015-2016 Mackinac Center A+

2014-2015 Academic State Champs (Bridge Magazine)

2014-2015 Top 10 School/Grade A (Excellent Schools Detroit 2014 Scorecard)

2013-2014 Reward School Top 5%

2013-2014 Gold/Silver Rating for MLKEC (sister school)

2012-2013 Mackinaw Top 10

2011-2012 Among Highest Achieving Charter Schools in the state of Michigan

2011-2012 ranked within the top performing 89% of schools statewide

2009 MAPSA Recognition/exceeding State Average Proficiency 82.2% -MEAP

2008-2009 #1 Charter Schools Beating the Odds—ELA/Math MEAP

2008 #3 Charter School for the State of Michigan—MEAP

2007-2011 Skillman Good Schools Making the Grade/High Performing

2006-2007 Twenty-Top Performing Charter School in Michigan

2005-2006 MAPSA Leadership Award

2001 & 2004 Golden Apple Award

WHY SEND YOUR CHILD TO MLKEC ?

The very young child is at the most critical stage of his/her development. During this period he/she learns to interact with others; develops initiative and creativity; learns to control and coordinate his movements; and develops his/her basic attitude toward learning.

In this critical stage of development, he/she needs a professionally prepared and supervised educational program for guidance. This is exactly what we offer in an overall Christian atmosphere. We provide the best educational program in a warm, home-like setting.

HISTORY

Martin Luther King, Jr. Education Center is the dream of Havius and Julia Green, Pastor of Antioch Church. Envisioning greater service to the community through providing quality education and care for young children, the Center opened in 1972 with seven preschool students, one teacher, and a license for twenty students.

The school has expanded to include an Infant/Toddler Center, a Great Start Readiness Program, Head Start program, and a sister Academy serving kindergarten thru eighth grade students.

THE CHILD CARE ENVIRONMENT

Our center is a child-oriented setting. All facilities are designed specifically for use in a nursery. The building has large, open classrooms with child sized equipment for every program need. Large, fenced playgrounds equipped with climbing toys, a slide, swings, bouncers, and other child-safe items are provided for outdoor activities.

A special effort is made to create a warm, friendly environment. The children work and play in small groups; this allows the teacher to give the individual attention and guidance that each child needs. The child has an opportunity to interact with others on his/her own level as well as with those slightly older and younger than he or she.

TUITION AND FEES

A licensed child care center has high overhead – building, staff, food, equipment, insurance, utility, and maintenance expenses; therefore, the only way those expenses can be met is by tuition.

Since expenses at the Center continue to accrue on days your child is absent, vacationing, or having a holiday, the same weekly tuition rate must be charged regardless of attendance. Tuition is a yearly rate divided into bi-weekly or monthly installments.

Security Deposit

When enrolling your child, you are to pay a registration fee, which includes insurance induction, and two weeks tuition. This payment covers the first and last week the child attends. The last week is held as a security deposit. Tuition is to be paid in advance.

Late Fee

A standard tuition day is ten hours or less. A late fee is charged for every fifteen minutes for children who remain longer than ten hours or after closing.

DHS

Tuition assistance is also available through the Department of Human Services, for qualifying families, it is your responsibility to report your childcare hours to the DHS every two weeks as required.

Scholarship, Funding and Supplemental Tuition Programs

Early Start scholarship applications are available in the MLKEC office. The scholarship supplements up to 40% of tuition costs, please reference application for eligibility requirements.

Additionally, MLKEC parents are encouraged to seek out churches, non-profits and other private sources to fund or supplement tuition costs.

COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM

MLKEC offers the following
full-day, half-day and part-time programming:

Infants – Birth to 1 year/Toddlers – 1 year to 2 1/2

Preschool – 2 1/2-4 years

Summer Program

Great Start Readiness Program Requirements:

- 4 years by Sep 1st
- Birth Certificate
- Immunization/Health Appraisal
 - Social Security Card
 - Income/Risk Factors

School Age/Latchkey Services

Infant/Toddler Program: 2 weeks–3 years

The Infant/Toddler Program is a developmental program designed to meet the physical, emotional, intellectual and social needs of the very young. In this program the young child is exposed to puzzles, records, games, songs, finger plays, dramatizations and large motor activities. They can develop reasoning skills. Learn and understand systematic procedures, receive appropriately timed toilet training; all with much love and care.

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT POLICY

MLKEC puts a high priority on well being of its students. All staff are required to have a child abuse clearance from the Department of Human Services. Any cases of suspected child abuse or neglect will be reported to Social Services

CONFIDENTIALITY POLICY

All student records and parental information are kept in strict confidence

LATE PICK-UP POLICY

MLKEC daily services end at 6:00 pm. All Children are to be picked-up by this time. A fee of \$1 per minute is assessed for services rendered after 6:00 pm per family. This fee must be paid at the time when you pick up your child. If you are late for ANY reason, a charge will be issued. This No Exception policy makes it easier for us to apply the late policy to everyone consistently and fairly. However, it is expected that parents call to notify us if they will be late and give an approximate arrival time.

WEATHER/SCHOOL CLOSINGS POLICY

The benefit of daily outdoor activity for young children include reduction in incidents of colds. Please dress children appropriately for cold weather ie, hats, gloves, scarves, boots when needed.

Our primary concern is the safety of parents, students and staff as they travel to the Center particularly in the winter. The Center will therefore close on days of inclement weather, power outages, water main breaks etc. School closings are announced on Channel's 2 (Fox news) and 4 (WDIV) at 6:00 a.m.

OPERATION GUIDELINES & SCHOOL CLOSURES

Martin Luther King, Jr. Education Center offers full day education and care for children two weeks to 4-1/2 years of age. The Center is open 7:00a.m.to 6:00p.m, Monday thru Friday, year round.

School and holiday closures include: Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and the day after, Winter break which extends from Christmas Eve to New Years Day, Snow Emergency Days, Dr. King's Birthday, Good Friday, Spring Break (week following Easter) Memorial Day, Independence Day and Labor Day.

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Children learn from:

Stories, books, songs, finger plays, poetry, puppets, and music for **LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT**.

Blocks, dramatic play, play dough, art materials, sand and water play, and other activities for **CREATIVE EXPRESSION**.

Music, film, and other audio-visual materials for **VOCABULARY DEVELOPMENT** and **MUSIC APPRECIATION**.

Puzzles, table games, and science activities develop **PROGRAM SOLVING ABILITY** and **STIMULATE CURIOSITY**.

Climbing, mobile toys, indoor and outdoor slides for coordination and **LARGE MUSCLE DEVELOPMENT**.

Picnics, field trips, seasonal programs, and recreational activities **BROADEN THE EXPERIENCE BASE FOR FURTHER LEARNING**.

CHILD ASSESSMENT MEASURES

Periodic reports evaluating student progress will be made in January and June. Parent-Teacher Conferences are held to evaluate student achievement and to plan for adjustments necessary to inspire the continued progress of each student. Brigance Pre/Post, Online Teaching Strategies Gold, COR and anecdotal notes assess and/or measure student progress. Home visits are conducted twice yearly to promote student achievement and parental involvement.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Good attendance is essential for high achievement. Any absence from school is a detriment to the students. Parents are to notify the office when their child is absent. Parents must bring a note to school upon his/her return. Ten or more absences is considered excessive.

DISCIPLINE POLICY

It is the policy of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Education Center that other methods of discipline be employed in preference to physical punishment. Alternate means of punishment have been found to be more effective, and they do not arouse hostile or negative feelings in the young child. Along with a system of rewards, isolation, verbal reprimands and conferences have proven to be very effective.

WITHDRAWAL POLICY

Parents are required to submit a letter to the administration office regarding the withdrawal of their child from school.. Two weeks advance notice is required in order to use the deposit. Lack of two weeks notice results in forfeiture of the deposit. Parents may be asked to disenroll their child due to lack of adjustment of parental discontent.

GRIEVANCE POLICY

Concerns should be addressed as follows:

1. Discuss the concern with the teacher
2. Submit written complaint form to office
3. Request meeting with early childhood coordinator/program director.

ACCIDENTS/EMERGENCIES POLICY

All accidents are reported in writing to administration and parents. In an emergency, illness or accident, parents will be notified immediately, and the child will be taken to Grace Hospital, located at 6071 Outer Drive, unless otherwise indicated by parents. Written documentation is kept in the student's file.

REST AND NUTRITION

Children rest daily between 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.

times vary by age group

MLKEC participates in the National School Lunch Program. Children are provided with attractively prepared and nutritionally balanced hot meals, breakfast, lunch and snack, approved by the State Department of Nutrition. Planned menus are posted on the parent board at the front entrance. We promote good eating habits and discourage foods high in salt and sugar.

Please do not send candy or other sweets to the center with your child – unless we ask you to do so, as for a birthday or a special occasion.

Teachers and assistants serve meals family-style by eating with children. This promote good eating habits and pleasant conversation and interactions between students, teachers and assistants. Students with allergies can be provided with substitutes.

PERSONAL ITEMS

MLKEC cannot be responsible for lost, misplaced, or stolen articles.

Please leave clothing, toys, and other items of value at home.