

Little Acorn Academy

From tiny seeds grow mighty trees.

Bloomington Park District is excited to provide our youngest residents with Little Acorn Academy, a state-of-the-art facility that promotes a safe and positive learning environment. Our curriculum encourages the development of a well-balanced child. We offer a comprehensive readiness-for-school program addressing physical, emotional, social and intellectual needs. Our goal is to creatively and effectively teach students socialization, fine and gross motor skills and basic academics including language arts, math, science and art. We are proud of the work we do and the children we teach. Visit us to see why our program is so outstanding. For additional information, please call us at (630) 529-3650.

Classes begin in September 2021.

Features

- Experienced and caring staff
- New classrooms
- Inviting, warm atmosphere
- Smartboards in every classroom
- Indoor gym & outdoor playground
- Extended day option
- Monthly special events and themes
- Pre-Kindergarten graduation ceremony
- Secure early childhood wing

Eligibility

- Intro to Preschool students must be 2 ½ by September 30.
- TinyTots students must be 3 by Sept. 1, 2021
- Pre-Kindergarten students must be 4 by Sept. 1, 2021
- All children must be potty-trained and able to take care of their own bathroom needs.

How to Register

Registration is currently being accepted for the 2021-2022 school year. Registration forms are available online at www.bloomingtonparks.org and at the Johnston Recreation Center. Completed forms should be mailed, faxed, or dropped off in person at the JRC.

Quick tips for successful registration

- Choose to pay in full or opt for a monthly payment plan.
- Attach a copy of child's birth certificate.
- Updated email for epact.
- Include all applicable fees including \$75 non-refundable registration fee, your first month's payment and a \$30 graduation fee for Pre-Kindergarten students.
- Be sure to complete all information on the forms.
- Designate a second choice on your registration form.

Blended Preschool-District 13

In cooperation with the Bloomington School District 13, the Bloomington Park District offers resident students a blended preschool option. This program is for students with and without disabilities. Blended Preschool is housed at Erickson Elementary School and follows the State of Illinois Early Learning Standards featuring "Creative Curriculum." Students are taught by teachers who hold Illinois State Board of Education certifications in early childhood education as well as special education certification. Students enrolled in this program follow the District 13 school calendar and abide by District 13 guidelines, procedures and policies.



2021-22 Schedule Information

Class	Day	Code	Monthly R/NR Fee	Time	Instructor	Yearly Fee
Intro to Preschool	T/TH AM	501701-B1	\$107/118	9:30-11:30 AM	Julie	\$856/944
Intro to Preschool	T/TH PM	501702-B1	\$107/118	12:15-2:15 PM	Julie	\$856/944
Tiny Tots	T/TH AM	501703-B1	\$116/127	8:45-11:15 AM	Karima	\$932/1016
Tiny Tots	T/TH PM	501704-B1	\$116/127	12:15-2:45 PM	Karima	\$932/1016
Tiny Tots	M/W/F AM	501705-B1	\$165/181	9:15-11:45 AM	Barb	\$1322/1448
Tiny Tots	M/W PM	501706-B1	\$118/130	12:45-3:15 PM	Barb	\$948/1040
Tiny Tots	T/TH AM	501707-B1	\$116/127	9:15-11:45 AM	Barb	\$932/1016
Pre Kindergarten	T/TH/F PM	501708-B1	\$169/186	12:45-3:15 PM	Staff	\$1355/1488
Pre Kindergarten	M/W/F AM	501709-B1	\$165/181	9:30-12:00 AM	Terri	\$1322/1448
Pre Kindergarten	M/W/F PM	501710-B1	\$165/181	1:00-3:30 PM	Staff	\$1322/1448
Pre Kindergarten	M/W/F AM	501711-B1	\$165/181	8:45-11:15 AM	Karima	\$1322/1448
Pre Kindergarten	M/W/F PM	501714-B1	\$165/181	12:15-2:45 PM	Karima	\$1322/1448
*Pre Kindergarten	M-F AM	501715-B1	\$297/327	9:00-11:30 AM	Karen	\$2380/2616
*Pre Kindergarten	M-F PM	501716-B1	\$297/327	12:15-2:45 PM	Karen	\$2380/2616
Blended Preschool						
Tiny Tots	M-F AM	501717-B1	\$316/na	8:40-11:15 AM		\$2850/na
Pre Kindergarten	M-F PM	501718-B1	\$316/na	12:40-3:15 PM		\$2850/na

*Enhanced physical education units

Instructors, schedule, class size & room subject to change.

Little Acorns at Home 😊

Little Acorns at Home is an extension of Little Acorn Academy, designed specifically for preschoolers at home with adult supervision. Our Little Acorns who participate from home experience the same curriculum goals as our in-person students. Miss Terri prepares at-home activities that encourage the development of fine and gross motor skills and basic academics including language arts, math, science and art. Each week our Little Acorns at Home receive a book or special activity to enhance the at-home experience.

Pick up your Little Acorn at Home "Discovery Bag" each week on Monday, or Bloomingdale Park District residents may choose the delivery option. An at-home school supply list will be sent home to all students prior to the first week of at-home school. This semester-long program is 13 weeks. If you register midsemester, please contact the Johnston Recreation Center Front Desk for the appropriate fee.

Location: Home

Instructor: Miss Terri

Tiny Tots

3-4 M September 13-December 13 \$169/\$189 501814-A1

Pre-K

4-5 M September 13-December 13 \$169/\$189 501814-A2

Delivery

3-5 M September 13-December 13 \$65/NA 501814-A3

*NO CLASS week of 11/22



BPD on the Go!

Camp on the Go 😊

Have you run out of fun and creative ways to keep your kids happy and active while everyone is at home? Let the BPD do the work for you! Each week (separate registrations per week) campers receive a bag filled with six items or activities related to the weekly theme. Bags contain most of the supplies needed, though some items will need to be provided by the parent. List of items parents need to provide will be emailed prior to pick-up/delivery date. Each bag contains the supplies for one participant. Some activities require adult supervision for safety reasons. Contactless delivery (residents only) occurs on Fridays. Bags are available for pick up at 9 a.m. on the program start date.

Date	Theme	R/NR	Code #	Registration Deadline
June 14	Color Me Excited	\$15/\$20	408306-A1	June 7
June 14	Color Me Excited DELIVERY	\$20/NA	408306-A2	June 7
June 21	Jr. Scientist	\$15/\$20	408306-B1	June 14
June 21	Jr. Scientist DELIVERY	\$20/NA	408306-B2	June 14
June 28	Stars and Stripes	\$15/\$20	408360-C1	June 21
June 28	Stars and Stripes DELIVERY	\$20/NA	408360-C2	June 21
July 5	Safari Adventure	\$15/\$20	408306-D1	June 28
July 5	Safari Adventure DELIVERY	\$20/NA	408306-D2	June 28
July 12	Hawaiian Luau	\$15/\$20	408306- E1	July 5
July 12	Hawaiian Luau DELIVERY	\$20/NA	408306- E2	July 5
July 19	Around the World	\$15/\$20	408306- F1	July 12
July 19	Around the World DELIVERY	\$20/NA	408306- F2	July 12
July 26	Olympics	\$15/\$20	408306-G1	July 19
July 26	Olympics DELIVERY	\$20/NA	408306-G2	July 19
August 2	Outer Space	\$15/\$20	408306-H1	July 26
August 2	Outer Space DELIVERY	\$20/NA	408306-H2	July 26
August 9	Pirates A'hoy	\$15/\$20	408306-I1	August 2
August 9	Pirates A'hoy DELIVERY	\$20/NA	408306-I2	August 2



On the Go Movement Ed

Looking for fun ideas to keep your toddler and/or preschooler active at home? The Gymnastics Program has an exciting at-home On the Go option. Each bag includes most of the supplies you need for the themed movement activities. Parents are emailed a link for the music to download and a list of simple parent-provided supplies. On the Go programs require adult interaction. Contactless delivery is available for Bloomingdale Park District residents ONLY for an additional \$5 fee. If pick-up is selected at registration, bags will be ready for pick-up at the JRC front desk at 9 a.m. on the program start date. Registration deadline is the preceding Monday.

Date	Age	Theme	R/NR Fee	Code #	Deadline
July 2	1-5	Beach Party	\$15/\$20	401209-A1	June 28
July 2	1-5	Beach Party DELIVERY	\$20/NA	401209-A2	June 28
August 13	1-5	School Fun	\$15/\$20	401209-B1	Aug. 9
August 13	1-5	School Fun DELIVERY	\$20/NA	401209-B2	Aug. 9

**Preschool
Gymnastics
at home!**

Scribble, Wiggle, & Giggle

Participants paint and scribble with a variety of fun tools. Participants take a break for a few giggles (fun stories) and wrap up with a little wiggle (dancing/singing)! Parent participation is required.

Location: Maple Room
Instructor: Staff

Early Childhood(ng)
MIN/MAX: 6/12

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
2-4	Thu	10-10:40A	Aug 5	\$21/\$26	401310-A1

A is for Apple

Children learn how to write and recognize letters in this structured class that also involves the days of the week, months of the year, colors, and numbers. This is an ideal kindergarten-readiness class.

Location: Maple Room
Instructor: Ms. Terri

Early Childhood(ng)
MIN/MAX: 6/10

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
3-6	Wed	10-10:45A	Jul 7-Aug 11	\$75/\$95	401301-A1

Tot Rock

Tot Rock is a movement-based learning and imaginative play class with music. All class procedures are designed to keep staff and students safe. Activities are age-appropriate by class and include songs and rhymes, rhythm and coordination, fine and gross motor, imagination and sensory, and listening and following directions skills. With a focus on STEAM learning, each session has a new educational theme. This is a parent-child class.

Location: Conference Room
Instructor: Rock 'n' Kids

Early Childhood (rd)
MIN/MAX: 4/8

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
1-2	Wed	9:30-10:10A	Jun 9-30	\$45/\$65	401210-B1
1-2	Wed	9:30-10:10A	Jul 14-Aug 4	\$45/\$65	401210-C1

Kid Rock

Kid Rock is a movement-based learning and imaginative play class with music. All classes procedures are designed to keep staff and students safe. Activities are age-appropriate by class and include songs and rhymes, rhythm and coordination, fine and gross motor, imagination and sensory, and listening and following directions skills. With a focus on STEAM learning, each session has a new education theme. This is a parent-child class.

Location: Conference Room
Instructor: Rock 'n' Kids

Early Childhood (rd)
MIN/MAX: 4/8

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
2-3	Wed	10:15-10:55A	Jun 9-30	\$45/\$65	401501-B1
2-3	Wed	10:15-10:55A	Jul 14-Aug 4	\$45/\$65	401501-C1

Programs and events are subject to change in accordance with current COVID-19 restrictions and mandates. Please check bloomingdaleparks.org or call the JRC Front Desk at 630-529-3650 for current program and event information. When participating in a program/class, a mask is required for participants 2 years and older. Participants should bring their own water; no water fountains will be available. Participants are encouraged to bring a small personal hand sanitizer to class. Six feet social distancing is required.

Rock 'N' at Home

Sing, dance, play and learn YOUR way in this virtual music and movement class! Students receive an email from Rock n Kids Mondays at 8 a.m. with that week's pre-recorded, private, 30-minute virtual class, allowing families to participate on their own time. Activities include opening songs, weekly theme introduction, 5-6 additional music activities, and closing songs. Along with class content, supplemental activities are included to enhance your child's learning. Class activities involve rhythm, fine and gross motor skills, imaginative play, sensory integration, and listening skills.

Location: Virtual
Instructor: Rock 'n' Kids

Early Childhood (rd)
MIN/MAX: 1/20

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
3-4	Mon	12-12P	Jun 7-28	\$35/\$35	401506-A1
3-4	Mon	12-12P	Jul 12-Aug 2	\$35/\$35	401506-C1

Messy Mondays

You provide the paint smock and we'll provide the paint, glue, playdough, glitter, shaving cream and other various art substances that allow your child to create an original masterpiece! Dress for mess. This is a parent/tot class. Class is held at the Bloomingdale Park District Museum. A mask is required for participants 2 years and older. Participants should bring their own water; no water fountains will be available. Participants are encouraged to bring a small personal hand sanitizer to class.

Location: Museum
Instructor: Kay

Early Childhood (rd)
MIN/MAX: 6/6

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
2-4	Mon	9:45-10:30A	Jun 21-Jul 26	\$75/\$95	401603-A1

Preschool Drawing

Summer art with Young Rembrandts is the most creative way to develop your young learner's fine motor skills and vocabulary. Join the farm fun and bring your creativity for Section A1. Each lesson will be centered around the fun animals and sights we see at the farm. Kids learn to master fine motor skills, how to draw animals and have a ton of fun! Section A2 uses the toybox as inspiration to learn to draw, color and create masterpieces. Preschoolers love each lesson as we draw and talk about the things we love in our playroom.

Location: Birch Room
Instructor: Young Rembrandts

Early Childhood (rd)
MIN/MAX: 5/10

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
3.5-5	Mon	11:30A-1P	Jun 7-28	\$69/\$89	404119-A1
3.5-5	Mon	11:30A-1P	Jul 12-Aug 9	\$85/\$105	404119-A2

Early Childhood

Kids Day Out Camp

Kids ages 4-5 enjoy a morning full of fun while mom and dad enjoy time to themselves. Activities include arts and crafts, free play, gym time, painting, games and more. This class features many traditional activities including circle time, letter and number recognition, math, science and more. Children should bring a snack and a drink to each class. All children must be potty-trained.

Location: Evergreen Room **Early Childhood (rd)**
Instructor: Terri **MIN/MAX: 5/9**

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
4-5	Tue & Thu	8:30-11:30A	Jun 8-Jul 1	\$145/\$165	401605-A1

Preschool for Beginners

This parent-child class focuses on making your child feel comfortable in a preschool environment. Families participate in a variety of structured activities including numbers, shapes, arts and crafts and story time. Class is taught by the Park District's Intro to Preschool teacher, Ms. Julie. Fee is per couple but only register the child for this program.

Location: Evergreen Room **Early Childhood (rd)**
Instructor: Julie Caputo **MIN/MAX: 4/5**

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
2-3	Tue	4:30-5:30P	Jul 20-Aug 3	\$39/\$59	401676-A2

Intro Meet and Greet

Intro to Preschool Meet and Greet is a great opportunity for parents to meet Intro to Preschool teacher Ms. Julie and ask questions of her curriculum, potty training, pick-up and drop-off policies, and more. Class is free but registration is required.

Location: Evergreen Room **Early Childhood (rd)**
Instructor: Julie Caputo **MIN/MAX: 4/5**

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
2-3	Tue	6-6:30P	Aug 3	\$Free/\$Free	401677-A1

Yogi & Boo Boo Bear

Enjoy one-on-one time with your child in a setting that includes climbing, crawling, jumping, balls, parachutes and moving to music. Parental interaction helps your child develop both motor and social skills. Please wear comfortable clothes; no snaps, jeans or overalls.

Location: Gymnastic Center **Early Childhood (jp)**
Instructor: Gymnastics Staff **MIN/MAX: 3/5**

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
12-27mos	Mon	9:15-9:50A	Jun 14-28	\$30/\$45	401204-A1
12-27mos	Mon	9:15-9:50A	Jul 19-Aug 9	\$40/\$60	401204-B1

Parent Bearnastics

Experience the sport of gymnastics with your tot while also creating lasting memories. This program teaches parents how to spot the basics in gymnastics, as children develop gross motor skills, coordination and body awareness. Class attire: sweats, warm-up suit, shorts/shirts or leotard/shorts.

Location: Gymnastic Center **Early Childhood (jp)**
Instructor: Gymnastics Staff **MIN/MAX: 3/5**

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
28-35mos	Mon	10:15-10:45A	Jun 14-28	\$28/\$42	401206-A1
28-35mos	Mon	10:15-10:45A	Jul 19-Aug 9	\$38/\$57	401206-B1

Reading with Robots

It's story time with a twist! Once upon a time... "Pete the Cat" meets our robot Bee Bot, "Give a Mouse a Cookie" with Colby the Robot, and many more adventures. This fun hands-on class features a different story and robot every week. Children learn to program and code a robot to create their own exciting adventure!

Location: Wood Dale Rec. Center **Youth(nr)**
Instructor: Computer Explorers **MIN/MAX: 2/3**

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
4-7	Mon-Thu	4-5:15P	Jul 26-29	\$65/\$65	402663-A1

Jelly Bean T-Ball

Are you ready for your child to experience the most fun possible while learning about T-ball? This developmental, preparatory program uses bubbles, foam noodles, squishy balls, colorful bases, and a cast of cartoon characters help teach kids a silly baseball language. This makes learning fun and keeps T-ball simple for your child. Please bring a baseball mitt.

Location: Westfield Gym **Early Childhood (ct)**
Instructor: Coach Pickles **MIN/MAX: 6/14**

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
2.5-4	Thu	5:30-6:15P	Jun 3-24	\$80/\$100	401303-A1
2.5-3	Thu	5:30-6:15P	Jul 1-22	\$80/\$100	401303-A3
2.5-3	Thu	5:30-6:15P	Jul 29-Aug 19	\$80/\$100	401303-A5

Lil Kicks Soccer

In this instructional program designed for first-timers, players learn the basic skills of dribbling, passing, shooting and goaltending with smaller-sized soccer balls. Instructors work with participants on good sportsmanship, participation and teamwork. This is a great class for both boys and girls. Games are played at the end of each class.

Location: Westfield Gym **Early Childhood (ct)**
Instructor: Sports R Us **MIN/MAX: 8/16**

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
3-5	Tue	4-4:50P	Jun 8-Jul 13	\$69/\$89	401304-A1
3-5	Tue	4-4:50P	Jul 27-Aug 31	\$69/\$89	401304-A2

Jelly Bean Sport Shorts

A great first introduction! Each week, a new sport is introduced through fun characters, animation, parachutes, bubbles, rings and cones to complement this one-of-a-kind early learning sports experience.

Location: Westfield Gym
Instructor: Coach Pickles

Early Childhood (ct)
MIN/MAX: 6/14

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
2.5-4	Fri	5:15-6P	Jul 9-30	\$80/\$100	401306-A1
2.5-4	Fri	5:15-6P	Aug 6-27	\$80/\$100	401306-B1

Parent & Me Sports

Through story-telling and sensory play, your child will learn sports fundamentals and develop fine and gross motor skills. Classes encourage exploration, integrate diverse, tot-sized learning tools, and help parents celebrate the small wins with their child, including soccer, basketball, T-ball, and football. Classes integrate parachutes, noodles, colorful dots, hoops and more to help keep young children focused!

Location: Westfield Gym
Instructor: Coach Pickles

Early Childhood (ct)
MIN/MAX: 6/14

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
1.75-2.5	Thu	4:45-5:20P	Jun 3-24	\$80/\$100	401307-A1
1.5-2.5	Thu	4:45-5:20P	Jul 1-22	\$80/\$100	401307-A2
1.75-2.5	Thu	4:45-5:20P	Jul 29-Aug 26	\$80/\$100	401307-B1

Jelly Bean Soccer Prep

Just short of your child doing backflips, you can expect him or her to be begging to come back after every class! The Jelly Bean Way is to keep soccer simple and make learning fun. We help children of every skill level learn how to take to coaching and work both individually and collectively with a group.

Location: Westfield Gym
Instructor: Coach Pickles

Early Childhood (ct)
MIN/MAX: 6/14

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
2.5-4	Fri	5:15-6P	Jun 4-25	\$80/\$100	401308-A1

T Ball League

The focus of the T-Ball League is for participants to have fun while learning the game of T-Ball! The league is a combination of fundamental instruction followed by weekly games. Hot Shots Sports coaches do all the coaching and umpiring within the league and pick teams accordingly. The league allows players to practice their fundamentals while still getting plenty of repetitions. Teamwork and sportsmanship are emphasized.

Location: Circle Park
Instructor: Hot Shot Sports

Early Childhood (ct)
MIN/MAX: 8/16

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
4-6	Sat	9-10:30A	Jun 12-Jul 17	\$60/\$80	401326-A1
4-6	Sat	9-10:30A	Jul 24-Aug 28	\$60/\$80	401326-B1



Little Sluggers

Jumpstart your youngster's career in this class that teaches basic hitting, fielding, base running and, most importantly, how to have fun. Players should bring their own glove. All players receive a T-shirt, cap and award.

Location: Circle Park
Instructor: Staff

Youth (ct)
MIN/MAX: 6/12

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
3-4	Tue	5:30-6:15P	Jun 15-Jul 20	\$69/\$89	401327-A1
3-4	Tue	6:30-7:15P	Jun 15-Jul 20	\$69/\$89	401327-A2
3-4	Thu	5:15-6P	Jun 17-Jul 22	\$69/\$89	401327-B1
3-4	Thu	6:15-7P	Jun 17-Jul 22	\$69/\$89	401327-B2

Adult-Tot Ninja Warriors

Leap, hop, skip or run your way through obstacles and put your ninja skills to the test. Parents and tots have fun in this movement-based class that challenges your ninja to maneuver over and under objects. Many large group games are played to further challenge ninja skills.

Location: JRC Gym
Instructor: Hot Shot Sports

Early Childhood (ct)
MIN/MAX: 5/10

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
2-3	Mon	10:45-11:30A	Jun 7-Jul 19	\$120/\$160	401335-A1
2-3	Mon	10:45-11:30A	Jul 26-Aug 30	\$120/\$160	401335-A2

Mini Ninja Warrior

Leap, hop, skip, and run your way through obstacles and put your ninja skills to the test. This fun movement-based class challenges ninjas to maneuver over and under objects. Participants also play large group games to further challenge ninja skills.

Location: JRC Gym
Instructor: Hot Shot Sports

Early Childhood (ct)
MIN/MAX: 5/10

Age	Day	Time	Date	R/NR Fee	Code #
4-6	Mon	11:45A-12:30P	Jun 7-Jul 19	\$60/\$80	401336-A1
4-6	Mon	11:45A-12:30P	Jul 26-Aug 30	\$60/\$80	401336-A2