

FAQ

Q1. Do I choose to come both days or just one? While we are building our nest, our teachers will use the same curriculum both days (Monday and Thursday). So, you would only choose to enroll on Monday OR Thursday for the 2025-2026 school year. We hope to grow and expand our nest in the following years, so stay tuned for additional courses/curriculum!

Q2. How does your day look? Our teachers are very in tune with understanding the needs of their students, so they can adjust (provide brain breaks) according to students' needs. On Monday, your child will be offered Spanish, Music, and Language Arts. On Thursday, your child will be offered that as well as Art and Science. Once our morning concludes, we will plan to head with our families to the playground after class to continue to build relationships and have lunch (Monday) snack (Thursday) and play together.

Q3. Do I have to stay or can I drop my child off? We have found that in order to create an environment that leads to best student success, these are drop off classes. There will be many opportunities for parent volunteers, so stay tuned! However, if you think that your child would feel more comfortable with you there, you are welcome to stay in the lobby. The lobby also has a TV so you will be able to see what is happening on the screen in your child's class as well.

Q4. How many students will be in each class? We will max each class out between 10 and 12 students. One class is for children ages 4-6, and the other is children ages 7-11. We have flexibility according to your child's birthdate/current grade level. Please reach out with specific questions.

Q5. Can you accommodate learners with special needs?

Yes, we are committed to supporting learners with a diverse range of learning needs. The Nest strives to provide an inclusive environment where every student feels welcome and valued. While we endeavor to accommodate various learning requirements, please note that our staff does not include dedicated counselors or administrators available for extended one-on-one support during the day. If your child requires more intensive assistance, we recommend discussing their specific needs with us to determine if our setting is the right fit. We encourage open communication and are more than willing to discuss any concerns or questions you may have regarding your child's participation in The Nest. Please feel free to reach out to us to explore how we can best support your child's learning journey.

Q6. I want to help. How can I help? Thank you, thank you, thank you! We are really hoping for this to be more than just a drop off co-op for a few hours a week. We want to be a part of your homeschool. We want to support you. We want to create a beautiful community with you. If you want to help with planning field trips or events or anything, please reach out with your ideas!

Q7. I noticed that your science curriculum is Charlotte Mason inspired, does that mean you are a Charlotte Mason co-op?

No, we do not want to limit ourselves to one philosophy. We have chosen to use blossom and root because it meets the needs of all learning styles. Whether a family resonates more with Montessori's independence, Waldorf's creativity, or Charlotte Mason's nature and narration focus, we want your child to feel empowered and we want our educators to have the freedom to flourish.

Q8. What are the class descriptions?

Music (Monday, Thursday):

Ages 4-6 each week students will have a letter of the week. The class will learn to read basic music notation, play instruments such as glockenspiels, boom whackers, hand chimes, and drums. We also use props for guided movement and music learning.

Ages 7-10 will focus on note reading, and rhythmic notation. We will use books with Orff-Schulwerk ensemble playing and music exploration for the first half of the year. When students are ready, we will introduce recorder, ukulele, and/or hand chimes into the class for the second half of the year. Lessons are inspired by various philosophies of music learning that practice hands-on learning and foster a love for music for years to come.

Spanish (Monday, Thursday):

Ages 4-6 is designed to engage young students in a fun, playful way that will develop a positive association with language learning. The lessons will include storytelling, song & verse, games, and role playing.

Ages 7-10 is designed to build foundational language skills centered around vocabulary, grammar, & pronunciation. The lessons will not only include storytelling, song & verse, games, & role playing, but will also include reading and writing.

Book Club & Creative Writing (Monday):

The book club course, for ages 4-6, is designed to foster a love of reading that will extend well past their school aged years. Students will engage in read aloud and shared reading of early reading novels and passages. This course will extend their interest in reading with corresponding hands-on projects.

In the creative writing course, for students ages 7-10, students will learn to develop their written expression, both individually and collaboratively, using figurative language and other writing strategies, in order to bring their writing to life. Students will develop confidence in their early writing stages to produce writing they are proud to share.

litARTure (Thursday):

Ages 4-11 Children dive into a colorful world of creativity as they explore art and literature through play and hands-on discovery. From finger painting and squishing clay to learning how to draw shapes and mix colors, each lesson builds important skills in a fun, encouraging way. Younger kids enjoy open-ended, sensory-rich projects that spark imagination, while older kids begin guided activities that teach drawing, painting, and sculpting techniques. These art-literacy adventures, story and substance merge. A painted scene becomes the opening of a tale; a clay

sculpture finds a name and backstory. Children learn that expression is both visual and verbal, kinesthetic and cognitive—art and literacy dancing as one.

Science (Thursday):

Ages 4-10 is a gentle, nature focused, Charlotte Mason inspired, secular curriculum, Blossom and Root. Your child will explore multiple areas of nature and science through engaging activities, creative thinking, and nature Journaling that is tailored to your child's appropriate age and developmental level. Each lesson in Blossom and Root is designed to meet the needs of all learning styles through a variety of different activities. Each lesson is separated into categories to engage your kids in the way they learn the best. The categories are: For the minimalists, book basket folks, visual learners, outdoor learners, table lab crowd, crafts and projects families, and the option to mix and match.

If you have questions for any of us our email addresses are below.

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