



### A Note from Our Principal

Thank you all for participating in our Kids Helping Communities initiative this summer! We are grateful for the opportunity to watch our students serve others these past few weeks. We are proud to announce that Carrington Academy in total raised \$1,963.25 to support Alex's Lemonade Stand. Thank you for your generous donations! There are still a few weeks left of summer and many fun events are still planned. We're looking forward to soaking up these moments with our students!

Sincerely,  
Jenna Poss

### Family Referral Bonus

Do you know a colleague who has recently had a baby, a friend in need of care who just relocated to the area, or a family member who is seeking a new preschool for their child? Invite them to our New Family Open House on August 3. When you refer a friend and they enroll, you're eligible for a free week of tuition. Ask us for details!

### School Closings 2024-2025

September 2, 2024	Labor Day
November 11, 2024	Professional Development Day
November 27, 2024	Carrington Academy EARLY CLOSURE
November 28 & 29, 2024	Thanksgiving Holiday
December 24 & 25, 2024	Christmas Break
December 31, 2024	Carrington Academy EARLY CLOSURE
January 1, 2025	New Year's Break
January 20, 2025	Martin Luther King Jr Day
February 17, 2025	Professional Development Day
May 26, 2025	Memorial Day
June 19, 2025	Juneteenth
July 4, 2025	Fourth of July Observance

The success, happiness, and safety of the children remains my top priority, therefore, I am happy to meet with you to discuss any questions or concerns you may have with this upcoming transition. Please do not hesitate to let me know if anything should arise. It is going to be a great year! I am looking forward to the great memories and new friendships and experiences that will come our way!

# The Hallmarks of Links to Learning

At the heart of our Links to Learning curriculum lie five hallmarks: Social-Emotional Learning, Center-Based Learning, Literacy-Based Curriculum, Personalized Learning, and Family Communication. These key features help us foster an environment where students can explore, discover, and thrive. Let's take a closer look at each hallmark – what they are and how you'll see them in our classrooms!



## Social-Emotional Learning

From learning to share and taking turns to making friends and managing emotions, social-emotional skills are integrated into everything we do. Every activity in our classrooms is designed to help students build confidence and independence needed for a lifetime of learning. Our days begin with students taking turns participating in Circle Time, recognizing how they feel that day, and learning about emotions. We sing songs and read books about emotions, encourage collaboration among peers, and create an inclusive environment where individuality is celebrated. Our teachers are positive role models for their students and are there to help when emotions rise and celebrate when kindness conquers.

## Center-Based Learning

Centers are defined areas of our classroom that allow for hands-on play-based learning in small groups and help children make connections between abstract concepts and real-world experiences. Centers help build problem-solving, communication, and self-regulation skills, and are continuously changing, keeping student interest alive. For example, you may find our construction center filled with various building materials and pig figurines when students are reading *The Three Little Pigs!* By providing children with the opportunity to explore new materials with a small group of classmates every day, we are igniting their imagination, sparking new interests, and helping them develop social skills.

## Literacy-Based Curriculum

Our teachers build learning experiences centered around captivating books and provide students with constant access to printed text. Students forge meaningful connections between words and illustrations and ask questions sparked by their natural curiosity. Teachers label classroom materials with photographs and words, facilitating familiarity and promoting independence. Many of the activities in the centers that students visit are related to the books they are reading, further helping to bring literature and ideas to life. Additionally, you'll find nature books in the science center, books with famous artworks near the easel, counting books in the math center, and more throughout our classrooms!

## Personalized Learning

Teachers employ a wide range of strategies to ensure that every student's educational journey is uniquely tailored to their needs and we are offering the best preschool curriculum. Through small group interactions, they fine-tune lessons to match each student's pace of growth and development. They keep an ongoing checklist of milestones their students have reached so they know where each student may need assistance or be challenged further. We cultivate an inclusive environment where every child feels valued, welcome, and empowered.

## Family Communication

Our teachers and school leaders strive to make communication as seamless as possible, giving you one less thing to worry about. You'll find our teachers greeting you and your child with a smile each day and offering information on how their day went at pick-up. Utilizing our communication app, Links 2 Home, we send photos and information on meals, sleep, diaper changes/potty times, and more. You'll receive a complete daily report after pick-up each day. Monthly folders with samples of your child's work are sent home at the end of each month so you are in the know about your child's progress. Conferences are offered throughout the year, but we are happy to schedule times to listen and learn ways that we can best serve you and your family anytime.

To view our Hallmarks in action, visit our [Links to Learning Youtube Channel!](#)