



Children's Lighthouse of Raleigh is a five-star licensed preschool focused on the education and development of children between the ages of 6 weeks- 5 years and on providing before & after care for 5- 12 year olds. We strive to be a socially responsible educational institution that helps children, teachers and parents thrive. We are conveniently located seconds from the Leesville road (Exit 7 off of Interstate 540) in Raleigh. We are open from 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. to support and partner with parents in providing a strong foundation for the success of young children.

We take pride in our well-rounded offering that caters to the intellectual, social, emotional and physical development of young children. We build on a strong proprietary curriculum designed by industry experts with STREAM (Science-Technology- Reading- Engineering- Art- Mathematics) based discovery centers and learning activities. We emphasize a well-rounded program and continuously improve our menu in full compliance with USDA nutrition requirements to add seasonal, fresh and fun offerings to help with the developing taste buds of young children.

We invest in our teacher's through professional development, full funding of state required training, financial aid, employer subsidized healthcare benefits coverage, monthly luncheons and monthly team building events. This shows our commitment to care for our teachers, so they in turn can focus their attention on being classroom heroes. We have a top-notch facility to ensure your child is learning and having fun in a safe and engaging space. We take great care in hiring staff with the highest level of education per N.C. requirements, but also employing care givers that embody the kind and caring attitude your child deserves. Families have live video access to stay close to their child throughout the day, offering peace of mind and allowing the highest levels of transparency and accountability for our school. We welcome you to visit our 5-star facility and discover the Children's Lighthouse difference! Please check out some of the highlights of our center below!

Facility Highlights include:

- ✓ Enrichment programs in music, dance, yoga and fitness included in the schedule each day as part of your tuition
- ✓ Three, age appropriate playgrounds with separate outdoor music area, soccer field, basketball court and covered awning for tricycle paths and extreme weather days.
- ✓ Artificial turf under playground equipment to ensure safe fall zones and minimize injuries for our little athletes. Grass sod surrounds the turf on all sides to provide natural sensory rich play spaces for stimulating healthy development.
- ✓ Live streaming video of your child's classroom and playground with 5 viewings a day per parent of 15- minutes each at any time of your choosing.
- ✓ Top- of-the-line Zono sanitation system for toys, books and carpets to automate cleaning, provide a chemical-free environment and specialized services with heat cycles to minimize health outbreaks
- ✓ Electronic keypad entry for building access for parents and staff. Monthly safety drills for emergency preparedness and ongoing training of children and staff.
- ✓ Nutritious meals per USDA requirements for breakfast, lunch and afternoon snacks. We are a nut-free facility and offer a substitution menu for children with allergies and dietary preferences
- ✓ Finger guards are attached to classroom doors to prevent pinched fingers and injuries

Technology Integration is paramount to our program's success:

- ✓ Ipad loaded with industry leading apps are utilized in all classrooms to monitor classroom counts, sleep charts, diapering, feeding infants- toddlers, preschool meals and classroom learning activities.
- ✓ Preschool2Me is an application used in classrooms to provide parents with daily electronic reports about your child's well-being, nutrition, learning and play.



- ✓ CD players and Bluetooth speakers are installed in all classrooms to play child appropriate music that is integral to the growth and development needs of preschoolers
- ✓ A rolling technology board called Engage comes recommended by our learning partner, The Kaplan Early Learning company. The Engage board utilizes the Kaplan learning software for Math and Language. It can seamlessly switch between the Kaplan software and browsing the web for videos, movies and websites to enhance classroom learning activities. The screen supports a multi-touch user interface to allow children to work in groups and compete on speed & accuracy tests.

Staff Highlights:

- ✓ Both our center director and education director hold Level III North Carolina Early Childhood Administration Credentials meeting the state's highest education level for administrators
- ✓ Teachers that meet the highest North Carolina childcare credentials based on their education in early childcare and relevant work experience
- ✓ Kitchen manager that is trained with Serve Safe Manager certification and experienced to meet and exceed the North Carolina sanitation requirements for commercial kitchens

Curriculum Highlights:

Every Children's Lighthouse Learning Center uses a three-fold approach to ensure that each child receives learning activities most appropriate for his or her level of development as follows:

- Our Infants and Toddlers are introduced to concepts such as colors, shapes, baby signs, and songs through the use of the Innovations Comprehensive Curriculum. Each month, our rooms come alive with developmentally appropriate activities designed to promote both fine and gross motor skills. Picture cards and prop boxes are used daily to encourage the development of intellectual skills as well as to encourage creative thinking.
- Our exclusive Lighthouse C.A.R.E.S.™ curriculum is designed for children ages two through five years. This innovative curriculum targets the five essential elements of early childhood education:
 - Comprehensive. Our curriculum not only promotes growth in the three domains of learning, but also offers our unique emphasis on the development of character values and social skills. Each month, for example, highlights a specific character value, such as patience, which is both modeled and taught through a variety of books, games, and other activities.
 - Active Engagement. Our learning activities recognize and encourage the natural exuberance of the young child by providing opportunities to touch, explore, discover, move, dance, sing, and more.
 - Research-Based. Learning activities are grounded both in time-honored practice, such as learning through play, as well as in current research findings in the field of neuro-science. "Brain-based" learning strategies, for example, reveal that memory and creativity are enhanced by the use of music, movement, and artistic expression.
 - Embedded Content. Our fully integrated curriculum is characterized by thematic units that combine the key skills of reading and mathematics with learning in the content areas of science and social studies.
 - Standards-Based Objectives. Every learning activity is designed to meet or exceed both state and national standards. We use portfolio assessments to ensure that each child is "on track." Checklists of progress, based on the Scope and Sequence charts specific to each age level, are given to parents at the end of each quarter.
- Our School Age program provides a fun, exciting, and safe environment for older children who require before and/or after school care. The Creative Resources for School Age curriculum focuses on themed projects as well as team building through positive social interactions. Because we believe in the importance of the family, we encourage our "school-agers" to complete their homework while they are with us.