

“Building Bright Minds. Shaping Strong Futures”



Mary Carol ACADEMY

PRESCHOOL

PRE-K

KINDERGARDEN



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OUR APPROACH

Children learn through intentional teaching, repetition, guided practice, meaningful play, clear expectations, and consistent reinforcement. Academic learning and character formation belong together. We teach not only letters, numbers, handwriting, reading, science, and social studies, but also honesty, kindness, respect, perseverance, responsibility, and wise decision-making. Our classrooms are teacher-guided. Teachers establish routines, introduce skills, lead instruction, observe progress, and create opportunities for children to practice independently and with peers. Developmentally appropriate practice does not mean lowering expectations; it means teaching children in ways they can understand, repeat, and master.

WE OFFER

We provide comprehensive, high-quality early care and education services that support families year-round.

- Flexible Tuition Payment Plans to meet the needs of families, with options that support both full-time and extended care schedules.
- Year-round care services.
- Full-day schedule: Monday-Friday | 6:30 AM – 6 PM
- Breakfast and lunch provided daily.
- Early intervention awareness and developmental monitoring.
- Enrichment opportunities through independent programs.
- Integration of faith-based values with character development and decision-making

THE PROGRAM

- **Academically Focused Curriculum** designed with clear learning objectives that support early childhood development and school readiness.
- **Teacher-Guided Instruction** rooted in intentional lesson planning that ensures children receive purposeful learning experiences each day.
- **Hands-On Learning Experiences** through repetition, exploration, workbooks, worksheets, and project-based activities that reinforce skill development.
- **Classroom Readiness Development** with emphasis on building focus, independence, listening skills, and the ability to follow directions.
- **Progressive Learning Pathway** that intentionally prepare children to transition to next grade level.
- **Learning-Centered Environment** focused on developing the whole child academically, socially, and behaviorally—not simply providing childcare.



OUR STAFF

OUR STAFF & PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

Our team is composed of fully qualified, permitted educators who meet and exceed the requirements set by California Community Care Licensing. Each staff member is trained in Early Childhood Education and brings years of hands-on experience in nurturing and educating young children.

- **Experienced & Credentialed Team:** Our staff includes qualified teachers and instructional aides with the education, permits, and practical experience necessary to support early learning at every stage.
- **Intentional Classroom Staffing:** Classrooms are staffed according to age group, enrollment, and daily needs to ensure appropriate supervision, engagement, and individualized attention.
- **Collaborative Teaching Approach:** Our educators work together across classrooms to maintain continuity of care, support one another, and ensure a consistent, well-supervised environment throughout the day.
- **Ongoing Professional Development:** Staff participate in monthly trainings and professional development focused on strengthening instructional practices, classroom management, and child development knowledge.



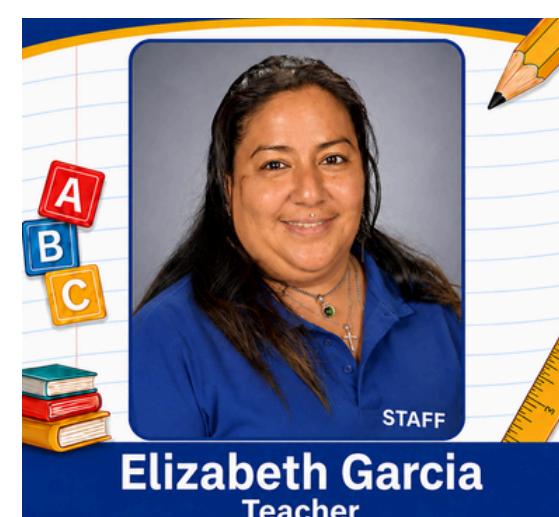
The Director

Mrs. Akilah Bailey is an educator, school administrator, and pastor with more than 20 years of experience in early childhood education and leadership.

Throughout her career, she has led classrooms, developed curriculum, trained educators, directed preschool programs, and created strong academic foundations for young learners.

Much of her educational approach was developed and refined through her years of leadership at Price Preschool. Following its closure, Mrs. Bailey founded Living Tree Learning Center to continue that proven educational model. That program later merged into Mary Carol Academy, bringing its curriculum, philosophy, and commitment to quality early education into a new chapter.

Mrs. Bailey remains committed to providing children with the structure, instruction, character development, and strong foundation they need to succeed in school and beyond.



The Academy Village



Preschool

Communication, Social Skills & Early Academics

- Strengthening language and communication skills
- Introduction to structured learning (circle time, group activities)
- Early literacy and number recognition
- Development of peer relationships and cooperative play
- Following directions and participating in classroom routines



Pre-Kindergarten

School Readiness & Academic Foundations

- Pre-reading skills: letter recognition, phonics awareness
- Early math concepts: counting, patterns, problem-solving
- Writing readiness: name recognition, tracing, pencil control
- Increased focus, independence, and task completion
- Structured learning with clear expectations and routines



Kindergaden

Elementary Readiness & Academic Confidence

- Strong focus on early reading, writing, and comprehension
- Math readiness: numbers, operations, and critical thinking
- Independent work habits and responsibility
- Classroom leadership, confidence, and self-regulation
- Preparation for successful transition into elementary school

LEARNING

Abeka Curriculum

Provides a strong academic foundation through structured, teacher-guided lessons in early literacy, mathematics, and essential school readiness skills.

Creative Learning & Teacher-Designed Instruction

Our teachers develop and implement hands-on, engaging learning experiences that reinforce core subjects while also covering areas not fully addressed in standard curriculum. This includes sensory activities, project-based learning, individualized instruction tailored to each classroom.

Theme-Based Learning

Integrated themes are used to connect subjects, deepen understanding, and make learning meaningful and memorable for students.

Together, this approach allows us to maintain academic rigor while providing flexibility, creativity, and developmentally appropriate learning experiences, ensuring that students are not only meeting—but exceeding early learning standards.

Our Enrichments

Performing Arts — Through our partnership with DC Foundation, students experience a variety of creative arts including American Sign Language (ASL), tap dance, tumbling, and acro dance, building confidence, coordination, expression, and communication.

Technology — Students enjoy age-appropriate computer and digital learning experiences, using educational software and interactive programs to strengthen early academics, problem-solving, and technology skills.

STEM Exploration — Our hands-on STEM experiences turn little learners into builders, thinkers, creators, and problem-solvers through construction, experiments, discovery activities, engineering challenges, and interactive learning.

More Than the Classroom — MCA enrichment is designed to give children opportunities to move, create, explore, discover, and develop new skills beyond traditional academics.

The Academy Experience

Uniforms



Students are required to wear uniforms daily during the school year. Uniform purchase information will be provided upon enrollment. School t-shirts are worn on Fridays, and Free Dress is held once a month. Uniforms are not required during the summer the summer months.

- Homework (daily/weekly as assigned)
- Projects & Learning Extensions
- Weekly Reading Assignments
- Classroom Behavior Guidance & Character Development
- Field Trips & Educational Outings
- Fundraisers & Community Support Events
- Student Progress Reports
- Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Student Performances & Presentations
- Parent Engagement Opportunities
- Spiritual Development
- Classroom Celebrations & Special Events
- Literacy & Academic Enrichment Activities

School Life

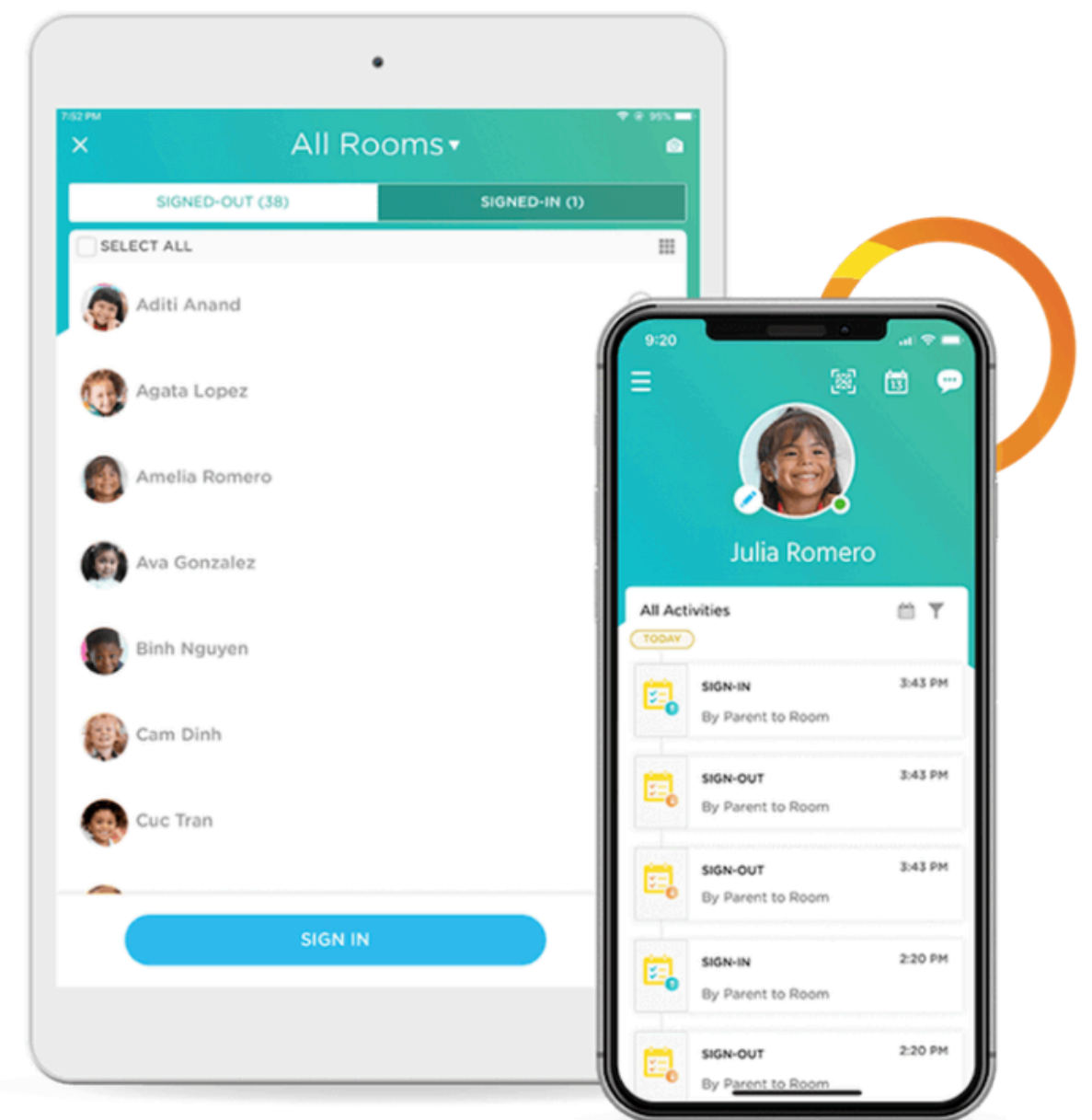
Rates & Fees

We are a private, year-round preschool. Tuition is based on enrollment and remains due regardless of attendance, holidays, or hours attended. Subsidy programs are accepted, but families are responsible for maintaining their own funding eligibility.

WEEKLY \$334.62
BI-WEEKLY PLAN \$669.23
MONTHLY PLAN \$1450

A one-time registration fee is due at initial enrollment, followed by an annual Class Transition Fee as students advance to the next classroom.

Registration \$500



Consistent communication throughout your child's day at school. Parents Tool for:

- Tuition payments
- Receiving documents
- Sign-In & Sign-Out
- Health Reports
- Pictures & Videos
- Incident Reports
- Reminders
- Messages to teachers or Admin



- Classroom Parent Representatives support communication between families and the school.
- Families are encouraged to volunteer and participate in school events, activities, and classroom support opportunities.
- Parents play an important role in fundraising efforts that help enhance programs and resources for our students.

Parent Involvement