

2024-2025

# Great Oaks Learning Microschool M-Th, 1 - 4

I'm excited you are interested in our Microschool for the 2024-2025 school year! Please look over the information below and let me know if you have additional questions!

## 2, 3 & 4 DAY OPTIONS

2 day - M/W or T/Th \$250/month

3 day - M/T/W or T/W/Th - \$370/month

4 day - M/T/W/Th - \$425/month

Sibling discount of 20%



## CURRICULUMS BEING CONSIDERED

- Easy Grammar
- Story of the World (history)
- The Good and the Beautiful (math)
- Science of Reading/Barton Reading
- Write Shop
- Science will be based off of student interest

Available for students to use at home:

- IXL
- Epic
- education.com

I strive to keep all lessons/curriculum secular so any faith-based lessons will be omitted from any of the above curriculums. These curriculums are subject to change based on student need.

A little about me - my name is Sarah Edwards and I am a licensed Special Education teacher. I have worked with many diverse learners from ages 2 - high school. I opted to leave the public schools two years ago when my own children required more of my attention than I could give them while serving in a self-contained special education classroom. I began Great Oaks Learning and it has morphed into something wonderful!

You may be asking what makes our microschool different? Very simply - it's all about the kids. You won't find stuffy lessons, the requirement to sit in chairs (in fact, we have gymnastic mats that most of the kids prefer to stretch out on), the reliance solely on assessments. I assess once a quarter (sometimes less) to make sure I know how to adjust my lessons and I provide families with that information and their proof of progress at the end of the year. No teaching commitment from the family is required - it's a drop off and pick up day. We focus on social skills and skills needed to be successful humans (public speaking, turn taking, being kind and respectful, etc). We play board games and create. We build robots and tell riddles. We read aloud and complete logic problems. The goal is to help these kids become well rounded individuals while remembering they are just that - kids. While we will do the occasional project that may need some work at home (very rare!), I don't believe in homework. Kids need time to be kids!



While I don't have a homeschooling background, I have brought on board Jody Luck who has been homeschooling and teaching in various co-ops for 20+ years. She brings a wealth of knowledge with her (and also went to school to become a teacher) and will be serving full time at GOL Microschool this coming year!

We have capped our enrollement at 20 students and will do whole group lessons as well as split them based on level. All learners are welcome. I have extensive experience (both professionally and personally) with neurodivergent, gifted and delayed learners. All will find a warm and welcoming environment at GOL.

We are currently meeting at Southside Ballet Studio, 1408 S. Church St., Smithfield.