

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

Monday/Wednesday/Friday Preschool Class
Wednesday, September 9, 2026, 8:45am-12:00pm

Tuesday/Thursday Preschool Class Tuesday, September
8, 2026, 8:45am-12:00pm

Class Schedule & Tuition

3-Year-Old Class
Monday, Wednesday, Friday
\$165 per month

4 & 5-Year-Old Class
Monday, Wednesday, Friday
\$165 per month

4 & 5-Year-Old Class
Tuesday & Thursday
\$115 per month

Registration Fee
\$45 Non-Refundable
registration Fee due at the time of registration.



OTTAWA YMCA Discovery Preschool 2026-2027

Open to 3,4, and 5 Year Olds

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NEW CURRICULUM FOR 2026!

We are excited to introduce our NEW “Play to Learn” Curriculum, a research-based program developed by YMCA early childhood experts and grounded in the latest child development research. This innovative curriculum reflects our commitment to providing high-quality early learning experiences that nurture the whole child.

At the heart of the Play to Learn Curriculum is a play-centered learning model, recognizing that young children learn best through purposeful, hands-on play. Through thoughtfully designed activities and experiences, children build essential cognitive, social, emotional, language, and physical skills in meaningful and engaging ways.

This curriculum emphasizes whole-child development, supporting school readiness while fostering confidence, resilience, creativity, and problem-solving skills. Our educators take an educator-led, child-informed approach, carefully observing children’s interests and intentionally designing environments that extend and deepen their learning.

A strong social-emotional foundation is central to the Play to Learn Curriculum. We prioritize belonging, relationship-building, empathy, and self-regulation—values that reflect the YMCA’s core principles and commitment to youth development.

We also believe that families are partners in a child’s learning journey. Through ongoing documentation and open communication, we ensure transparency and meaningful family engagement every step of the way.

The Play to Learn Curriculum aligns fully with the YMCA mission of promoting youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility—starting in early childhood. We are excited to begin this new chapter and look forward to seeing the positive impact it will have on our children, families, and staff.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

SWIMMING

Children participate in swimming once a week as part of our program.

SNACK & WATER

Please send a healthy snack and a labeled water bottle each day.

TOILET TRAINING

CHILDREN MUST BE FULLY POTTY TRAINED TO ATTEND.

ILLNESS POLICY

For the health and safety of all children, students must remain home if they have:

- A temperature of 100°F or higher
- Persistent runny nose or cough
- Rashes
- Any other signs of illness

Children must be symptom-free for 24 hours before returning to school.

PROGRAM HOURS

8:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

CLASS SCHEDULE

Monday, Wednesday and Friday or Tuesday and Thursday: 4 & 5-year-olds

Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 3-year-olds

CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT

We focus on the YMCA core values: Caring, Respect, Honesty, and Responsibility.

TUITION & FEES

- Tuition will be automatically withdrawn on the 1st of each month, beginning in September, using the card on file.
- A \$45 non-refundable registration fee is due at the time of registration.

LICENSING

This is a DCFS License-Exempt Program.