

# Preschool Camp

SUMMER 2020



In partnership with

Allen Creek  
Preschool 



# Allen Creek Preschool



Allen Creek Preschool supports the healthy growth of children in an environment that promotes emotional, intellectual, and interpersonal understanding. This collaborative endeavor on the part of children, teachers, parents, and family consultants provides a rich and unique early childhood experience. Allen Creek Preschool fosters creativity, independence, individuality, and respect for self and community. We teach effective ways to manage a range of feelings so that children gain emotional strength. We provide structures and experiences that both ground and stretch children and we value all modes of exploration, discovery, and expression.



## Emerson

### SCHOOL

A K-8 SCHOOL OF HIGHER LEARNING

We believe that school doesn't have to be boring; that if we challenge, excite, nurture, and engage the whole child, we can inspire a love of learning that will last a lifetime. Here, what's best for children drives the curriculum—not tests. It's where passionate educators are empowered to teach, and intimate classrooms are places of joy, exploration, and respect for one another. It's where bright students learn to tap into their curiosity and search for answers, rather than memorize them.

Emerson is a special environment where smart is cool, and classrooms are comprised of other gifted, unique peers who help and encourage each other to become their best. It's where bright students thrive, and we encourage you to learn more about how our school might benefit your child.





At Summer at Emerson, we believe each child is unique and deserves the highest quality programs we can offer to help them grow and develop. Our staff is committed to upholding the high standards of Emerson School and Allen Creek Preschool while challenging our campers to discover and enhance individual talents and creative abilities. Throughout our summer program, we give opportunities for each person to grow, explore, discover, create, imagine, play, and have fun!

*Summer at Emerson enrolls students without regard to race, sex, religion, national or ethnic origin, or physical handicap.*





## ABOUT

Summer at Emerson is excited to partner with Allen Creek Preschool to provide the opportunity for a quality camp experience for three, four, and five-year-olds. Camp is open to all students in this age range, regardless of school attended. We offer six individual weeks of half-day morning camps (9:15am-12:15pm) for preschoolers; register for as many weeks as you'd like.

*\* Please note that camp is not intended to be a child's first school experience.*

## Leadership

- Carly Meloche, *Summer at Emerson & Preschool Camp at Allen Creek Director*
- Catherine Audette, *Summer at Emerson & Preschool Camp at Allen Creek Assistant Director*
- Lorna Rankin, *Preschool Camp at Allen Creek Liaison*
- Jane Brolio, *Preschool Camp at Allen Creek Administrative Assistant*

## Contact and Information

- **Camp Location:** Allen Creek Preschool, 2350 Miller Avenue, Ann Arbor, MI 48103
- **Call or Text:** (734) 660-5108
- **Email:** [summer@emerson-school.org](mailto:summer@emerson-school.org)
- **Website:** [www.Emerson-School.org/Summer](http://www.Emerson-School.org/Summer)

## AGE LEVELS

Camps are designed for specific age levels as set by the instructors. You know your child best and can decide if he/she would be best served in a camp that is open to just one age or spanning two years. The age ranges are firm based on how old your child will be on June 22, 2020. Please note that a child who attends Young 5s during the 2019-2020 school year and is enrolling in Kindergarten in the 2020-2021 school year is eligible to participate in our preschool camps designed for five-year-olds.

## HELPFUL INFORMATION AND MORNING TRANSITIONS

Our goal at *Preschool Camp at Allen Creek* is for every camper to enjoy his/her experience at camp. If your child has any special considerations/accommodations which may help ease his/her transition into camp, please share this information with us during the registration process or by contacting the Summer Program Director at [summer@emerson-school.org](mailto:summer@emerson-school.org). This confidential information will only be shared with staff members in direct contact with your child, on an as-needed basis. We strive to get to know each camper and to make him/her comfortable with us; your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated.

We understand that transitions to new places can be difficult for many preschoolers and if your child isn't ready for you to leave in the morning, that is okay. We will work with our families to see what each child is comfortable with so that parents are not rushed out the door; rather if your child is having a tough time separating, parents are welcome to start camp in the classroom and/or remain in our library until feeling comfortable to leave.

## CAMP FEES, REGISTRATION, & PAYMENT

Half-day camp fees range from \$180-\$200, as noted with each camp's description. Camp fees are not pro-rated for any reason. Online registration begins at 7:00pm on February 3, 2020. A non-refundable deposit of \$25 per half-day camp plus a one-time registration fee of \$15 per camper is required at time of registration. We accept payment through electronic funds transfer, VISA, and MasterCard. All balances are due May 1, 2020. If camps are added after May 1st, payment in full is required at time of registration. All paper checks received will be processed electronically. There is a \$25 fee for returned checks and an \$8 fee for ACH errors. Camp confirmation will be emailed immediately after payment is processed.

## DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP

Each day, a parent/guardian must walk each camper inside and sign in on our iPads with a personalized identification number (PIN). This number will be emailed out to all parents the week before your child attends camp and will include a PIN for each adult that is authorized to pick up your child. At the end of each day, a parent/guardian must come into the building to use his/her PIN to sign out on our iPads and pick up their camper(s). Please do not share your PIN with anyone and if you need to add another person, email the Summer Director at [summer@emerson-school.org](mailto:summer@emerson-school.org), and that person will be assigned his/her own PIN.

The parking lot at Allen Creek is very small and will be busy at drop off and pick up time. Street parking is available just two blocks away on Franklin Street, and we ask all that are able to make the short walk to park there, leaving the few spaces at Allen Creek for families with special needs or infants.

## SPARE CLOTHES

Bring your child to camp in clothes he/she can play in and that you don't mind getting dirty. Exploration and creative play can get messy! Pack a complete change of clothes in your child's backpack each day just in case.

## SNACKS

Simple snacks with water are provided by *Preschool Camp at Allen Creek* daily. The campers will use this time to learn a variety of skills, such as serving themselves, pouring water, and taking turns listening to peers. Snacks are meant to be easy for kids to eat, and we try to stay away from the most common allergens. We will gladly help find a replacement snack for campers with food allergies, and campers are always welcome to bring snacks from home.

## SUNSCREEN

Apply sunscreen to your child before arriving at camp. Each camp will spend a portion of each day outside on the playground; if you'd like your child to wear a hat, just send it in! Summer at Emerson cannot supply sunscreen for any camper.

## CAMP WITHDRAWALS

Remaining balances, less deposit, will be refunded for withdrawals made before May 1, 2020. Those who withdraw after May 1st, 2020 are responsible for the full fee and refunds will not be processed. Exceptions will only be considered for medical circumstances with a note from a physician.

## WAITING LISTS

Many camps fill quickly, so register early. Once a camp is full, you may choose to join the online waiting list. There is no deposit to join a waiting list and you will be notified via email if a spot becomes available.



## OFF CAMPUS TRIPS

Two of our camps will go exploring off campus and will be navigating the Ann Arbor city bus to do so. Campers signed up for these camps are required to complete the online Field Trip Authorization Form online with registration.

## HEALTH FORM

Your child's health information is required to register for any camp at *Preschool Camp at Allen Creek*. Health information, including insurance information, will be collected online during registration. Please be sure to note if your child has any allergies, medically-necessary dietary restrictions, or needs to take medication while at camp.

## MEDICATION

Campers who require medication during camp hours must have a completed Medication Authorization Form on file (found in the Document Center online). Prescription medications require a physician's signature and all medications must be submitted to the Summer Office in their original containers. Medication will remain in the Summer Office and dispensed to campers as needed. This includes emergency medication for allergic reactions, prescription medications, and over-the-counter medications.

## ELECTRONICS AND TOYS

Campers should not bring electronics or toys from home with them to camp as they serve as distractions during camp time and could possibly be damaged. Please leave these items at home during camp.

## PHOTOGRAPHY

During camp, your child's photograph may be taken and possibly used in future *Summer at Emerson* publications, social media promotions, or advertisements. It is our policy not to publish children's names with their photos. Please contact the Summer Program Director in writing prior to your child attending camp if you do not want your child photographed.

## FAMILY PETS

Due to campers' allergies and fears, pets are not permitted in the building when dropping off or picking up your child at *Preschool Camp at Allen Creek*.

## FACILITIES

Allen Creek Preschool is located on the west side of Ann Arbor, on the north east corner of Maple Road and Miller Avenue. The air-conditioned classrooms were designed specifically for preschoolers, and the extensive outdoor space will be fully utilized by all camps this summer.

## STAFF

All camps are designed and run by a professional staff of caring and experienced teachers. *Summer at Emerson* and Allen Creek Preschool are fully licensed by the State of Michigan as child care providers and the majority of our staff members are CPR and First Aid certified.

## CAMP WEEKS AND HOURS

**Camp Hours:** 9:15am-12:15pm

- **Week 1:** June 22-26
- **Week 2:** June 29-July 3 NO CAMPS
- **Week 3:** July 6-10
- **Week 4:** July 13-17
- **Week 5:** July 20-24
- **Week 6:** July 27-31
- **Week 7:** August 3-7

*Please note there are no camps or activities available June 29-July 3; Preschool Camp at Allen Creek is closed this week.*

## ONLINE REGISTRATION

Registering for camp is an easy process through our online registration portal. Our online service is fast, safe, and simple:

1. Visit [Emerson-School.org/Summer](https://Emerson-School.org/Summer) or choose Summer at Emerson from under the About tab
2. Click on the Register Online link
3. Click on Create an Account and follow the on-screen steps

### Helpful Hints for Online Registration:

- Have your child's health and emergency information available as this is required for all campers.
- For our preschool camps, in order to properly place your child with his/her peers, in the "Grade Level" field, you will choose one of the following, based on how old your child will be on June 22, 2020:
  - PS 3: if your child will be three years old on June 22, 2020
  - PS 4: if your child will be four years old on June 22, 2020
  - PS 5: if your child will be five years old on June 22, 2020, and/or if your child is currently enrolled in a Young 5s program in the 2019-2020 school year and will attend Kindergarten in the 2020-2021 school year.
- To secure your child's spot in camp, a non-refundable deposit of \$25 per half-day camp plus a one-time registration fee of \$15 per camper is required at time of registration.
- Payments are accepted in the form of electronic check, VISA, or MasterCard.
- Balances for all camps are due May 1, 2020.
- If you have any questions, email, call, or text the Summer at Emerson office at [summer@emerson-school.org](mailto:summer@emerson-school.org) or 734-660-5108.











## WEEK 1 | JUNE 22-26

### **Math Munch (Ages 3-5)**

Calling all budding mathematicians! This camp is jam-packed with rich, multi-sensory activities that build your child's early math skills. The week will be full of hands-on crafts, art, and games! We call it math "munch" because YES! We will be munching foods to introduce campers to new mathematical concepts! Have you ever found the area of a rectangle by covering it with Cheez-Its? Have you ever graphed how many green, red, blue, and purple berries you get in your bowl of Cap'n Crunch? Math is delicious! Skills shared will include: counting, sorting, patterns, shapes, fractions, addition, subtraction, word problems, and money.

*Instructor: Liz May                      Fee: \$180                      Limit: 12*

### **In Our Garden (Ages 3-5)**

We will explore many aspects of the gardens: planting, tending, harvesting, dirt, worms, bugs, watering. There will be many songs about gardening and the outdoors in general that will be used throughout the week. We will have a little farmer's market, where we will pretend to sell produce.

*Instructor: Katie Chappell-Lakin                      Fee: \$180                      Limit: 12*

### **Exploring Ann Arbor: A Field Trip Camp (Ages: 4-5)**

*\*Recommended for children 4.5 years and older*

Come explore Ann Arbor with us! We will navigate the Ann Arbor bus system to explore some of the amazing sites around the city. The bus stop is only a block away! Depending on the weather, trips could include: West Park, the Arboretum, UMMA, the Natural History Museum, and AA District Library. Each trip would offer the opportunity for a variety of learning and adventures, from ecosystems and playgrounds to art pieces and even the library. Campers will experience the thrill of riding the bus (pulling the cord!) and the opportunity to build friendships along the way. We'll also spend time processing all we are seeing as we break for snack at each location. So many new sounds and sensations are fun to experience with friends and keep our campers engaged. Campers will return to the school at 12:30pm. They need to bring: a backpack, water bottle, change of clothes, footwear that can get wet, and a hat each day. This camp is also offered during Week 3.

*Instructors: Marcia Healey and Dina Stillings                      Fee: \$200                      Limit: 12*

## WEEK 3 | JULY 6-10

### **Camping in my Backyard (Ages 3-5)**

What does it mean to go camping with your family? What would you take along? How could you cook your food? As we pretend to go camping, we will create our very own campground, "cook" some food for snack, and take hikes to see the sights.

*Instructor: Midge Wakefield                      Fee: \$180                      Limit: 12*

## **Parle-Vous Francais? (Ages 3-5)**

Ever wondered how you would say something in French? Join us at French Camp! Using a dual-language approach, campers will be introduced to the language and culture of the City of Lights! Our days will center on building vocabulary through games, songs, stories, and arts and crafts. Preschool is the perfect time to expose children to a second language; research points to cognitive benefits like strong math conceptualization, problem-solving, and verbal skills. Come join us for a week of cultural diversity, and empower your young ones to embrace the multicultural world they will one day be running! Skills shared will include: numbers, letters, colors, body parts, family, food, and animals.

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*Fee: \$200*

*Limit: 12*

## **WEEK 4 | JULY 13-17**

### **Outer Space (Ages 3-5)**

Join us as we explore the wonders of outer space! Projects include recycled material rocket ships, sparkly stars, Model Magic planets, textured paint moons, a watercolor Earth, and more! Campers will use tempera paint, watercolors, oil pastels, Model Magic, cardboard tubes, construction paper, ribbon, and other art materials to create their art. We will also read some super stories related to our Outer Space theme.

*Instructor: Debbie Weldon*

*Fee: \$180*

*Limit: 12*

### **What Can We Find in the Deep Blue Sea? (Ages: 3- 4)**

Have you ever wondered if something might have lived inside a seashell? Or why sharks have so many teeth? Why do fish have scales instead of fur? We will explore many kinds of shells, paint sea pictures with sponge brushes, and make imprints of fish in clay. We might just have to do a little fishing while we flex our muscles playing outside.

*Instructor: Midge Wakefield*

*Fee: \$180*

*Limit: 12*



## **Studio Time with Ms. Stillings (Ages 4-5)**

This camp is based on "Open Studio" at Allen Creek Preschool! Children will work with many kinds of materials: paint, clay, natural and found materials. In Studio Time, we foster independence and self expression. Sketch books and smocks are provided. This camp is also offered Week 5.

*Instructor: Dina Stillings      Fee: \$180      Limit 12*

## **WEEK 5 | JULY 20-24**

### **The Mighty Jungle (Ages 3-5)**

Join us as we explore the jungle and learn about many of the creatures who live there! Projects include mini jungle dioramas, animal masks, hand-print elephants, paper snakes, painted toucans, and more! Campers will use tempera paint, watercolors, oil pastels, Model Magic, construction paper, ribbon, and other art materials to create their art. We will also read some super stories related to our Mighty Jungle theme.

*Instructor: Debbie Weldon      Fee: \$180      Limit: 12*

### **From Parfaits to Mud-pies (Ages 3-5)**

Come join us for a bonanza of cooking. Have you ever wondered how to make ice cream? Or fancy parfaits? We'll cook our own snacks and maybe even play with some food! Outside we will explore special recipes for mud-pies and even create some food for the birds.

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## **WEEK 6 | JULY 27-31**

### **Pets Galore! (Ages 3-5)**

The classroom will be fully stocked with all the props needed to play pet shop, veterinary, and animal family. We will sing songs and read stories about dogs, cats, fish, and even turtles.

*Instructor: Lorna Rankin      Fee: \$180      Limit: 12*

## Let's Move I (Ages 3-5)

Are you energetic and ready to learn? We will explore ways to identify and make letters through play! Kids will be involved in various games and activities that are physical, creative, and hands-on. Run, jump, and throw—It's time to learn and grow!

*Instructor: Madeline DeLucenay      Fee: \$180      Limit: 12*

## On Our Way (Ages 4-5)

We will learn lots of songs about vacation: transportation, suitcases, lodging, camping, etc. We will explore the experience of going on vacation through all the senses.

*Instructor: Katie Chappell-Lakin      Fee: \$180      Limit: 12*

## WEEK 7 | AUGUST 3-7

### Small World Play (Ages 3-5)

This camp is all about imagination that can fit in the palm of your hand. Multiple stations of the classroom will be stocked with dollhouses, castles, small blocks, tiny cars, little people, and animals. Create your own dollhouse sized props and characters you can take home with you. Each day you'll watch the instructor act out a classic book or story with little characters and you'll sing songs with the help of our tiny props.

*Instructor: Lorna Rankin      Fee: \$180      Limit: 12*

### Let's Move II (Ages 3-5)

Are you energetic and ready to learn? We will explore ways to identify, create, and count numbers through play! Kids will be involved in various games and activities that are physical, creative, and hands-on. Run, jump, and throw—It's time to learn and grow!

*Instructor: Madeline DeLucenay      Fee: \$180      Limit: 12*

### Let's Make it Together (Ages 4-5)

We will make lots of collaborative art, including media such as handwork, songwriting, multi-step group paintings, etc. Be prepared to get messy and to have fun.

*Instructor: Katie Chappell-Lakin      Fee: \$180      Limit: 12*







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