



MindGarden Learning Parent Handbook



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Gentle Learning for Growing
Hearts & Minds



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1. Welcome

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to MindGarden Learning! We're delighted to partner with you in nurturing your child's wonder, connection, and curiosity. This handbook serves as your evergreen reference for program details, policies, and resources. Please bookmark it and check for updates each summer.

With warmth,
The MindGarden Team

2. Mission & Vision

Mission

To cultivate wonder, curiosity, and secure relationships through a rich, Charlotte-Mason-inspired feast of living ideas.

Vision

Children who leave MindGarden carry lifelong curiosity, resilient attachment roots, and stewardship for the natural world.

3. Program Overview

Days & Hours

Mondays & Wednesdays • 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Ages Served

6 – 9 years (sibling exceptions for ages 4–5 with readiness check).

Location

Jungle Fun Center, Hixson, TN

Tuition & Fees

Annual Registration Deposit	\$50 (credited to first month)
Monthly Tuition – First Student	\$215
Monthly Tuition – Sibling	\$190
Supply Fee	\$25 (covers shared consumables)



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4. Educational Philosophy

Our approach weaves together three strands:

- Charlotte Mason “Feast of Ideas” – short, living lessons and nature study
- Attachment-based Development – relationships and co-regulation first
- Polyvagal-informed Practice – calm nervous systems invite learning

5. Daily Rhythm

Below is our typical schedule; times may flex a few minutes.

Time	Monday	Wednesday
9:00 – 9:20	Greeting • Poetry	Greeting • Poetry
9:20 – 10:00	History + Creative Play	Geography + Creative Play
10:00 – 11:10	Natural History • Show & Tell • Nature Drawing	Natural History • Art / Journaling
11:15 – 11:25	Composer Study	Picture Study
11:30 – 12:00	Lunch	Lunch
12:00 – 12:30	Folk Songs & Foreign Language	Folk Songs & Foreign Language
12:30 – 1:15	Handicrafts	Handicrafts
1:15 – 2:00	Free Play & Clean-up	Free Play & Clean-up

6. Subjects & Methods

History & Geography

Living narratives, map work, dramatic play

Natural History & Nature Study

Observation, journaling, indoor soil trays, weekly “Nature Show & Tell”

Poetry & Recitation

Classics that nurture language and memory

Composer & Picture Study

One composer/artist per term; narration & discussion

Handicrafts

Clay, sewing, weaving, origami

Music & Folk Songs + Spanish

Singing for ear training and cultural awareness

Free Play & Community

Unstructured play and social growth



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7. Policies & Procedures

Attendance & Punctuality

Drop-off 8:50–9:05 am. Pick-up 1:55–2:05 pm. Please text if running late.

Illness

Children must be fever-free for 24 hrs and symptom-free of stomach bugs for 48 hrs before returning.

Behaviour & Emotional Support

We guide through connection, not sticker charts or time-outs. Teachers co-regulate and support emotional processing.

Younger Siblings

Ages 4–5 may enroll with an older sibling if readiness criteria are met.

Communication

Weekly recap email plus announcements in our private Facebook group.

8. Supply List

Reusable items stay at the learning center unless noted.

- Nature Journal – 8½"×11" mixed-media spiral
- Drawing Pencils (HB-6B) – Home & class crossover
- Colored or Watercolor Pencils – 24-count minimum
- Glue Stick & Kid-Safe Scissors (labeled)
- Handicraft Kit – provided from supply fee
- Water Bottle – leak-proof, labeled
- Indoor Shoes – soft soles
- Change of Clothes – in a zip bag

9. Contact Information

Email: hello@mindgardenlearning.com

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Location: Jungle Fun Center – 6503 Hixson Pike, Suite 105-C, Hixson, TN 37343