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The Learning Center is a laboratory school serving the College of Education and Human Development. It provides a range of experiences for college students in early childhood and family services, education, and other related fields. Students in practicum courses use the facilities to observe young children and learn how to interact with them.

The children's activities are often photographed, videotaped, or recorded to support faculty research and for teaching purposes.

An observation booth with a separate entrance is built into the facility. Parents are always welcome to observe the activities taking place in the Learning Center.

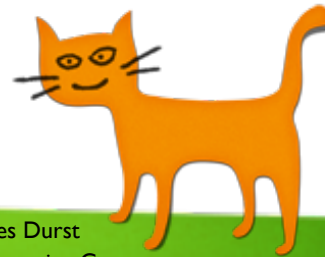
The Learning Center has been serving the needs of young children for over 80 years.

The Learning Center calendar follows the University of Maine calendar.

Registration

Early applications are recommended due to an extensive waiting list. You may request an application by calling the Human Development and Family Studies program office at 207-581-3119. The Learning Center is committed to providing a program that welcomes and respects cultural, physical, economic, and religious differences.

The Learning Center is sponsored by Human Development and Family Studies, College of Education and Human Development.



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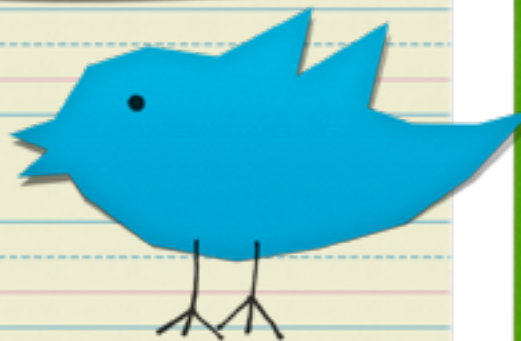


KATHERINE MILES DURST
**CHILD DEVELOPMENT
LEARNING CENTER**



**PreKindergarten &
Nursery School**

The University of Maine
College of Education & Human Development
118 Merrill Hall
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PROGRAMS

PreKindergarten

- A program designed for children 4 - 5 1/2 years old
- Children attend four afternoons a week, Monday-Thursday, from 12:30-3:00 PM
- Individual and small group learning activities planned around children's interests

Nursery School

- A multiage program designed for children aged 33 months - 4 1/2 years
- Children can attend four mornings a week (Monday-Thursday) or two mornings a week (Monday & Wednesday) or (Tuesday & Thursday) from 9:00-11:00 AM
- Individual and small group learning activities planned around children's interests
- Ratio of adults includes one teacher for every group of eight children

Fees per semester are

\$100.00 for 2 days

\$200.00 for 4 days

Infant/Toddler Program

- Children can attend once a week with parent and/or guardian (Wednesday or Thursday) from 9:30-10:30 AM
- Play-based environment with weekly focus on a variety of topics based on children's and parent's interests
- Infant/Toddler program is free of charge

Goals

- Provide a child-centered environment, inviting independent and group learning through exploration and investigation.
- Provide a variety of experiences, materials, and activities that include opportunities for both concrete and abstract learning.
- Develop autonomy by providing a flexible schedule in an inclusive environment where children may make choices, meet success, and develop independence.

- Provide a planned curriculum which will contribute to the total development of each child in the following areas:

Creativity: self expression, imagination, questioning, problem solving

Cognition: communicating, listening, comprehension, phonological awareness, print concepts, early writing, numbers and number sense, patterns, shapes, scientific process and knowledge, decision making

Social Skills: cooperation, sharing, taking turns, leadership, problem solving

Emotional: self control, self concept, social competence

Physical: gross motor and fine motor skills, healthy habits

