



## CAMBRIDGE SCHOOL

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### Welcome to the Cambridge School!

My name is Victoria Morton and I am the owner of this privately-held, state-of-the-art preschool for children six weeks to six years of age. My husband and I opened Cambridge School in 2005 with a goal of providing the best value in quality early childhood education to the residents of Chesterfield and St. Louis County. We wanted to create a small family community where the children feel just as secure as they do at home.



We explored many options for a facility and after careful consideration, decided to build a school from the ground up that was right-sized and built specifically for preschoolers. Converting an old elementary school or a house into a preschool just didn't create the proper environment or meet the specific needs of young preschool children. For example, we have boy and girl restroom in every preschool room; this means that teachers never leave the class unattended to assist a child, children do not wander the halls unescorted, and the class is never taken to the bathroom on a schedule. Another example is the multi-purpose room that was built to just the right size for this age group; it is used for many small group activities, including gym, music, dance, and Spanish. The inclusion of a laundry room in the design means we can launder the children's bedding so you don't need to take it home. These are just some of the many amenities built into this state-of-the-art school that elevate operational and safety standards.

Cambridge School is conveniently located in the Chesterfield Valley, providing easy access for Highway 40 commuters. We are located on a low traffic street, one block off of Long Road. The kids love having the Fire Department as a neighbor. The school's central location also provides many places nearby for learning opportunities: the teachers and children just climb into our 14-seat preschool bus (equipped with seat belts) and in five minutes they are in Faust Park at the Butterfly House or at other nearby attractions.

Director Karen Tainter and I maintain a high standard of quality, early learning education based on many years of classroom teaching experience. We are teachers who operate a preschool rather than investors who purchased a franchise. If you want to talk to the owner, I am at the school every day. All of the tuition you pay is put back into the school in the form of teacher salaries, benefits, and school supplies. You are not paying out-of-state franchise and marketing fees to a franchisor.

At Cambridge School, we offer a unique learning environment, a nurturing place that encourages children to explore their own active learning abilities. We support early childhood learning philosophies that stress the importance of play, hands-on learning and whole child development. We use a center-based curriculum that is recognized and taught by the University of Missouri. The children explore the centers and develop language skills, pre-reading, basic math concepts, and science through a thematic, center-based environment. Our teachers facilitate large group, small group, and individual learning opportunities. Here, the children engage in creative questioning and problem-solving. They learn to share with each other. They form interpersonal communication skills. And they discover and expand their world through a truly interactive environment.



The kindergarten readiness program features a pre-K curriculum that is based on the expectations of local Missouri school systems. Our students consistently score in the top percentile of the Rockwood Developmental Screening evaluations. Cambridge School enables children to love learning and prepares them to be successful in school.

As part of our curriculum, Cambridge School includes enrichment activities at no additional cost. Our staff of teachers cross-teach each other's classes in their specialties, which also enhances the community. The Spanish teacher is fluent in Spanish. The music teacher has taught preschool music for 20 years. The gym teacher guides the children in age-appropriate fitness in the multi-purpose room or outside on natural grass on one of our expansive playgrounds.

Computer skills are taught as an age appropriate activity in the classroom where children play educational computer games, interact together, and learn to take turns. Basic keyboard skills are acquired quickly through individual and small group instruction. The children love the math and search games. Computer labs with a formal classroom setting are for elementary school.

We also offer optional after school activities at additional cost in which you may choose to have your child participate. They include Gym Bus, which is taught by a qualified preschool gymnastics teacher and Dance with a professional dance studio instructor. The school does not receive any portion of the fee – this is strictly a service provided by the school.

Cambridge School is well-known for having the best preschool summer school program in the area. It's not bragging if it's true! The camp is theme-based with enrichment activities that include field trips and tours. There are reading and education projects, arts and crafts, sporting activities, community service projects, and entertainment. In addition to the on-campus activities, our licensed school bus drivers and teachers take the preschool children to swimming lessons, the movie theater, picnics at local parks, tours like the Butterfly House, and the local library, most of which are within a five minutes of the school. Parents are always welcome to accompany the children. Please take a look at the complete Summer Program under the "Programs" tab of the website.

At Cambridge School, children get the support they need to spread their wings, allowing them to go further and achieve higher success in life's many lessons to come. And they have fun doing it!

I look forward to meeting you in person. To learn more, please contact me at 636-536-4653 to schedule a tour.

Sincerely,

Victoria Morton  
Owner