Overview
The Small Wonder Program provides a wonderful opportunity for young children to participate in a rich classroom environment and establish a positive first school experience with the participation of a parent or caregiver.

Between the ages of one and two-and-a-half, toddlers are growing and changing in ways that will impact their learning potential for the rest of their lives. Small Wonder encourages active learning and meaningful engagement with others, which strengthens language development, ignites curiosity, develops problem-solving skills, and builds confidence in a nurturing, lively, and creative environment.

Curriculum and Content
Academic learning is integrated with hands-on exploration while addressing each child’s social and emotional development. The curriculum for Small Wonder focuses on each area of children’s growth, taking into consideration the development of skills, creative expression, language, and social relations. Through our whole child and sensory approach, children are encouraged to use every aspect of their senses and bodies to gain knowledge of the world in which they live.

The familiar classroom environment provides structure and guidance while allowing children to explore. In each class, they will meet new friends, learn to share, and build language and listening skills. Small Wonder helps young students acquire an understanding of preschool life and develop a lifelong love of learning.

In each Small Wonder class, the children are exposed to new materials and possibilities. Daily group activities include art, music, circle time, story time, and gym play. This integrated curriculum explores concepts and themes appropriate to both the seasons and the children’s developmental growth.

Role of the Teacher
The Small Wonder teacher is a facilitator in the classroom, encouraging child-initiated activities and play. With backgrounds in music and theater as well as early childhood development, our teachers provide a musically rich environment, stimulate creative discovery, and bring stories to life in a way that will captivate young listeners’ imaginations. Growups are sure to have fun, too! In a Small Wonder classroom, you will find moms, dads, grandmas, grandpas, and caregivers playing and dancing along with our young students. Adult participation is a vital part of Small Wonder, allowing children the freedom to take risks while knowing they are fully supported by a beloved grownup.

Especially for Small Wonder Students and Their Families
Open gym times: Throughout each semester, our Small Wonder campus will host open gym times for exclusive use by enrolled Small Wonder students and their parent or caregiver.

On select days and times, our Preschool Director or Associate Director will lead “open forum” discussions for parents or caregivers. Discussions will take place in the Small Wonder classrooms – children are welcome, as a Small Wonder or preschool teacher will be on hand to help!

Private playgroups: Parents of currently enrolled Small Wonder students can reserve a classroom for hour-long private playgroups (up to 10 adult-child pairs) Monday through Friday, between 1-3 pm, at a low hourly rate. Playgroup hosts are welcome to bring a nut- and seed-free snack for their friends to enjoy.

All classroom toys will be made available, including playdough and/or an art project. One of our Small Wonder teachers is available for story/song time, if requested.