About
Our School

Our Philosophy: Our goal is to facilitate each child's learning and to realize his or her full potential by emphasizing social, physical, mental and academic development through hands-on engaging experiences.

Our Curriculum: The Program has adopted the Creative Curriculum which is aligned to Ohio's Early Learning Content Standards. Daily activities and lesson plans will include:

- A balance of quiet and active activities
- A balance of child-initiated and teacher-directed activities
- A variety of activities that motivate children to explore and learn through their play
- A variety of activities to support the development of social skills

Curriculum areas include:

- Social-Emotional Development
- Approaches to Learning
- Cognitive Development and General Knowledge (including math, science and social studies)
- Language and Literacy Development
- Physical Well-Being and Motor Development

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HEARTLAND EARLY LEARNING PROGRAMS



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Heartland Early Learning Programs

2026-2027

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Early Learning Programs

Complete application required via Final Forms platform

- Available April 6, 2026.
- Online application and all paperwork due May 22, 2026 to OES or BOE office.
- Enrollment notification no later than June 28, 2026.

Program Description

We are serving students ages 3-4-5 in a 2 class design to meet the developmental needs of each level

3 & 4 Year Old Class: The design of our 3 & 4 year old class is to reach students at an early developmental age. The intent is for our students to enroll in our programs the following year, allowing our students to experience 2-3 years of preschool prior to Kindergarten. Students must be 3 by August 18, 2026. They will meet M-Th from 8:50-11:20 am. Maximum capacity = 22; teacher/student ratio 1:11.

Kindergarten Prep Class: Students must be 4 by August 18, 2026 and will enroll in Kindergarten the next year (see handbook for individual recommendations regarding repeating the K-Prep class). We will meet 4 days, M-Th from 12:40-3:10 pm. Maximum capacity = 22; teacher/student ratio 1:11.



Important Information

- 1st student day for classes will be August 24th, 2026
- After the 1st day, calendar follows Orrville City Schools (excluding Fridays). The last day is May 20th for all programs.
- Monthly fees (income-based rate between $10.00-90.00) are due no later than the 25th of each month, or can be paid semi-annually/annually. All fees will be accepted at OES and made payable to OES.
- Arrival and dismissal for parent transport will be at Door C3. Arrival and Dismissal plans will be shared at Open House.
- Open House: August 20th
  3 & 4 Year Old Class: 5:00-5:30
  Kindergarten Prep Class: 6:00-6:30
- *ALL students must be potty trained and must live in the Orrville City Schools district.

Daily Schedule Sample:

3 & 4 Year Old Class:

Arrival/Circle Time

Learning Stations

Indoor/Outdoor Gross Motor

Snack

Clean Up Time

Closing Circle Time

Dismissal

K Prep

Arrival/Circle Time

Learning Stations

Indoor/Outdoor Gross Motor

Snack

Clean Up Time

Closing Circle Time

Dismissal (with OES)

