



# SUMMER 2026 PRESCHOOL FAQs

## F.M. Kirby Children's Center of the Madison Area YMCA

### 1. What are my options for Summer 2026?

Families will have two options this summer:

- **Preschool Summer Session** – a 10-week program following the Creative Curriculum with your child's same classroom and teachers.
- **Preschool Summer Day Camp** (MiniQuest)– a camp experience led by trained YMCA Camp staff, with swimming, Fun Fridays, and themed activities located at the F.M. Kirby Children's Center.

### 2. How do the two programs differ?

The **Preschool Summer Session** provides consistency and routine, keeping children with their same teachers and classrooms.

**MiniQuest Summer Day Camp** offers a more traditional camp experience with enriching activities, some new faces, and swimming twice a week.

### 3. What are the hours for each program?

- **Preschool Summer Session:** 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- **MiniQuest Full-Day Camp:** 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
  - Drop-off from 8-8:45 a.m. and pickup from 4:30-5 p.m.
  - Before- and after-care are available (at an additional fee).
- **MiniQuest Half-Day Camp:** 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
  - Drop-off from 8-8:45 a.m. and pickup from 12:30-12:45p.m.

### 4. Where are the programs held?

All preschool programs are held on-site at the **F.M. Kirby Children's Center** of the Madison Area YMCA.

### 5. Can my child participate in both programs?

No. Families will need to select either the **Preschool Summer Session** for the full 10-week summer session or **MiniQuest** Summer Day Camp.



## **6. How long is the Preschool Summer Session?**

The **Preschool Summer Session** runs for **10 consecutive weeks**. Families must enroll for the full session to ensure consistency for students and staff.

## **7. Will my child have swimming in the Preschool Summer Session?**

No, swimming is not part of the Preschool Summer Session. However, there will be **waterplay activities** incorporated into the weekly schedule.

## **8. Will enrichment classes at the Family Center be available?**

No. Enrichment classes at the Family Center (such as dance, gymnastics, or sports) will pause during the summer to allow staff and families to focus on summer programs.

## **9. My child will be a returning student in the fall. Will we lose our spot if we don't attend in the summer?**

No. Returning students will have their classroom spots held for the new school year if they do not participate in summer programming.

## **10. When does registration open?**

Registration for **MiniQuest Camp** and **Preschool Summer Session** will open in **January 2026**.

## **11. What about toddlers and children moving up to preschool?**

Toddlers and Young 3s will **transition into new classrooms by the end of June**.

- Families will receive **at least one month's notice** before any classroom transitions and children will be supported through the process.

## **12. What if I have questions or need help deciding which option is best?**

Our staff is here to help! Please reach out to your child's teacher or contact the **Kirby Center Administrative Office** at **973-377-4945** to discuss your family's needs and find the best fit.