



## **La Petite Academy Educational Offering**

The team of internal experts at La Petite Academy – who have more than 50 years of combined experience in early childhood education – spent over 12 months developing the company’s Journey™ curriculum. It follows the early learning goals outlined by national accrediting associations and was designed around feedback from industry experts across the country.

The Journey curriculum takes a total approach to learning and begins with the five main areas of development: language, cognitive, socio-emotional, physical and creativity arts. Our teachers create age appropriate lesson plans and themes from over 7,500 suggested activities that focus on a specific learning objective, spanning the full breads of early childhood domains.

In every La Petite Academy classroom, you will find a hands-on approach to learning with a balance of child-chosen experiences that occur in our Learning Centers mixed with teacher-directed group learning experiences. Our Learning Centers foster independence, problem-solving and curiosity by allowing children to choose their own activities and experiment with materials in different ways.

This is because research has proven that children learn best when they experiment with concepts themselves – such as understanding shapes by playing with blocks or building vocabulary and social skills associated with acting out an airport scene in a play. So the concept of “learning through play” is emphasized throughout our program, though our teachers still focus ample energy on kindergarten readiness skills and academic achievements.

Unique to the La Petite Academy Journey curriculum is our Kids of Character program. It provides meaningful ways for children to develop positive character traits such as teamwork, kindness, honesty, respect and perseverance. There are more than 250 character development activities and areas of focus, with a different trait reviewed each month of the school year.

Finally, to ensure that children enrolled in our Journey curriculum are learning at the appropriate pace and are prepared for school, La Petite Academy utilizes Galileo technology to monitor children’s progress. Through these ongoing, observation-based assessments we are able to continually tailor and improve our program to meet the unique needs of each individual child.

At La Petite Academy, we are committed to moving your child ahead developmentally, getting him ready for school and teaching him important social skills in an environment that is warm, nurturing and fun. We make sure that your child truly enjoys the Journey ... every step of the way!

For more information on La Petite Academy, please visit [www.lapetite.com](http://www.lapetite.com).

## **About Learning Care Group, Inc.**

Headquartered in Novi, Mich., Learning Care Group, Inc. provides early education and care services to children between the ages of six weeks and 13 years under its umbrella of brands: The Children’s Courtyard, Childtime Learning Centers, La Petite Academy, Montessori Unlimited and Tutor Time Child Care / Learning Centers.

Between these five brands, Learning Care Group has more than 1,000 schools (corporate and franchise) with a system-wide capacity to service close to 156,000 children in the U.S. and internationally. Today, the company is the second largest for-profit child care provider in North America.

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