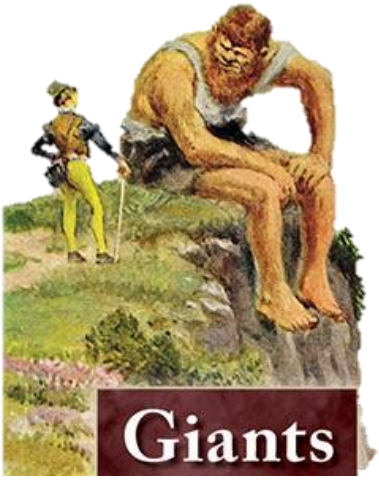

A Child's Garden

Giants Summer Program Curriculum

The curriculum is based on the philosophy of Rudolf Steiner, who believed that the main goal of any educational program should be to honor and protect the wonder of childhood, resulting in a lifelong love of learning. Waldorf pedagogy addresses the whole child: head, heart and hands where learning begins with an encounter, which leads to experience and then a conceptual understanding. These three steps (perception, feeling and thinking) prepare the intellect of the child for abstract and conceptual learning in the adolescent.

A day in the Giants program includes extensive outdoor time, exploring and learning about the wonders of nature. Children will be immersed in the countries they are studying through learning the language, writing, dress, music, and experiencing other cultural traditions. Many of these activities will be adapted for outdoor play, and will include water play, gardening, and nature exploration.

The program is for children 6 to 9 years old, with the option of 3, 4, or 5 days a week. It is 4 hours per day, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, and includes a health snack (provided by the school) and lunch (provided by the family). The Giants class is a great way for older siblings of current students to attend A Child's Garden and share in the Summer program activities.

Daily Rhythm

9:00 a.m.	Arrival and free play
10:00	Snack
10:30	Activity
11:15	Outdoor/Water activity
12:00 p.m.	Quiet time and story
12:30	Lunch
1:00	Parent pickup

Weekly Rhythm

Monday	Games
Tuesday	Painting
Wednesday	Sculpting
Thursday	Craft
Friday	Drawing

School Hours

School hours are from 7:45 a.m. to 5:45 p.m.

Extended care is available every day for those who need it, and will include inside and outside time.