New Canaan Nature Center

Little Explorers – Winter Spring January 11-May 14, 2027
REGISTRATION BEGINS on November 2, 2026

A caregiver and child program

An introduction for young children to the natural and social world. Children, caregivers, and classmates will explore the environment where they play and discover the cycles of the seasons. Children and caregivers will learn about all that Mother Nature has to offer.

Our Little Explorers class is for caregivers with children aged 18 months to 36 months. The class meets once a week for 1 1/2 hours. Little Explorers time helps to improve social skills for young children and acclimates them to a group setting with the comfort of their caregiver nearby. Caregivers meet other caregivers in the area, which enables them to form new friendships and gain support from each other. During our group time, the children engage in free play in an outdoor space designed for our youngest members. The teacher then leads the group in circle time with movement, songs, and a puppet story. Then we go for a nature walk on our 40 acres of trails to discover new adventures. Then at the end of our time together, we sing a goodbye song.

Children attend one day per week. The program is offered Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday-Friday

PROGRAM TIME: 9:15 am – 10:45 am **PROGRAM COST**: Mon: $788 Tues/Wed/Thurs: $840 Fri: $788

MONDAY: January 11-May 10, 2027
No class January 18 (Martin Luther King Day) February 15 (Pres. Day/Winter Recess) April 12 (Spring Break)
Dates: January 11, 25 February 1, 8, 22 March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 April 5, 19, 26 May 3, 10, 17 (15 weeks)

TUESDAY: January 12-May 11, 2027
No class February 16 (Winter Recess) April 13 (Spring Break)
Dates: January 12, 19, 26 February 2, 9, 23 March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 April 6, 20, 27 May 4, 11, 18 (16 weeks)

WEDNESDAY: January 13-May 12, 2027
No class February 17 (Winter Recess) April 13 (Spring Break)
Program Dates: Jan. 13, 20, 27 Feb. 3, 10, 24 March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 April 7, 21, 28, May 5, 12, 19 (16 weeks)

THURSDAY: January 14-May 13, 2027
No class February 18 (Winter Recess) April 15 (Spring Break)
Program Dates: Jan. 14, 21, 28 Feb. 4, 11, 25, March 4, 11, 18, 25 April 1, 8, 22, 29 May 6, 13, 20 (16 weeks)

FRIDAY: January 15-May 14, 2027
No class February 19 (Winter recess) Marcy 26 (Good Friday) April 16 (Spring Break)
Program Dates: January 15, 22, 29 Feb. 5, 12, 26 March 5, 12, 19 April 2, 9, 23, 30 May 7, 14 (15 weeks)