

# Morning Star

## Frequently Asked Questions

Below you will find answers to questions most often asked by new parents exploring the possibility of enrolling their child at Morning Star. If you have any question not listed please call: 719-486-1041 or send us an e-mail: [mslearningcenter@gmail.com](mailto:mslearningcenter@gmail.com). We are happy to assist in any way!

### **Will my child be challenged?**

Learning is very important to us at Morning Star. Our teachers keep up-to-date with current research in cognitive development and appropriate teaching techniques for young children. Each day Morning Star teachers offer their students a wide variety of learning experiences—all taught in a fun, creative, and “hands-on” method.

### **Is this an academic based program?**

Young children need learning experiences that will provide a foundation for future academic success. Morning Star teachers integrate mathematics, pre-reading (including letter and sound recognition), vocabulary development, science, and writing into their curriculum planning. Pond life, dinosaurs, community helpers, oceans, and farms are just a sample of the interesting and educational themes taught at Morning Star.

### **What are the qualifications of your teachers?**

Our teachers are dedicated to providing the highest quality of care for young children. Our lead teachers have previous early childhood training and experience. The director and owner, Jane Horning, holds a Masters degree in Early Childhood Education and Administration from Nova Southeastern University, Florida. Kristina DeVargas, director of the Child Care Center, earned a degree in Early Education from Colorado Mountain College and is Large Center Director certified by the State of Colorado. Our teachers and directors attend conferences and workshops to discover and learn additional creative ideas to use in the classroom.

### **What will my child do during the day?**

Children at Morning Star are active and busy! In the morning the children participate in a circle time (stories, songs, fingerplays), center activities (table games, science, language, or math activity), art or craft project, snack, and outdoor play on our playground. An afternoon rest time is followed by another snack, craft projects, stories, and more outdoor play.

### **Do the children go on field trips?**

The children participate on walking field trips around Leadville. Our toddlers ride along in our strollers and wagons. We plan numerous field trips to other locations. Parents are notified in advance of any trips involving transportation and are welcome to join us.

### **Do you provide lunch?**

Morning Star provides two healthy snacks each day. Parents send lunch from home for their child. Milk is served with lunch. Teachers microwave food as needed.

### **Are you open in the summer?**

Morning Star operates on a year-around schedule. Closed only on major holidays.

### **May I enroll my child on a part-time basis?**

Children may attend Morning Star two to five days a week.

### **How do you communicate with parents?**

Morning Star is linked into an Internet site called Kinderstreet. Parents link to [www.kinderstreet.net/parentpoint](http://www.kinderstreet.net/parentpoint) to enter their child's secure site. Parents may view their child's general information, emergency contacts, and tuition. Emails are sent out weekly to all our families.

*Our primary aim is to serve the families in the Lake County community by providing the highest quality of care possible. We want you to tell us your concerns and ideas. We are continually seeking ways to improve the safety of our center, curriculum, and care. Thank you for your interest in Morning Star.*