



# IU Southeast Children's Center

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## New Curriculum

As early childhood educators and advocates, we strive to provide children in our care with the best possible learning environment. Our ultimate goal is for children to become competent, eager learners with a focus on having all the necessary tools for school and have a readiness for kindergarten. Thus, the center is reviewing several high-quality preschool curricula to continue our objective in preparing all children for future success in school.

We plan to implement a nationally known program for preschoolers (ages 4 – 5) to ensure we are meeting Indiana Department of Education standards for kindergarten readiness.

A few being reviewed are:

- HighReach Learning
- Highscope
- Handwriting Without Tears
- And more

## First time EVER!

The Children's Center will be open during Springbreak! Hours will be Monday – Friday, 7:00 am – 6:00 pm daily. Please let us know ahead of time if you plan to use the center this week, as we want to plan accordingly! Just one month away!!!!

## SMARTBOARD

### What is this?

An interactive whiteboard developed by [SMART Technologies](#). When introduced in 1991, it was the first interactive whiteboard to provide touch control of computer applications and annotation over standard Microsoft Windows applications.

Thanks to upgrades in the IT Department, the center will soon receive one they are replacing and have it installed. Through the use of this device, teachers can record each step of a lesson for students to review. The flexibility of use in the classroom, including the multiple ways in which teachers can display information (interactive text, images, sound and video files), has been shown to facilitate ESL instruction and support both differentiated learning and universal design for learning (UDL). Research indicates that use of an interactive whiteboard in the classroom can be an effective means of decreasing teacher stress. Recent research also suggests that the direct interaction with a touch-sensitive display makes use of natural, intuitive movements which allows students as young as preschool to easily use a SMART Board. Furthermore, the size of the display screen has been shown to assist in the education of visually impaired students while the addition of a classroom amplification system has been proven to benefit deaf and hard of hearing students.

