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WHY CHOOSE THE WONDER YEARS?

With so many options for early childhood education and care out there, why choose us?

1. **Our small class sizes:** We limit the size of our Preschool and Pre-K classrooms. We enroll a maximum of 18 in the Pre-K classrooms and 16 in our Preschool classrooms. We could enroll 20 in each classroom.

Why is this important? Smaller class size allows for more individual care for children and a greater level of teacher engagement with the children. These are known to be positively related to children's learning.

2. **Our staff:child ratio-** The Wonder Years Learning Center offers the lowest staff:child ratio around! In addition to limiting the group size in our classrooms, we add additional teachers to keep our ratios low. Our Preschool maintains a 1:5 ratio and our Pre-K 1:6 for most of the day.

Why is this important? Every child is unique. A lower ratio means that your child will receive more individualized care and education in our classrooms. More one-on-one attention also helps to keep your child happy and engaged.

3. **Experienced Teachers:** We are very picky about who we hire to work with the children! All of our teachers have years more of experience than the state requires. All of our Lead Teachers have been with our school for 14-21 years to provide consistent quality and continuity for our program.

Why is this important? A center with constant leadership change is not only a difficult place to work, but it leads to inconsistency for the children and parents. It makes everyone anxious and lowers the quality of the environment for learning. Teachers tend to leave more frequently. Consistency is related to high quality. Of our 25 teachers and assistants, 12 have been here 8 years or more. The Director has been here for 21 years.

4. **Parent Recommended!** We have been voted as the best preschool in Wilmington for the past 4 years in the Reader's Choice Awards. We have won Gold or Silver Regional Awards in those years as well.

Why is this important? Because parents like you have found that we are the best and want others to know! We have many parents who will speak with you. Just ask to be put in touch with them to learn more.

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