

AO FAST FACTS

When was AO Founded? 1971

Founder: Lee Albright

Current Director: Martina Albright, Ph.D.

How Many Students? 98 (2.9 years to 6 years)

Teacher to Student Ratio: 1:6 or 1:7

Total Number of Staff: 21

What does the program emphasize? Play-based nature learning

Where are you located? On a working farm in Brookline, MA

Resident animals? 1 miniature horse, 2 goats, 1 donkey, chickens, and ducks.
We regularly explore forests, pond life, and insect habitats.

What Farm Animals Do You See? Turkeys – turtles – rabbits – salamanders – mice –
hawks – frogs - geese – snakes - praying mantis – deer – fox – herons - steer - sheep.

How much time do you spend outdoors? 90 minutes daily at a minimum and one full day a
week weather permitting. We are outside daily in almost all types of weather.

What early education best practices do you use? We are a blended program of Reggio
Emilia, Montessori, and Socio-Dramatic Play.

What are your hours?

8 slots for Early Drop Off:	7:30 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.
Morning Program (5 days):	8:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Sandwich Club Program (flexible):	12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Do you offer Scholarships? YES

Can parents be involved? YES, encouraged, but not required.

How long do teachers stay? Lead Teachers: 20 years / Assistant Teachers: 3-5 years

Communities served (25): Bedford, Boston, Brighton, Brookline, Cambridge, Dedham,
Dorchester, Dover, Framingham, Hingham, Jamaica Plain, Malden, Milton, Natick, Needham,
Newton, Plymouth, Quincy, Roslindale, Waban, Watertown, Wellesley, Weston, West
Roxbury, and Westwood