

OUR PURPOSE AND SCOPE

Westminster Weekday Preschool accepts children of all racial, ethnic, and religious backgrounds, including children with special needs. As an integral part of the educational ministry and community outreach of Westminster Presbyterian Church, the preschool celebrates traditional Christian holidays, while also welcoming the opportunity to learn about other traditions and holiday celebrations. The preschool strives to provide a rich variety of experiences for our students. By sharing customs and ideas, traditions and meanings, we promote understanding and acceptance of each other.

The preschool emphasizes the importance and uniqueness of each child, and provides an environment in which each child is accepted, nurtured, and encouraged to grow to their full potential. The preschool's goals are to establish a model educational program for the children who attend, to emphasize a developmental approach to early childhood education, and to meet the needs of a socially, racially, and economically integrated group of children and parents.



PARENT INVOLVEMENT AND SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

At Westminster, we believe that family involvement is crucial to creating the positive environment in which children thrive.

- Board of Directors consists of parents, church members, and the preschool director
- Classroom visits always welcome
- Classroom Wish Well Coordinators support the WWP School Family
- Conscious Discipline parent education class
- Parent-teacher conferences in fall and spring
- Password-protected Shutterfly share site contains all preschool information
- Weekly emails from the director and staff

"We joined the Westminster family in 2012, when my first of five children started school. The teachers and staff are gifted nurturers and educators of the hearts and minds of preschoolers. It feels great to bring my kids to a place that they love, and their love is returned!"

– Emily Krebs



WESTMINSTER WEEKDAY PRESCHOOL



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SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

Westminster provides a variety of activities and events in which students and their families may participate:

- Lunch Bunch for the 4s classes
- Special Weeks for the 4s classes
- Garden Club
- Field Trips
- Special Assemblies
- Developmental, Speech, and Vision Screening
- Community Service Activities
- Parents' Night
- Family Pajama Night
- Halloween Hullabaloo
- Angel Tree
- Mother's Day and Father's Day celebrations
- Year-end family outing to a Nationals game

OUR PHILOSOPHY

Westminster Weekday Preschool is a developmental program that encourages each child to grow socially, emotionally, physically, and cognitively at his or her own pace. Our curriculum is based on an understanding of how children grow and develop, and how they learn and attempt to make sense of the world around them. Our belief is that children acquire this knowledge about their physical and social worlds through play and interaction with other children, adults, and objects.

OUR SCHOOL

Each day is structured so the children know what to anticipate. The day includes a balance of fine- and gross-motor activities, group and individual activities, snack, outdoor time, and circle time.

Class Schedule (all classes meet from 9am to 12pm)

- 2-day 2½s: Thursday and Friday (10 per class)
- 3-day 3s: Monday – Wednesday (12 per class)
- 4-day 4s: Tuesday – Friday (16 per class)
- 5-day 4s: Monday – Friday (16 per class)

Why Parents Love Us

- Strong sense of school family and community service
- Conscious Discipline program
- Morning drop-off loop
- Large, bright classrooms
- School-provided snacks
- Large, fenced-in playground
- Indoor play space for inclement weather days
- No annual fundraising
- Elevator for stroller and handicap accessibility
- Licensed by the Commonwealth of Virginia



OUR STAFF

We have a strong, established staff of professionals, many of whom have been with the school for over 10 years. All are required to take 16 hours of staff development per year. Our staff includes:

- A full-time director
- A lead teacher and assistant in each classroom
 - Classroom lead teachers hold an education degree, Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential, or a degree in a related field
- An Occupational Therapist who meets with all classes on a weekly basis, and teaches Handwriting Without Tears to the 4s classes
- Two Inclusive Classroom Assistants (ICAs) who work in all classrooms, one has a special education background, one coordinates Outdoor Learning Activities
- A music teacher who meets with all classes on a weekly basis

Westminster Weekday Preschool
Tuition and Fees
2021-2022

| | Application Fee | Registration Fee | Activity Fee | Monthly Tuition | Annual Tuition |
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| 5-day 4s | \$50 | \$165 | \$310 | \$610 | \$6,100 |
| 4-day 4s | \$50 | \$165 | \$260 | \$525 | \$5,250 |
| 3-day 3s | \$50 | \$165 | \$210 | \$440 | \$4,400 |
| 2-day 2s | \$50 | \$165 | \$160 | \$345 | \$3,450 |

- Application Fees are for Open Registration applicants only
- Once offered a spot in a class, Registration and Activity Fees must be paid to hold your child's spot
- First tuition installment is due June 1; remaining tuition installments are due the first of the month, September through May
- There is a modest Tuition increase if the preschool is operating under COVID-19 guidelines during the 2021-22 school year