

## 2009–2010 Programs

### 2 Year Old Classes

9:00-11:00 or 12:00-2:00

One day/week \$70 per month

Two days/week \$140 per month

### 3 Year Old Classes

9:00-11:30 (3 days also 12:30-3:00)

Two days/week \$138 per month

Three days/week \$175 per month

And

Two days/week from 9-2 \$276/month

### Pre-K 4 Year Old Classes

12:15-3:15

Two days/week \$143 per month

9:00-11:30 or 12:30-3:00

Three days/week \$170 per month

### Pre-K 4 and 5 Year Old Class

9.00-3:00

Three days/week \$350 per month

### Classroom Locations

1307 North Main Street and  
2927 Gillis Falls Road

## **OUR STAFF**

Our teachers are college graduates and/or have training in early childhood education. They continue to participate in early childhood education training and have completed the Maryland Model for School Readiness Course.

The majority of our staff have been involved in the early childhood field for more than 10 years.

Each class is staffed with a teacher and teacher's aide. All staff members are Pediatric CPR and First Aid trained.

Our director, Patricia Castle, has a Masters degree in Early Childhood Education and has many years experience directing programs, teaching at the college level and working with young children.

Licensed by  
and listed as a non-public  
private school with the  
Maryland State Department of  
Education.



Established in 1974  
Licensed by the State of Maryland

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## Our Core Values

- To affirm the value and worth of every child
- To present a comprehensive curriculum which is creative and innovative
- To create an environment that promotes positive social growth and behavior
- To enable each child to discover their personal interests, talents and skills
- To remain rooted in Christianity while welcoming to children of all faiths
- To provide support for the families of our students
- To support an exceptional staff committed to providing caring, sensitive guidance with fair and consistent rules
- To strengthen the mission of St. James' Episcopal Church

## Our Philosophy of Education for Young Children

We believe that the early years in a child's life are truly significant in the development of a child. Through careful and thoughtful planning of the learning environment and hands-on experiences, children are involved in activities which stimulate and motivate their interest and academic growth. We provide opportunities for children to interact with a wide range of materials and with each other through play. Social skills, such as getting along with others and working in a group, are a focus of our program. One of our main goals is for children to be well-prepared for kindergarten and for later life experiences – and most of all – to enjoy their first school experience!

## Our Program

We are currently going through the accreditation process with the National Association for the Education of Young Children. We will also begin using the *Teaching Strategies: Creative Curriculum* during the 09-10 school year. This curriculum is one of five curricula that were selected by the Maryland Department of Education for use in accredited programs.

We work hard at St. James' Nursery School to continue to stay on the cutting-edge of early childhood practice and methods and to be the best preschool possible.

Our program includes the following:

- ❖ Language/Literacy and Reading readiness skills, Math, Science and Social Studies
- ❖ Large and small motor skill practice
- ❖ Outdoor play and monthly chapel times
- ❖ Open-ended art which builds creative thinking skills
- ❖ Snack time and Field Trips
- ❖ Group activities – including circle time, movement, music and story times
- ❖ Parent Involvement