

2010–2011 Programs

2 Year Old Classes

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

One day/week \$72 per month

Two days/week \$144 per month

3 Year Old Classes

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

Two days/week \$141 per month

Three days/week \$180 per month

And

Two days/week from 9-2 \$282/month

Pre-K 4 Year Old Classes

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

Three days/week \$174 per month

And

Three days/week from 9-3 \$360

4's Enrichment Class

12:30-3:00

Two days/week \$136.00/month

(taken in conjunction with a 3-day a week Pre-K class)

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.

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 an accredited school with the Maryland State Department of Education.



Our program is proud to have earned NAEYC Accreditation – the mark of quality for early childhood education programs.



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

