

Preschoolers Program Frequently Asked Questions

1. How do I schedule a time to observe a program?

You may contact the program location you are interested in observing.

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Fairlington – 703-228-6430, ncaballero-mcclosk@arlingtonva.us

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Langston-Brown – 703-228-4770, abyers@arlingtonva.us

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2. Can my child attend a program if we are not Arlington residents?

Once registration for Arlington residents has ended, you may register your child if there is still space available.

3. How do you accommodate children with food allergies?

If your child has food allergies, contact your program administrator and they will work with you to create an allergy action plan.

4. Does my child need to be potty-trained to register?

Your child does not need to be potty-trained. Parents/caregivers are responsible for leaving a small supply of diapers and wipes in their child's cubby to be used during preschool program hours.

5. How can I find out if a program still has space available?

You may check for availability by calling the registration office at 703-228-4747.

6. If my child turns 3 years old after the school year begins, can they still register?

Once your child turns 3 years old, you may call the registration office at 703-228-4747 to check for availability and register your child.

7. What is the daily schedule?

Typical Daily Schedule (*Varies according to location)

9:30 –10:20 a.m. Sign-In and Free Play
Children will choose from several “centers” or toys available.

10:20 –10:30 a.m. Clean Up Time

10:30 –10:50 a.m. Circle Time
A time to talk about our weekly theme, read stories, sing songs, music, movement, do finger plays and post numbers on the calendar.

10:50 –11:00 a.m. Bathroom and Hand Washing

11:00 –11:20 a.m. Snack Time

11:20 –11:50 a.m. Outdoor Play
Alternative indoor activities will be offered if outdoor play is not possible due to inclement weather or Code Red/Purple.

11:50 –12:15 p.m. Group Activities
A time for art, science, music and special visitors.

12:15 –12:30 p.m. Closing Circle
A time to review our day, talk about tomorrow and sing our goodbye songs.

8. What is your program philosophy?

The Creative Preschoolers Program is a recreational-social program.

Our philosophy is that children learn best at this age through play. Our programs provide opportunities for children to explore art, music, literature, science, social studies and nature organized around a weekly theme. We believe that children at this age learn through hands-on exploration of their world, so we will provide a safe and stimulating setting in which to do this.

They benefit most when given the opportunity to discover, imagine and express their original ideas in an environment where the individual's personal contributions are highly cherished. Our ultimate goal is to develop your child's self-confidence and decision making skills.