



## Frequently Asked Questions 2022-2023

### **How many kids are in a class?**

The Pre-K classroom is licensed for 24 children with two teachers in the classroom. The classrooms for 3s will have up to 8 children with one teacher in the classroom. The 2 ½ classroom will have up to 6 children with one teacher.

### **What are the staffs' qualifications?**

Each staff member holds a college degree and also maintains at least 15 hours of continuing education each year. In the Pre-K classroom at least one teacher has to be DPI (Department of Public Instruction) certified through the state of Wisconsin.

### **How much religion is taught?**

Our VASD Pre-K program will not have a religious component.

In our traditional preschool programs we read bible stories, learn prayers, and talk about Christianity throughout our other themes.

### **Why we use play based learning?**

Through play we will nurture learning in social, emotional, cognitive, language and motor skills. We will use many different resources and allow for flexibility in programming. Some of our materials come from the Learning Without Tears, Creative Curriculum, Pyramid Model, The Nora Project and other sources. We celebrate holidays, seasons, special days and other items that are of interest to the children.

### **Do you have After Class Activities or Wrap Around Care?**

We currently do NOT offer After Class Activities or Wrap Around Care. We have in the past, however, we do NOT have any plans to begin either for the 2022-2023 school year.

### **Do you take fieldtrips?**

In the past we have taken field trips and also have had special guests come into the classroom to share their knowledge and talents. Some places we have visited are Verona Post Office, Verona Police and Fire Station, Millers, and others. For the 2 ½ classes we tend not to do any field trips. The 3s classes will mainly do walking field trips. The Pre-K class may take field trips that require bussing.

## What is a typical day like?

At preschool, every day brings something new and we are always ready to make adjustments for new learning opportunities that arise. Please see the "Sample Class Schedule" below to see what our school days typically look like (taken from Pre-K). All of our classes have schedules that are similar but might change the order of activities and timing.

### Sample Class Schedule

8:30-8:50	Arrival & Welcome Activities
8:55-9:10	Hello Circle Time (Hello Song, Community Building, Large Group)
9:15-9:40	Small Group Work (Handwriting, Math, Literacy, Choice Time)
9:40-10:00	Hand washing, Songs, and Stories
10:05-10:20	Snack
10:25-10:55	Centers (Choice time & projects)
11:05-11:10	Closing Circle
11:15-11:40	Outdoor Play/Recess

### Cost of Classes:

#### -2 ½ class:

\$234 a month charged October-May

2 days a week: Mondays and Fridays from 9:00-11:00\*

#### -3's class:

\$300 a month charged September-May

3 days a week: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays from 8:45-11:45\*

#### -VASD Pre-K:

No monthly fee for Verona School District residents

Private pay is \$365 a month (for non-Verona School District residents)

4 days a week: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays from 8:30-11:40\*

\*All class times may need to be changed 5-15 minutes. Start and end times will be set sometime in August before school starts. The times listed are the current school year's class times.

**Registration is an ongoing process as long as we have spots available.**

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