



Frequently Asked Questions 2024-2025

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's classroom usually has 6 children with one teacher.

What are the staffs' qualifications?

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

How much religion is taught?

Our VASD Pre-K program does 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, 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 will be offering After Class Activities, for an additional cost, October-May. They will be on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursdays until 1:00. Sign-up first comes first serve and classes only run if there is enough interest. More information will be given to those who register for the 3s or Pre-K class in August.

Do you take fieldtrips?

In the past we have taken field trips and have had special guests come into the classroom to share their knowledge and talents. Some places we have visited are Verona Police and Fire Station, Millers, and others. For the 2 ½ class 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 (provided through the district).

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 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:

-2s class:

\$250 a month charged September-May

2 days a week: Mondays and Fridays from 8:45-11:15*

-3s class:

\$320 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 \$390 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 our estimated times for the 2024-2025 school year.

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

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