The Presbyterian School

Westfield, New Jersey

OUR PHILOSOPHY:

The Presbyterian School offers young children a loving, caring environment where they are guided to discover the world around them through PLAY, investigation, and inquisitive thought. The curriculum encompasses Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, Creative Arts, Music, and Social Studies by means of PLAY experiences. The curriculum meets or exceeds NJ standards for early childhood education. Time is incorporated into the daily schedule for exploration and discovery, creativity, music, stories, and group circle time for the sharing of thoughts, ideas, and conversation.

OUR HISTORY: 75 YEARS OF SERVICE

The Nursery School was founded in 1948 by The Presbyterian Church in Westfield. The School is licensed by the New Jersey Department of Human Services. Children are accepted into the School regardless of race, religion, or national or ethnic origin.

WHAT MAKES OUR SCHOOL STAND OUT:

- ✓ **STATE CERTIFIED TEACHERS IN EACH CLASS**
  All teachers have Masters or Bachelor Degree in Early Childhood/Elementary Education and Teaching Certificates. All Kindergarten and 4-year old teachers are trained in Orton Gillingham and Wilson Language Basics (Fundations).
- ✓ **HIGHLY QUALIFIED ASSISTANTS IN EACH CLASS**
  Each assistant has a Bachelor or Associate Degree, or Child Development Associate Certificate – CDA.
- ✓ **SMALL CLASS SIZES; OUTSTANDING TEACHER/CHILD RATIOS**
- ✓ **STAFF NOTED FOR ESTABLISHING CARING RELATIONSHIPS WITH CHILDREN**
- ✓ **SPECIALS PROGRAM**
  Each class visits weekly with a music teacher. Kindergarten also visits with Art, physical education and Spanish teachers in addition to normal classroom experiences.
- ✓ **OUTSTANDING ENVIRONMENT**
  Bright, spacious classrooms; outdoor playgrounds overlook the pond of Mindowaskin Park, Mindowaskin Park for nature explorations and seasonal observations.
- ✓ **PRIVATE DRIVEWAY OPTION FOR DROP–OFF AND PICK–UP OF CHILDREN**
- ✓ **TURTLE GARDEN**
  Our enclosed garden area is inhabited year-round by box turtles.
- ✓ **THREE OUTDOOR PLAYGROUNDS**
  Playgrounds provide structures for climbing, sliding, and upper-body muscular development; tricycles for riding; sandboxes for digging, and benches for socializing.
- ✓ **INDOOR PLAYROOM FOR INCLEMENT WEATHER**
  Indoor playroom **has** riding, sliding, climbing and balancing equipment as well as blocks, kitchen, and quiet areas.

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THE PRESBYTERIAN SCHOOL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Class Offerings	Days	Times	Tuition*
Kindergarten Program (five by October 1)			
Full Day	M-F	8:45a-2:30p	$ 11,050
4.5-Year Old Program (four by April 1)			
Full Day	M-F	9a-2:20p	$ 10,550
Half Day	M-F	11:45a-2:45p	$ 7,650
4-Year Old Program (four by October 1)			
Full Day	M-F	9a-2:20p	$ 10,550
4 Day Morning	T-F	9a-11:25a	$ 5,295
5 Day Morning	M-F	9a-11:25a	$ 6,450
3.5-Year Old Program (three by April 1)			
5 Day Split AM & PM	M-F	M 9:15a-2:45p; T-F 12:20p-2:45p	$ 7,650
3-Year Old Program (three by October 1)			
3 Full Days	M,T,Th	9a-2:20p	$ 7,740
3 Day Morning	M,T,Th	9a-11:25a	$ 4,195
4 Day Afteroon	T-F	11:35a-2:00p	$ 5,295
5 Day Morning	M-F	9a-11:25a	$ 6,450
2.5-Year Old Program (two by April 1)			
2 Day Morning	W,F	9a-11:25a	$ 3,370
3 Day Morning	M,T,Th	9a-11:25a	$ 4,195
3 Day Afternoon	T,W,F	11:35a-2:00p	$ 4,195
2-Year Old Program (two by October 1)			
2 Day Morning	W,F	9a-11:25a	$ 3,370
2 Day Afternoon	M,Th	11:35a-2:00p	$ 3,370

Extend a day options are available for 4.5, 4, 3.5, 3 and 2.5 yr. students enabling the extension of a school day or optional additional day that is not regularly attended. Registration occurs in the Spring for extended options (Enrichments/Creative Explorers) for the following Fall Semester and again in the Fall for the Spring semester. Before and After Care is also available.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Registration for the school year occurs during the month of January. Applications are available during January and must be returned to the school prior to **January 24 (preschool)** or **January 10 (kindergarten)**. We will continue to accept applications as long as space permits. A **non–refundable fee of $75.00** must accompany your application. Every effort is made to accommodate a parent's first choice of class; however, random selection may be necessary if too many requests are made for a particular class time. Parents are notified by mail with an acceptance form as to their child's class placement. In order to confirm a child's placement, the acceptance form must be returned to the school office with the first tuition payment. If no opening is available, a child is placed on a waitlist and will be contacted if openings or changes occur before September. Applications continue to be accepted throughout the school year.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

Tuition for the 2024–2025 school term is payable in five (5) equal installments. A schedule will be sent with your acceptance. Please note these important requirements:

- Kindergarten: 1st payment is due **January 25th** and **is non-refundable** upon receipt.
- Second payment is non-refundable after **May 31st**.
- Tuition for 2024-2025 is non-refundable after **February 1, 2025**.
- Withdrawal during the school year requires written notice one month in advance.
- Double enrollment of a child is not permitted.

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- A 10% discount applies to a second, younger child attending concurrently.
- An 8% discount applies to pledging members of The Presbyterian Church in Westfield.
- Scholarship applications for preschool classes are available in the nursery school office. No scholarships are given for Kindergarten.

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