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Who is Pleasant Valley Preschool and what makes us special?

Pleasant Valley Preschool (PVP) is a small family and community-oriented cooperative preschool, licensed by Fairfax County and accredited by the Virginia Co-op Preschool Council. A teacher, assistant teacher and participating parent are present at each class with a total of 16 children.

PVP's Philosophy: We believe in creating a safe learning environment that strongly encourages parent participation and provides a nurturing preschool education. Our educators strive to promote social development through play and use a hands-on approach to meet our children's individual learning styles.

What is a cooperative preschool?

What is a cooperative preschool? - A “cooperative” preschool is operated by the parents with Teachers and a Director on staff. There is a Board of Directors (comprised of current parents) that handle some administrative duties, fundraising.

Board of Directors: We rely heavily on our Board of Directors to help our school run smoothly. Some of the responsibilities are:

- President - Supervise meetings and helps with membership
- Vice President - Fundraising
- Assistant Treasurer - Collects tuition payments
- Secretary - Takes notes at all meetings

Our location:

We are lucky to have a whole Brookfield Clubhouse and fenced in playground to ourselves with only one class operating at a time.



Classes:

3 year old class: This class is for any child that is 3 years old (on or before September 30th) and new to preschool.

It is held Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm.

Pre-K class: This class is for 4-5 year olds before they head off to Kindergarten.

It is held Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm.

Monday

Wednesday

Friday

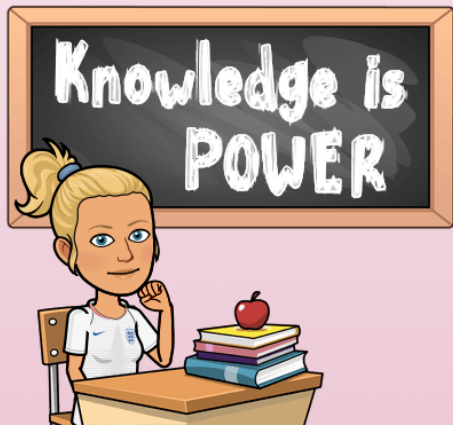
Tuesday

Thursday

3 year old class:

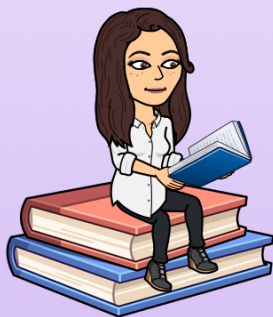
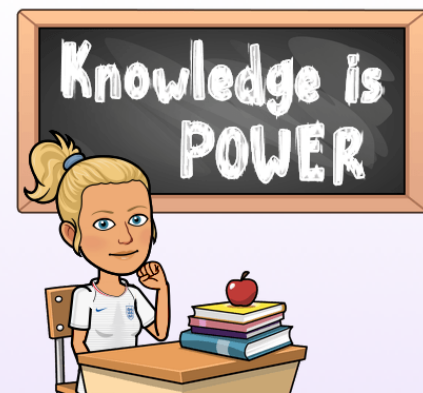


- Mrs. Cummings and Mrs. McGrath are the main teachers in this class.
- Held: Tuesday and Thursday 9:30 - 12:30 each week.
- Concepts focus on colors, shapes, numbers, which follow a fun theme
- Student-Teacher ratio: 5:1
- Tuition: Please contact us



Pre-K (4-5) year old Class

- Mrs. McGrath and Mrs. Brawley are the main teachers in this class.
- Held: Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9:30 - 12:30 each week.
- Concepts focus on the alphabet, and kindergarten readiness which follow a fun theme
- Optional Lunch Bunch - twice a month on Wednesdays, 12:30 - 2:00, \$15* ea
- Student-Teacher ratio: 5:1
- Tuition: Please contact us



Typical Class Schedule

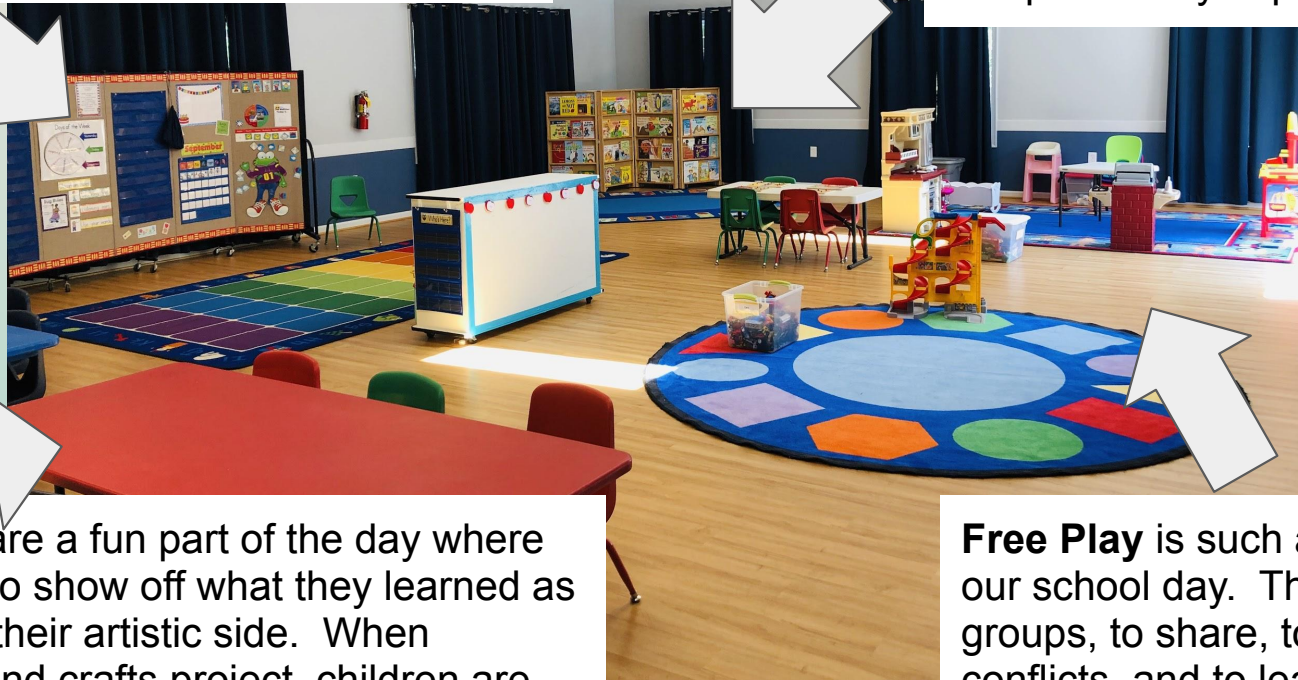
- Students arrive, wash hands and check in
- Free play and optional activities on tables
- Circle time - welcome song, weather, calendar counting, dance, etc.
- Lesson of the day
- Craft, activity or worksheet based on lesson
- Recess outside
- Snack time (wash hands before and after)
- Free play
- Book nook - Self Read
- Story time
- Dismissal

*This schedule is not permanent and is subject to change.



Circle Time - Students get to help out with the calendar, weather, days of the week, pledge of allegiance etc. Circle time helps the children enjoy learning while also developing their attention span and enhancing their social skills.

Book Nook - The Book Nook gives students a cozy space to snuggle in with their favorite picture books. Each week, new books are put out based on the theme that is taught that week. Books help kids develop basic language skills and profoundly expand their vocabularies.



Arts and crafts are a fun part of the day where the students get to show off what they learned as well as bring out their artistic side. When creating an arts and crafts project, children are able to develop their fine motor skills.

Free Play is such an important part of our school day. They learn to work in groups, to share, to negotiate, to resolve conflicts, and to learn self-advocacy skills.

Parent Responsibilities:

Classroom Duties: The parents take turns helping out in the classroom on a rotating basis, usually once a month or every five or six weeks. This includes:

- Helping the teachers set up in the morning
- Providing a snack to the class
- Playing and interacting with the children during the day
- Helping with the breakdown of the classroom at the day

Other Responsibilities: Parents are required to attend orientation meeting at the beginning of the year and our membership meetings that are held each quarter (3 total).

*If you have other children at home, they are not allowed at the school, you will need to find a babysitter or daycare option for them on your parent helper day.



Lunch Bunch (Pre-K class only)

This is a great opportunity for the students to stay an extra hour and a half at school. They play games, get extra outside time and learn to eat lunch on their own before heading to Kindergarten.



Communication between Parents and Teachers

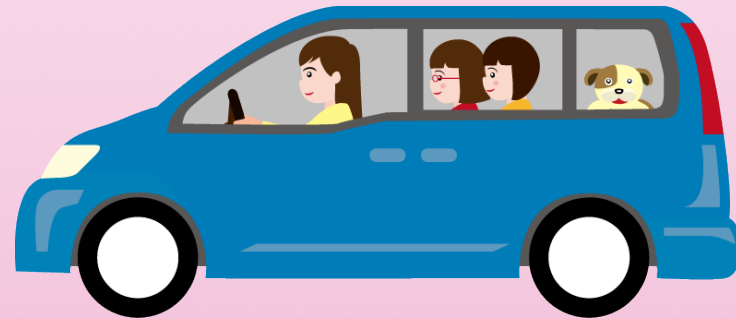
- We currently use the Remind app to stay in touch with parents in each classroom. We send out as many updates and reminders as we can based on what is happening that week at school.
- Parents will also be given the teacher's e-mail addresses as well as their cell phone numbers. We also ask that the parents supply this information with us at the beginning of the year as well.
- If an emergency occurs at school, the parents' cell phone numbers will be called. If we need to delay the opening of school for some reason, or if there is some other short message we need to send out, we will send out a message on Remind.

Kiss-N-Ride

For drop off in the morning, the teachers will come out at 9:30 am to collect students from their cars and walk them in to the school.

For pick up in the afternoon, the teachers will bring the kids out at 12:30 pm and walk them to their car.

*We check ID's and ask for a letter if anyone else, but the parent is picking up a student.



Field Trips!

Our school goes on multiple field trips each year. The parents drive their own child to the location, we meet up as a group and enjoy the Field Trip together.

- **Fall:** Cox Farms (Fall Festival)
- **Winter:** Tiny Tots Winter Show at Chantilly H.S.
- **Spring:** The Chantilly Library for a story and behind the scenes tour
- **Late Spring:** Frying Pan Farm
- (presentation and a wagon ride)



In-House Visitors

Some of our special visitors include:

- Fairfax County Police
- Fairfax County Firemen (with a Puppet Show)
- A local Dentist



Special Events

- **Halloween/Fall Fest**

- We have a Halloween party in the classroom right before Halloween. Everyone comes in costume and we play games, make crafts and walk in a parade for the parents.

- **Winter Show**

- Preschoolers perform Winter Songs for our wonderful families

- **Valentine's Day**

- Small celebration in the class with cards and special treats

- **Graduation and Moving Up Ceremony**

- At the end of the year, we celebrate the 3 year olds moving up to the Pre-K class and the Pre-K class graduating to Kindergarten.



Donuts for Dads and Muffins for Moms

These special events are held to celebrate our wonderful families. Donuts for Dads is held in March and Muffins for Moms is held right before Mother's Day in May.

The preschooler's perform special songs that they practice; eat breakfast with their special someone; make crafts and play games and activities.



STEM

We incorporate STEM into each month.



Special Day

Each preschooler gets a special day when they are the star.

The teachers will send home a calendar 📅 with events, holidays etc. as well as your child's special day listed.

On your child's special day

- The parent comes in that day to hang out with their son or daughter and help the teachers with some of the crafts, opening snacks, cleaning tables etc.
- The child gets to be the line leader and the special helper for the day.
- They get to bring in a show n' tell item to share with the class.

The frequency of their special day is about every 5-6 weeks depending on the number of children in the classroom.



Get Involved...

There are many ways to be involved with your child's school. Since we are a cooperative preschool, we ask that the families are fully involved in the school. If you cannot serve on the board and would like to help out in other ways:



- **Scholastic Book Orders** - Collect and send out to each class the monthly book orders.
- **Making Play dough** - Make play dough for the school at home. It's so easy and we have a recipe to share with you.
- **Toy Washes** - Take some toys home and sanitize or wash them.
- **Special Skill** - Do you have a special skill, talent or holiday your family celebrates that you want to share with the class or teach the preschoolers?

Fundraising

We have multiple events throughout the year to help us fundraise since we are a non-profit organization.

- Restaurant Nights - a chance to see the teachers outside of the classroom as well as classmates
- Trike-A-Thon – a fun school day activity that also helps us raise money for supplies



Calendar, Closures and Delays



Calendar:

We follow Fairfax County Public Schools calendar for Holidays and Teacher Workdays. We send out a Year at a Glance at the beginning of the year that will let you know of any required membership meetings etc and special events that will be held in the school. We also send out a monthly calendar that will tell you when your child's special day occurs.

Closures and Delays:

We follow Fairfax County Public Schools for Closures and Delays due to inclement weather. If they are closed due to snow - we are closed