

ST. STEPHEN'S UMC PRESCHOOL



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Welcome to St. Stephen's

We are committed to providing a safe, warm, and engaging environment that values the uniqueness of every child. Although the dynamics in each classroom varies to reflect the ages of children, the children's interests, and the teacher's style, a basic philosophy remains constant throughout our program. At St. Stephen's, we aspire to meet and exceed the developmental needs of all children in our care. Every effort is made to ensure that each child has the opportunity to develop to their full potential in every developmental domain. We utilize scaffolding and differentiated instruction to meet the needs of all learning styles and varied developmental levels. We also utilize a variety of play based curriculums and child guided approaches to create a learning environment that is engaging, stimulating, and fun. At St. Stephen's we are committed to setting children up for success and a love of learning.

Our Curriculum is Designed to:

- Use play to encourage children to explore, expand abilities, follow directions, sequence steps and develop age appropriate skills.
- Provide routine to give children security and teach organizational skills.
- Promote positive verbal, physical and social interaction with peers.
- Encourage use and coordination of the whole body and all the senses.
- Provide a variety of open ended activities that promote the independence and creativity of every child.
- To build a sense of community and respect for all living things.
- Prepare children with the necessary skills to make the transition from preschool to elementary school

OUR PROGRAMS

Toddler Program

(18 mos by Sept. 30, 2018)

Wednesday, Friday

9:00-1:00 \$290/mo

Tuesday, Thursday

10:00-2:00 \$290/mo

Two Year Old Program

(2 by Sep. 30, 2018)

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

9:00-1:00 \$405/mo

Tuesday, Thursday

10:00-2:00 \$290/mo

Three Year Old Program

(3 by Dec. 31, 2018)

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

9:00-1:00 \$405/mo

Tuesday, Thursday

10:00-2:00 \$290/mo

Young Four Year Old Program

(4 by Dec. 31, 2018)

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

9:00-100 \$405

Tuesday, Thursday

10:00-2:00 \$290

Four Year Old Program

(4 by Sept. 30, 2018)

Monday-Friday-5 days

9:00-1:00 \$598/mo

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

9:00-1:00 \$405/mo

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

10:00-2:00 \$405/mo

Tuesday, Thursday

10:00-2:00 \$290/mo

Brainy Bunch

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

1:00-3:00 \$205/mo

\$75 Registration Fee and \$85 Fee per Child
Due at Registration

BRAINY BUNCH

Our Extended Day Program

Brainy Bunch is an after school program where the children participate in literacy, cooking, character building, math, games, languages, science exploration, sports, esteem building, social development, theater, nature, and STEM. All Brainy Bunch participants are automatically enrolled in all after school activities that St. Stephen's offers.

MUSIC and MOVEMENT

Music and Movement is every Tuesday through Friday. Our program helps to develop mindfulness, core muscle strength, flexibility, cardio fitness, and music appreciation.

SPANISH

Once a week all the children go to Spanish class. From 1 to 5 years old, the children enjoy a language lesson tailored for their age group. They learn to greet each other in Spanish, use the names of colors, numbers, and letters and learn the Spanish words for their family members. Every lesson includes a fun game or a song to reinforce the theme. The words for the month are included in the monthly parent newsletter so that families can practice at home.

SOCIAL SKILLS and STEM

Once a week our PreK classes meet for Social Skills and STEM. The first half of the school year, the children breakdown into small groups to explore the ideas of citizenship, self-advocacy, and resilience. The children also learn to use friendly voices, kind words, and learn helpful actions. The second half of the school year, our time is spent on STEM. The children have the opportunity to explore hands on science and engineering projects using magnets, ramps, and prisms. We cover the ideas of buoyancy, magnetism, energy, mass, light and color. Our ability to work as a team is strengthened with every lesson.

We have three age appropriate playgrounds, nature trail, large field, and a Children's Learning Garden. We also have a large indoor play space for running, playing games, and riding toys.

Our staff is degreed and experienced. Each staff member is required to participate in continuing education, staff enrichment and in-services. Each staff member is CPR and First Aid certified. We are registered or inspected by The Fairfax County Health and Fire Departments and The Division of Licensing Programs with Church Sponsorship, Division of Social Service, Commonwealth of Virginia.