

ST. STEPHEN'S UMC PRESCHOOL

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Welcome to St. Stephen's

For over 50 years we have been committed to providing a safe, warm, and engaging environment that values the uniqueness of every child. Although the dynamic 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.

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. Brainy Bunch participants are automatically enrolled in all after school activities that St. Stephen's offers.

MUSIC and MOVEMENT

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

OUR APPROACH TO DISCIPLINE

Successful classroom discipline begins with clear and consistent expectations, boundaries and routines. Affective discipline strategies promote self-control, teach responsibility, and help children make thoughtful choices. It is vital that the child's self-esteem and dignity are preserved. Every child is unique so we may try a variety of strategies. Creativity and patience are vital in creating a successful discipline strategy. It is also vital to have a clear understanding of each child's developmental level. One of the main goals for discipline is to help children learn self-regulation

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- Our staff members are required to participate in continuing education, staff enrichment and in-services. Each staff member is also CPR and First Aid certified.
 - We are registered or inspected by The Fairfax County Health and Fire Departments and the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE), Office of Child Care Health and Safety (OCCHS).

OUR PROGRAMS

Young Two Year Old Program

(2 by Dec. 31, 2022)

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

9:00-1:00 \$415/mo

Tuesday, Thursday

10:00-2:00 \$300/mo

Two Year Old Program

(2 by Sep. 30, 2022)

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

9:00-1:00 \$415/mo

Tuesday, Thursday

10:00-2:00 \$300/mo

Young Three Year Old Program

(3 by Dec. 31, 2022)

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

9:00-1:00 \$415/mo

Tuesday, Thursday

10:00-2:00 \$300/mo

Three Year Old Program

(3 by Sept. 30, 2022)

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

9:00-1:00 \$415/mo

Tuesday, Thursday

10:00-2:00 \$300/mo

Young Four Year Old Program

Must be fully toilet trained

(4 by Dec. 31, 2022)

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

9:00-1:00 \$415/mo

Tuesday, Thursday

10:00-2:00 \$300/mo

Four Year Old Program

Must be fully toilet trained

(4 by Sept. 30, 2022)

Monday-Friday-5 days

9:00-1:00 \$600/mo

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

10:00-2:00 \$415/mo

Brainy Bunch--Extended Day

3 and fully toilet trained

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

1:00-3:00 \$215/mo

\$75 Registration Fee and

\$85 Activity Fee per Child

Due at Registration