

DMWS Mission and Vision

We welcome all families from the diverse Triangle communities to our preschool and kindergarten, feeling that the inclusion of a variety of backgrounds provides an enriching experience for the students. At DMWS, our emphasis is on establishing an atmosphere of love, support, and security, and on building self-confidence in our students. This provides the wellspring that slates a child for success as a human being. A stimulating environment with many and varied activities encourages hands-on experiences, fostering a desire to think, question and discover. We provide a wide range of activities that are vitally important to children's development.

Philosophy For 2's Program

In our two year old classes, children develop autonomy by practicing self-help/life skills, develop a deeper sense of self by exploring personal interests, become more confident through interactions with peers and teachers, and learn about what it means to be a member of a group. As teachers, we facilitate this learning to take place by planning with intention. We select activities that address our unique group of students' needs and strengths. At DMWS, we believe there is a difference between providing responsive care and actively engaging and teaching children.



Curriculum Areas

- Art
- Dramatic Play
- Language Acquisition
- Math Activities
- Movement/Gross Motor
- Music
- Science/Nature- focus on exploration and investigation
- Sensory Experiences

Staff

Lead teachers at DMWS hold 4 year college degrees. Staff are CPR/First Aid Certified and complete continuing education workshop credits yearly. Ratios: K- 18 students to 2 teachers
Pre-K - 16 students to 2 teachers
2's and 3's- 12 students to 2 teachers



2 YEAR OLD PROGRAM



Duke Memorial Weekday School

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DEVELOPING THE TOTAL CHILD

DMWS creates learning environments to develop the total child. We construct experiences to promote development in the following areas: gross motor, fine motor, social, emotional, self-help, and intellectual growth. We emphasize literacy and provide experience with pre-reading skills. Science exploration and math manipulatives are integrated into our curriculum. Visits from storytellers, fire fighters, and others enhance the curriculum.



Typical 2's Daily Schedule

9:00-9:40	Students Arrive/Free Play
9:40-9:50	Clean-Up/Bathroom
9:50-10:05	Circle Time
10:05-10:30	Playground
10:30-10:45	Music/Story Time
10:45-11:10	Snack/Book Time
11:10-11:25	Art/Craft Time
11:25-11:55	Free Play
11:55	Clean-Up/Dismissal

LUNCH BUNCH is available for an additional fee. Parents provide lunch for their child. LUNCH BUNCH ends at 12:50.

FITNESS

DMWS fitness for 2 year olds involves a variety of activities to build strength and coordination. Class includes stretches to warm up the muscles, learn body parts, and understand positional words. Movements such as jumping on 2 feet, hopping on 1 foot, walking forward/backward, walking up/down steps, throwing balls, catching balls, and kicking balls are used to teach gross motor skills. Music is also incorporated to aid in working on these skills. Group activities using parachutes, scooters, etc are integrated into the class.



Fun with hula hoops!



ORFF BASED MUSIC

At DMWS, children experience music through singing, movement, playing musical instruments and stories. Our school has a variety of instruments for the children to play including: glockenspiels, xylophones, drums, guiros, and castanets.



PROCESS ART

Art activities promote exploration. The process is more important than the product for preschoolers. Art experiences with paint, playdough, stickers, glue, and scissors help with fine motor development. Art is displayed throughout the school.

