

DMWS Philosophy

Duke Memorial Weekday School welcomes all families from our diverse community in Durham, feeling that the inclusion of a variety of backgrounds provides an enriching experience for the students. To establish a firm foundation, our emphasis will be on establishing an atmosphere of love, support, and security, and on building self-confidence. Through play, children learn and polish social, emotional, physical, and mental skills. Play is children's work!

Philosophy For Pre-K Program

In our Pre-K 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. Age-level activities such as field trips, a Thanksgiving Feast, and an Apple Festival allow Pre-K classes to join together for special learning opportunities. Special visits from fire fighters, the book mobile, and others enrich the curriculum.



Curriculum Areas

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

Staff

All staff are CPR/First Aid Certified and complete continuing education workshop credits each year.

Ratios:

K-18 students to 2 teachers (max)

2's & 3's- 12 students to 2 teachers

Pre-K - 16 students to 2 teachers

PRE-KINDERGARTEN 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.



Field Trips



Orff Based Music

Typical

Pre-K Daily Schedule

9:00-9:45	Students Arrive/Free Play
9:45-10:05	Morning Meeting
10:05-10:25	Snack/Explore Books
10:25-10:35	Energizer/Story
10:35-11:20	Free Play/Centers/Art
11:20-11:50	Playground
11:50-12:00	Closing Circle

LUNCH BUNCH is available daily for an additional fee. LUNCH BUNCH ends at 12:50.

Fitness and Music Classes meet each week.

FITNESS

DMWS fitness involves a variety of activities to build strength and coordination in addition to instilling a love of physical fitness and well being. Class begins with an active warm up. A game or activity is played to learn certain skills. Such activities include jump ropes, hula hoops, bean bags, balls, scooters, ribbons, bowling, bocce, balance beam, parachute, and obstacle courses. When possible, fitness class complements the classroom curriculum and topics of study.



Our new playground is fun!



ORFF BASED MUSIC

Children enjoy weekly music classes based on the Orff Method. Children experience music through singing, playing instruments, movement, 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.

