

# OUR MISSION & 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 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.



# OUR APPROACH

Our curriculum follows the NC Standard Course of Study. At DMWS, we strive to offer information in a variety of ways that encourages all learners to feel successful. Our curriculum fosters critical thinking and problem-solving. We use a phonics-based literacy approach with whole language mixed in. Children write every day. For math, we use a combination of Eureka math and Investigations. Science and Social Studies are integrated into various parts of the day, and children are given opportunities to play and explore their environment. We help children develop independence and want them to fall in love with learning!

## OUR SCHEDULE

- 9:00-9:20 Morning Work Bins/Answer Question of the Day
- 9:20-9:45 Morning Meeting
- 9:45-10:00 Snack
- 10:00-10:55 Literacy Centers
- 10:55-11:25 Playground
- 11:25-11:50 Lunch
- 11:50-12:05 Math lesson
- 12:05-12:40 Center Time/Project time
- 12:40-12:50 Jobs/ Pack Up

\*Tuesday Fitness 11:25-11:45  
\*Wednesday Music 12:05-12:45

## MUSIC & FITNESS EACH WEEK

Students currently attend music class using the Orff Method. This offers opportunities for the children to sing, play instruments, move, and listen to stories. They play a variety of instruments: glockenspiels, xylophones, drums, guiros, and castanets.

Students attend Fitness class where they are able to further develop their gross motor skills and learn to play cooperative games. They are encouraged to take care of their bodies and be physically fit.

## Field Trips



Field trips are incorporated into our curriculum and help us explore our community. They enhance what we are doing in the classroom and make learning fun!





## Who We Are

Duke Memorial Weekday School is a half-day private Kindergarten option from 9:00-12:50. We have been serving the children of Durham and its local communities for over 70 years.



**We foster in our students  
a love for learning!**



## Testimonials

We found DMWS by pure chance, I have never considered myself so lucky. DMWS has been wonderful for our family. Our older daughter thrived in the half-day kindergarten class. Mrs. Lowder and Mrs. Perkins create an amazing environment for their students. The children have lots of opportunity for play - both structured and unstructured, and so much other learning happens also. Our daughter came home telling us about spiders, penguins, and all the made-up games she and the others played during recess. Madeleine wanted school to be all day everyday! Before we knew it, she came home knowing how to read! DMWS prepared her extremely well for first grade and beyond. She also made amazing friends with whom, two years later, we still have relationships.

Duke Memorial offered a fantastic Kindergarten experience for our son - he thrived in an environment that was just the right mix of combining academic building blocks with age-appropriate play opportunities. The teaching staff knew each child's needs and were able to prepare the students extremely well for first grade and beyond. Best of all, our son gained a love of learning and looked forward to going to school every day!

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## Kindergarten