



## Early Childhood Admissions Procedures

### 1. Open House

We encourage families to attend an open house or visit our campus for a tour before applying.

### 2. Application

Please complete the admissions application and submit it to the school with the application fee.

### 3. Student Records and Teacher Recommendation

If your child has been enrolled in another school, please submit the enclosed Student Records Release request form and the School Recommendation form to your current school. We will notify you when records from your current school are received in the Admissions Office. (Not applicable for Parent-Child)

### 4. Parent Interview / Child Observation

Upon receipt of the application materials, you will be contacted by the Admissions Office to schedule a faculty interview. Our teachers will meet with you and your child for an assessment of their readiness for our programs.

### 5. Acceptance

You will be notified by the Admissions Office regarding your child's acceptance.

### 6. Enrollment

Upon receipt of your signed Enrollment Agreement and a non-refundable tuition deposit, your child will be officially enrolled in our Early Childhood Program. The agreement requires the signature of both parents/guardians.

### 7. Orientation

During the month of August you will receive a back-to-school packet that will include a letter from your child's teacher. You will also receive a calendar of events for the year.

## Early Childhood Programs

**Parent Child Program:** Designed for children ages 18 months (by September 1) through 3 years old, accompanied by a parent or caregiver. Classes meet one day a week from 9 – 11:30 a.m. Application fee: \$25

**Nursery Program:** This program is for children who are turning 3 to 4 years old. Children must be 3 years old by December 31 and independent in the bathroom to be enrolled in this program. Schedule: 8:30 a.m. – 12 noon (half day), 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (full day). Monday – Wednesday for 3 day students. Monday – Thursday for 4 day students. Monday – Friday for 5 day students. Application fee: \$50

**Mixed Age Kindergarten Program:** This program is for children ages 4 to 6. Children must be 4 years old by June 1. Children who are five years old by June 1 will be scheduled to attend 5 days per week. Monday – Thursday for 4 day students. Monday – Friday for 5 day students. Schedule: 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon (half day), 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (full day). Application fee: \$50

**Afternoon Early Childhood Program:** Following morning class dismissal at noon, children in both the nursery and mixed age kindergarten classes who are enrolled for the full day program (8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.) will form the afternoon, mixed age, early childhood class.

**After-school program:** 3:00 – 6:00 p.m., Monday – Friday for students, nursery – grade 8.

## **Early Childhood Programs at the Waldorf School of Princeton**

**Parent-Child Program** – for children ages 18 months to 3 years old, accompanied by a parent or care provider. This class meets once a week from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and provides a gentle step for adults and their young children to transition between home and school life. The program includes homemade organic snack, circle games and songs, a table puppet show, a simple craft activity or practical experience for adults, and ample amount of creative free play for children both inside and out. This class provides a fun, safe, nurturing environment in which young children begin to explore the world around them. Parents discover more about parenting and Waldorf education, and both adults and children have an opportunity to make new connections with other families. Application fee: \$25

**Nursery Half-Day Program** – for children 3 years old by December 31. This class meets from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon, and is available three, four, or five days per week. The program is geared specifically for the developing 3 and 4 year old child. This nurturing class includes a homemade organic snack, circle games and songs, a table puppet show, artistic activities, practical experiences, and ample amount of creative free play both inside and out. Application fee: \$50

**Mixed-Age Kindergarten Half-Day Program** – for children 4 years old by June 1 to 6 years old. This class meets from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon, and is available four or five days per week. The program includes homemade organic snack, circle games and songs, a story or table puppet show, artistic activities, practical experiences, and ample amount of creative free play time both inside and out. This program is specifically designed to offer more independence to meet the needs of the developing older child in the early childhood program. Application fee: \$50

**Full Day Program** – Children who attend our Nursery and Mixed-Age Kindergarten classes are eligible to attend our afternoon program from 12:00 noon - 3:00 p.m. A warm organic lunch is served, a quiet time is offered, and a simple craft activity and creative outdoor playtime are all part of this program. The afternoon is designed to compliment the child's morning experience at the Waldorf School.