



Nature
VISION
PRESCHOOL

Virtual Open House

Today's Agenda

- Introduction
- Meet the Teachers
- Our Preschool Program
- COVID Information
- Visuals of our Space
- Q&A
- Conclusion





Meet the Teachers

The teaching team for the preschool is Kathryn and Melissa.

Kathryn is the Preschool Manager and this school year will be her 5th year at Nature Vision Preschool.

Melissa is the curriculum planner and will be starting her 3rd year at Nature Vision Preschool.



Our Preschool

Nature Vision Preschool is located at Farrel-McWhirter Farm Park. Our program offers part time, half day classes to students ages 3.5-5 years old.

The 2021-2022 school year runs from Sept. 1/2, 2021-May 26/27, 2022



COVID Protocols

Our school follows the strongest recommendations from the CDC, WA Dept. of Health, and King County Public Health.

For our current school year, this includes:

- 100% outdoor program
- Requiring masks for all students and families
- Frequent hand washing
- Frequent cleaning of high contact areas
- Full clean between classes
- Small cohorts of students

We will continue to observe best practices and will follow any current recommendations or mandates in September.

Registration Update

Creative Play: 1 spot *(as of 2/22/21)*

Preschool Explorers: FULL

Pre-K Discoveries: FULL

Waitlists are kept for each class.
Open spots will be filled from the waitlist first.



FULL

Creative Play

T/TH 8:30am-11am
Ages 3.5-4

Creative Play is designed as a gentle introduction to preschool. With an emphasis on a small class size, students playfully explore our forest and grow in their social and academic skills.

Preschool Explorers

T/W/TH 12:30pm-3:30pm
Ages 3.5-5

Preschool Explorers is a unique and exciting community of a mixed age class. Students become active participants in their learning through becoming a leader for the younger students or working together with older ones.

FULL

Pre-K Discoveries

M/W/F 8:30am-11:30am
Ages 4-5

Pre-K students will enjoy exploring and discovering all that our forest has to offer while developing their kindergarten readiness skills! By building on existing abilities and knowledge, students are challenged to explore topics with more depth and self-direction through our emergent curriculum.

Curriculum

Our philosophy is that children learn best through play. We weave in concepts through activities inside and outside the classroom and use the changing environment around us to plan our curriculum.

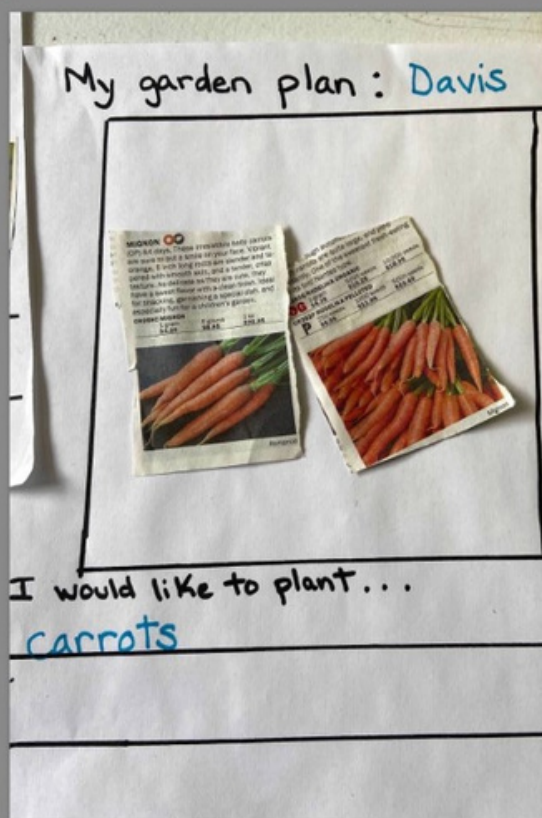
Skills your child will learn:

- Social Emotional
- Nature
- Gross and Fine Motor
- Academic



Differentiating Curriculum

How do we differentiate curriculum? This is a common question we get, especially for the Explorers class which is typically a mixed age class. We plan curriculum and activities that can be explored by children who are different ages or in different places developmentally. We plan projects that all children can participate in and feel successful at, while at the same time working on skills that will help with their development. We recently started to plan our preschool garden and were talking about what we wanted to plant and starting to map it out. As a literacy project, we had the children plan their own garden. The photos you see here are from children 3.5-5 years old. With our younger students we worked on holding the scissors properly and practiced using them while cutting out and gluing pictures of things that they wanted to plant. After they had their plan, the children dictated to the teachers the words that they wanted written on their plan. For our older students, we challenged them further by encouraging them to use their "best guess" spelling to spell the fruits and vegetables that they had added to their plan. Other children practiced writing by copying words that they found in the garden catalog or that the teachers wrote for them.



Daily Schedule

Drop Off

Students will enter the classroom and wash their hands before joining an activity in either room.

Snack

After washing their hands, students sit down for a community snack time. This is also our bathroom time where we offer a chance to go to each student.

Centers

Students are able to choose between the free play room or a structured activity in the other room.

Outside Time

We will spend half of our time outside exploring the forest. Students will get dressed in their rain gear and boots and have a fun time outside!

Circle Time

After cleaning up, we move into Circle Time where we discuss the calendar, weather, and our daily topic.

Pick Up

Pick up begins 10 minutes before class ends and takes place in the garden.



Classroom Volunteering

We normally happily accept volunteers in our classroom, however that program is currently paused due to COVID and we will continue to reassess as we approach the start of the 2021-22 school year.

Bathroom Policy

Students are required to be potty trained and able to use the toilet without assistance (including wiping). Our school has a single use bathroom and students use the bathroom one at a time during snack.

Behavior Management

Our primary focus is positive discipline. We set strong routines and expectations from the start. If a student needs extra support, teachers may take a play break with them to help them navigate social situations. If repeated problems persist, teachers will work with families to set up a plan to help your child succeed.

Wrap Up

Preschool Registration is currently open.

Registration

To register or join the waitlist, please visit:
naturevision.org/preschool-enrollment

Handbook

The Preschool Handbook and required paperwork needed will be sent out in June.



Thank you for joining our
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If you have any further questions, please
email Kathryn, Preschool Manager at
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Register at naturevision.org/preschool-enrollment