



Sharron Baucom Dale City Recreation Center Playschool

First Steps 24 months+ (by September 30); potty-training not required: This class is a 'first step' towards developing independence for our youngest students. During their time here, children are offered choices of activities that encourage the skill development in all areas, including social, fine and gross motor, and cognitive. The children have the opportunity to experience whole group instruction for story time, calendar/weather/songs, cognitive skill introduction, and sharing. First Steps maintains a 1:5 teacher to student ratio (max enrolled per class: 15).

Toddler Adventure (30 months+ by September 30); potty-training not required: Toddler Adventure takes children on the next critical leg of their journey. This class follows a developmental curriculum which encourages the children to make choices in their learning. This class emphasizes further development in all areas, including social, fine and gross motor, and cognitive. Children are involved in several periods of whole group learning to include story time, calendar, songs, and skill introduction. Toddler Adventure maintains a 1:7 teacher to student ratio (max enrolled per class: 14).

Playschool (3 years by Sept 30; potty-training not required): Our T/TH afternoon playschool class is designed for 'younger' threes who need more than Toddler Adventure but are not ready for a 3 day program. This class will follow the same curriculum, but will be modified according to the needs of the class (i.e. pacing).

Playschool (3 years by Sept 30; potty-training required): Our M-Th morning playschool class will follow a curriculum based on the Virginia Department of Education's Foundations for Learning. The children are introduced to concepts to prepare them for reading, such as letter recognition, sound recognition, beginning sight words, rhyming words/word families, and concepts of print. The children will also work to develop skills in math such as number concept, patterns, sorting, and graphing and analysis. The classes offer children center time to reinforce learning. These centers include: dramatic play, math, writing, reading, art, and free play. Within the structured schedule, the children are allowed time to work independently, in a small group, with a buddy, and as part of the whole group. Playschool maintains a 1:8 teacher to student ratio (max enrolled: 24).

Playschool (3-5 years by Sept 30; potty training required): Our playschool classes follow a curriculum *based on* the Virginia Department of Education's Foundations for Learning. The children are introduced to concepts to prepare them for reading, such as letter recognition, sound recognition, beginning sight words, rhyming words/word families, and concepts of print. The children will also work to develop skills in math such as number concept, patterns, sorting, and graphing and analysis. The classes offer children center time to reinforce learning. These centers include: dramatic play, math, writing, reading, art, and free play. Within the structured schedule, the children are allowed time to work independently, in a small group, with a buddy, and as part of the whole group. Playschool maintains a 1:8 teacher to student ratio (max enrolled: 24).

Pre-K (4 years by Sept 30; potty-trained): This class will build upon the foundations presented in the playschool classes to further prepare your child for kindergarten. The children enrolled in this class should be attending kindergarten in the fall of 2009.

Class Schedule and Fees (2008-2009)

CLASS	DAY	TIME	Monthly Tuition
First Steps*	M or F	9:30am-11:30am	\$50
Toddler Adventure*	T/TH	9:15 – 11:45 am	\$100
Toddler Adventure*	W/F	9:15 – 11:45 am	\$100
3's Playschool*	T/TH - PM	12:15-2:45pm	\$100
3's Playschool	M-TH - AM	9am-Noon	\$185
4's Playschool	M-TH - PM	12:30-3:00pm	\$170
Pre-K	M-F	9a-Noon	\$255

* Potty-training required

All children must meet age requirements by September 30, 2008.

Pre-school Child Find Program

In cooperation with Prince William County Public Schools, our preschool inclusion program serves children who are exhibiting delays in several areas of development and who require class based special education services. The children are enrolled in various Park Authority playschool programs and are served by a PWCPSP Preschool Special Education teacher who is based at the Center. The special education teacher works with the playschool staff to meet the child's specific needs in the least restrictive environment.

Staff Qualifications

Each class is staffed with one 'lead' teacher, and one or more assistants. All of the staff members are trained in Infant/child CPR, First Aid, and child development. In addition, our staff meets or exceeds the following requirements:

- Have an endorsement or degree in a child-related field such as elementary education, nursing, or recreation from a college or university.
- Have three or more months of programmatic experience and a certificate in child development or early childhood education.
- Have six months of programmatic experience and at least 16 hours of training in child-related fields.
- Are at least 18 years of age.

Requirements

As a State-licensed facility, we are required to maintain a record for each child that includes: proof of identity (i.e. a birth certificate), a physical, a current immunization record, and a medical emergency form.