



woodland SCHOOLHOUSE

2023-2024

First Christian Church, Fort Thomas, Kentucky

Monday & Wednesday: 3-5 yrs., 9:00am-12:00pm

Tuesday & Thursday: 6-8 yrs., 9:00am-2:00pm

A. Mission and Promise

Woodland Schoolhouse, an extension of Woodland Tribe NKY, is a program dedicated to enriching the lives of preschool and homeschooling families with children aged 3-9 years old. With a firm belief in following the child, students will be respected and nurtured in their natural pursuits of understanding the world around them. To provide a loving, gentle, and joyous environment for our young explorers is of utmost importance. Never impeding on their physical health with added environmental toxins (all cleaning products will be alternative/green), nor unnatural materials (very little, if any plastic materials present) and offering only whole, organic foods and drinks.

B. Curriculum Overview

Woodland Schoolhouse will be an eclectic mix of Montessori, Reggio Emilia, and Unit Studies methods of education. Each month a new focus country will be introduced. We will learn the customs of that country such as traditional foods, dance, language, different types of native plants and animals, clothing, climate, and art. We will dive into the country in an experiential way: emulating the art, trying a traditional food (last class of each month), listening to traditional music during our Montessori shelf work block, implementing the language into our group lesson, and “stamping our passports” upon entering into learning about each country.

Language/Reading and Mathematics will be explored in a developmentally appropriate way in which each student is met where they are and give ample time to master each concept before moving onto the next level. Montessori language methods and materials will be utilized for phonetic reading, writing, and reading comprehension. Mathematics will be taught through a mixture of Montessori and Eureka Math curriculums.

Additional program offerings include practical life studies (nutrition and food preparation, woodworking, clothing care, care of environment, gardening) enrichment opportunities (dance, music, sculpture, ceramics, aerobics, outdoor survival, theater, STEAM).

Lastly, children will participate in a full Spanish immersion period in which they practice practical conversation language skills with a native Spanish speaker from Columbia and assisted by their core content teachers.

C. Procedures

- Dropoff: Class begins at 9:00 am. Please park in the circle in front of the church. Dropoff will occur between 8:55-9:05. Children will be greeted first, and we will work our way up to a traditional Western handshake. Please assist your child(ren) in brief departures each day so they may begin their independent exploration time. Before entry into the classroom children will remove their shoes and place backpacks on hooks.
- Pickup: Class commences at 12:00 pm (3-5 yrs)/ 2:00 pm (6-9 yrs). As a group, we will meet parents near the exterior door. This gives children an opportunity to prepare themselves without parental assistance and allows for efficient departures.
- Bring: backpack with reusable water bottle, lunch, change of clothes (only used in case of accident).
- Schoolhouse Schedule:

Monday/Wednesday (3-5 yrs)	Tuesday/Thursday (6-9 yrs)
9:00-9:05-Arrivals	9:00-9:05-Arrivals
9:05-9:50-Core Block 1	9:05-10:05- Core Block 1
9:50-10:35-Core Block 2	10:05-11:05-Core Block 2
10:35-11:20-Snack Exercise	11:05-12:20-Exercise Lunch
11:20-12:10-M- Enrichment W- Spanish Immersion	12:20-1:15- Enrichment
12:10-12:15- Departures	1:15-2:00- Spanish Immersion
	1:55-2:00- Departures

D. Travel Binder

Each child will receive a travel binder on the first day. These will come home at the end of each month for the children to share their learning and will return the next week. The binders will be sent home at the conclusion of the schoolyear as a final project keepsake.

E. Holidays/Celebrations

Holidays will be left to parents/families to celebrate as they see fit. Therefore, we will not celebrate any holidays together in Woodland Schoolhouse aside from the Sun Celebration. The Sun Celebration is a way to honor another year around the sun on a child's birthday. The child will hold a globe and "orbit" around the sun candle in the center of the circle

of friends as we sing "The Earth orbits the Sun, the Earth orbits the Sun, and now _____ is five! For the celebration we will need a photo of your child taken during their most recent year of life that has some sort of milestone associated (i.e. learned to ride their bike, became a big sister/brother, learned to read their first words, mastered all letter sounds, etc.). We will tell stories about the birthday child and truly celebrate their trip around the sun! No other treats nor trinkets necessary.

F. Tuition

Payment is due on or before the 3rd of each month. A 5% late fee will accrue in the event of late payment. Tuition is as follows: 3-5 year old, Monday/Wednesday program: \$210 per month, 6-9 year old, Tuesday/Thursday program: \$280 per month. A multiple child discount is available for siblings (10% off additional child/children). A one-time supply fee of \$100 is due along with the enrollment documents in order to hold your child's place in the program. This fee covers their passport, core subject workbooks, binder, continent folders, and any consumables that will be taken home at the conclusion of the schoolyear. Venmo: @EmilyBankemper (last four digits: 7408). Please label each payment as follows: Schoolhouse-Month-Child's first and last name. Example: Schoolhouse-September-Jack Gillum.

One month's notice is required if leaving Woodland Schoolhouse before the end of the calendar year (August-May). This allows time for another family to fill the void. If the proper notice isn't provided, cost of purchased monthly materials will be charged (approximately \$20) as well as ½ month's tuition in order to supplement the unfilled void.

G. Calendar

- First Day: Monday, August 7th / Tuesday, August 8th
- Last Day: Tuesday May 29th / Thursday, May 30th
- No Class: week of November 20th, week of December 25th, week of January 1st, Week of April 1st.

H. Communication

Please download the ClassDojo app for class announcements and streamlined communication. Each child will have a class avatar that can be customized if you choose. All announcements will be made via this app, and you will receive an "invite" to join our class via text message from an automated number.

***This page is for your records only. The GoogleDoc version of this form will need completed and submitted upon enrollment.

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Waiver and Emergency Contact

Child's name: _____

Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Additional Child's name: _____

Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Additional Child's name: _____

Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Parent #1 name: _____ cell phone: (____) ____ - _____

Parent #2 name: _____ cell phone: (____) ____ - _____

Emergency contact: _____ cell phone: (____) ____ - _____

Special notes regarding your child(ren) (allergies, health accommodations, behavioral needs):

I/We, the undersigned, are the parent(s) guardian(s) (check one) of the above named child(ren) and we agree, in taking advantage of child care service provided by Woodland Schoolhouse/Emily Bankemper, to release and hold harmless Woodland Schoolhouse from any and all claims, demands, suits, costs and charges, in connection with or arising out of the child care service, including, but not limited to, bodily harm or injury to our children, except only for loss, harms or injury occasioned by gross negligence or intentional misconduct by the Woodland Schoolhouse/Emily Bankemper to administer, or cause to be administered, at my/our sole cost and expense, medical treatment and/or medication to the above named child(ren) in the event of any emergency.

Signature of parent or guardian: _____ Date _____