



Woodland Schoolhouse

2024-2025

First Christian Church

1031 Alexandria Pike, Fort Thomas, Kentucky 41075

Tuesdays and Thursdays: Reptiles(3-5 year olds): 9:15-12:15

Tuesdays and Thursdays: Mammals(6-9 year olds): 9:00-2:15

Tuesdays: Birds(10-12 year olds): 9:00-2:15

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 ages 3-12 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. Our unit studies will rotate every two months as we explore the five major biomes of the earth. Within each unit we will dive deeply into the subcategory biomes, the flora and fauna and tie the study across all core curricula. Students will choose a reptile (3-5 year olds), a mammal (6-9 year olds), or a bird (10-12 year olds) to study throughout the whole school year. With that, they will become experts in classification and identification of it's habitat, predators, prey, and more!

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

Children in the 3-5 age group will participate in practical life and social/emotional work. Children in the 6-9 age group will participate in enrichment classes of Music and Spanish Immersion. Children in the 10-12 year old group will participate in robotics, and Archery and/or Pickleball (TBD). See section D for more details.

C. Procedures

Drop-off: Please assist your child in brief departures via the carline. Before entry into the classroom children will remove their shoes, place backpacks on benches, use the restroom and wash hands.

Pickup: As a group, we will meet parents at the back door for a carline departure. Please ensure all cars can fit in the parking lot by pulling forward, past the door.

To Bring: backpack with reusable water bottle, snack (reptiles) or lunch (mammals), change of clothes, outdoor shoes (hiking boots, rain boots, or old gym shoes) gear for the weather (snowsuit, hat, gloves).

D. Schoolhouse Schedule

Reptiles (3-5 year olds) Tuesday and Thursday		Mammals (6-9 year olds) Tuesday and Thursday		Birds (10-12 year olds) Tuesday	
9:15-9:25	Arrival: belongings away, restroom, shoes off, enter rooms	9:00-9:10	Arrivals: belongings away, restroom, shoes off, enter rooms	9:00-9:10	Arrivals: belongings away, restroom, shoes off, enter rooms
9:25-9:45	Morning Meeting: circle, calendar, greetings, set intentions	9:10-9:50	Enrichment Block 1 (Music or Spanish)	9:10-10:20	Book Club: reports, discussions, writing
9:45-11:00	Core Block: Reading and Math focus groups	9:50-10:30	Enrichment Block 2 (Music or Spanish)	10:20-11:20	Robotics/Lego Robotics
11:00-11:50	Gross Motor and Snack (outdoor or play space): social/emotional read aloud and snack, exercise and play	10:30-11:30	Gross Motor (outdoor or fellowship hall): exercise and unstructured play	11:20-12:15	Lunch and Social
11:50-12:05	Conclusions: review and goodbyes	11:30-12:00	Lunch and Regroup	12:15-1:00	Archery/Pickleball/Art (TBD)
12:05-12:15	Departures: pack up, shoes on, exit to carline	12:00-1:00	Core Block 1 (Reading or Math)	1:00-2:00	Science Lab: experiments, STEAM
		1:00-2:00	Core Block 2 (Reading or Math)	2:00-2:15	Departures: recap, goodbyes, pack up, shoes on, exit to carline or break to extracurriculars
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E. Goals Folder

Each child will receive a goals folder 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 main document within the folders is a set of goals/standards for the year. This is a living document; it will consistently be revisited as a team effort between the teachers of Woodland Schoolhouse and the teachers of their home studies.

F. 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 a special song for the birthday child. For the celebration we will ask the child their most treasured memory or milestone (i.e. learned to ride their bike, became a big sister/brother, learned to read their first words, mastered all letter sounds, etc.) from the year. We will tell stories about the birthday child and truly celebrate their trip around the sun! No treats nor trinkets are necessary.

G. Extracurriculars

There are opportunities for the mammals (6-9 year olds) to participate in extracurriculars which occur from 2:15-3:00, one day per week. These clubs and teams have previously included Run Team on Thursdays and Martial Arts on Tuesdays. Extracurriculars are subject to change and/or additional offerings could be added based on desire. If you have a special talent and a willingness to teach, we are open to new ideas! Final decisions will be made by July of 2024. Extracurriculars are \$30 per month, per program.

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. Venmo: @Emily-Bankemper (last four digits: 7408).

Please label each payment as follows: Schoolhouse-Month-Child's first and last name. Example: Schoolhouse-September-Jack Gillum.

*Reptiles (3-5 year olds): \$220 per month. A one-time supply fee of \$200 is due along with the enrollment documents in order to hold your child's place in the program. This fee covers folders, art project materials, basic school supplies and any consumables that will be taken home at the conclusion of the school year. The supply fee is non-refundable.

*Mammals (6-9 year olds): \$280 per month. A one-time supply fee of \$200 is due along with the enrollment documents in order to hold your child's place in the program. This fee covers their core subject workbooks, folders, art project materials, basic school supplies and any consumables that will be taken home at the conclusion of the school year. The supply fee is non-refundable.

*Birds: (10-12 year olds): \$200 per month. A one-time supply fee of \$200 is due along with the enrollment documents in order to hold your child's place in the program. This fee covers their monthly book club books, folders, science project materials, basic school supplies and any consumables that will be taken home at the conclusion of the school year. The supply fee is non-refundable.

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 1/2 month's tuition will be kept or charged in order to supplement the unfilled void.

H. Communication

We have a very active and supportive community established by our wonderful families of the past and present. We keep in touch about the many events, playdates, questions, and more on our private Facebook group. The group is called Parents of Woodland Schoolhouse and will require an invitation and/or approval by an admin to join. This will be the main mode of posting updates and communication to the families as a whole.

Additionally, every parent should have direct communication to their child's teacher for necessary times. These phone numbers will be shared at the beginning of the school year.

I. Monthly Events

Our planning committee orchestrates a monthly event in which we all join together to connect deeper and truly foster a sense of community. All events are optional, of course, but lots of fun for all! Events of the past have included: Friendsgiving, Festival of Lights meetup, Perfect North tubing, rollerskating at a rink, park picnics and more. All events are announced via our private Facebook group.

We also have a Woodland Market Day on the final Thursday of each month. All parents are welcome to be a "vendor" to sell their goods, services, hand-me-downs, etc. The goal of the Markets is to support one another in our endeavors and provide an opportunity for the children to experience entrepreneurship as well. Markets are setup for an hour at the end of the school day in a very casual "swap" manner from our cars in the front circle of First Christian Church.

J. Volunteer Days

As a community we play together and work together! There will be three opportunities for service throughout the school year of which each parent is only required to attend one. There will be a beginning (late July), middle (during Winter Break), and end (beginning of June) volunteer day lasting approximately three hours. Exact dates will be released mid-summer of 2024.

K. Calendar

- First Day: Tuesday, August 6th
- Autumn Break: week of November 25th
- Winter Break: week of December 23rd, and week of December 30th
- Spring Break: week of March 31st.
- Last Day: Thursday, May 29th.