

## KINDERGARTEN AT FAIRLINGTON FAQ

### What are the hours for Kindergarten?

- Kindergarten will operate from 9 – 2:15. There is not before or after care.

### What is tuition and how do we secure a space?

- Tuition is \$850 per month. There is also a one time supply fee of \$300
- When a student is accepted, a tuition deposit and the supply fee will be due within about 2 weeks of acceptance. The deposit is NOT refundable. A contract will be sent to families to sign and tuition payments will then be made July – March. After June 1, if a family withdraws, they will still be responsible for full year tuition. Exceptions may be made for military families.

### What is the daily schedule?

9:00 – 9:20 a.m.	Morning Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Morning Message (literacy)</li><li>• Calendar (math)</li><li>• Number of the Day (math)</li><li>• Classroom Community Activity</li></ul> This is modeled on Responsive Classroom.
9:20 – 10:20 a.m.	Literacy Block <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Centers (writing, phonics, free choice)</li><li>• Guided Reading w/Teacher #1</li><li>• Guided Writing w/Teacher #2</li></ul> Children will rotate through these centers and Small Groups each day. Centers will be varied so there is movement and multiple sensory choices.
10:20 – 10:30 a.m.	Movement <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Songs, yoga, dance</li></ul>
10:30 – 10:50 a.m.	Bathroom/Snack
10:50 – 11:20 a.m.	Math Block <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Centers</li><li>• Guided Math Groups w/Teachers</li></ul> Children will rotate through these centers and Small Groups each day. Centers will be varied so there is movement and multiple sensory choices.

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| 11:20 – 12:15 p.m. | Planning/Work Time/Recall   |
|                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Traditional High Scope Curriculum, also called “Free Play.”</li> <li>• Social and Play Skills will be emphasized.</li> </ul>   |
| 12:15 – 12:45      | Bathroom/Lunch  |
|                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outside as often as we can.</li> </ul>   |
| 12:45 – 1:00 p.m.  | Read Aloud Story Time   |
|                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social Studies Content will be integrated into this time when appropriate.</li> </ul>  |
| 1:00 – 1:30 p.m.   | Encore  |
|                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Art, Music, Library, and Fair Play will be on a weekly schedule.</li> <li>• Social Studies and Science Content would be incorporated into Art and Music when appropriate.</li> <li>• Ideally, we would have Fair Play twice a week.</li> </ul> |
| 1:30 – 2:15 p.m.   | Outside Playground Time   |

**Besides the afternoon playground time, will there be other opportunities to be outside?**

- Yes, movement break and snack can be outside. There are other spaces besides the playground to do these activities outdoors. We want our kinders to know that they are in Kindergarten and the program is different from Preschool!

**Notes:**

- The Guided Small Groups will not begin until the second month of school. The first month will be spent learning our routines, expectations, how to work independently at Centers, and informal pre-assessment by the teachers to see where we should start our literacy and math instruction.
- We will not need to have whole-class bathroom breaks in the schedule since we will have easy access to the hallway bathrooms. Everyone will use it with handwashing before Snack and Lunch.

**My plan is to send my child to public school first grade after completing Kindergarten at Fairlington. Will my child be ready?**

- Yes! We will be doing the PALS kindergarten assessments as well as some of the same reading and math materials used by the public schools. The benefit to Fairlington families is the small class size and the fact that there will still be the opportunity to play during the school day.
- Ms. Sara is a Master’s level, state licensed kindergarten teacher. Ms. Annie has been working with preschoolers and elementary school aged children for over a decade.