



An outreach of Herndon United
Methodist Church

Ages 2 1/2 to 5 years

2, 3, 4 and 5 Half Day Sessions

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Goals

To emphasize the importance of the relationship with peers, teachers, staff, and other adults by:

- learning to share with others and work in a group setting

- showing respect for other children and adults

- feeling the care and acceptance from his/her peers

To focus on a healthy self-image, a sense of worth and the security a child needs by:

- promoting his/her creativity and self-expression

- developing his/her self-reliance and self-confidence

- experiencing self-discipline and independence

To prepare each child for future learning experiences - socially, cognitively, emotionally, physically and spiritually by:

- making a successful transition from home to school

- developing an interest and joy for learning

- learning through his/her senses while participating in developmentally appropriate activities

To experience the environment around him/her and to better understand his/her place in it by:

- feeling success through achievements in an atmosphere of faith, hope and love

- honoring the many cultures our Preschool welcomes

- discovering the sense of community that our Preschool represents

Philosophy

A preschool child develops in many ways, including physically, socially, cognitively, emotionally and spiritually. At Herndon United Methodist Church Preschool, the goal is to provide a warm, nurturing environment, giving each child the room, guidance and encouragement to develop confidence through active participation in carefully designed learning activities. There will be opportunities to play and learn; to be curious creatively; and to feel success through achievement in an atmosphere of faith, hope, and love.

Professional Staff

Staff members are carefully selected for their previous teaching experience, early childhood education background, and dedication to the special needs of the young child.

Parent Participation

Parents are encouraged to participate in the child's preschool experience. The staff looks forward to developing a partnership with parents to create unity and continuity in the child's life. We welcome all parents to become involved with our Preschool Parent Association (PPA). The PPA plans many special events and fundraisers for our preschool.

Licensing

HUMC Preschool is licensed under the *Commonwealth of Virginia Code of Licensing* by the Department of Social Services.

Typical Daily Activities

Circle time: Pledge of Allegiance, calendar, weather, songs, sharing, stories, classroom jobs, discussion of theme.

Centers: blocks, manipulative, dramatic play, quiet area for reading, writing, easel painting, sensory table, science, music, listening, art, etc.

Daily Project: small group or one-to-one theme related activity to develop fine-motor, language and cognitive skills.

Fitness Fun: monthly session with fitness teacher emphasizes non-competitive gross motor movement activities that reinforce listening skills and cooperative play.

***Snack time:** each child shares in the fun of being the “snack passer” when it is his/her turn to provide the class with snack.

Playground: or indoor activity room play when the weather does not permit.

Music: weekly session with music teacher encourages creative expression through songs, rhythm instruments, and movement, reinforcing auditory discrimination and music appreciation.

Story time: Christian based monthly stories with the church staff held in the Sanctuary.

Lunch Bunch: Lunch Bunch is an optional program that runs twice a week from October through May. It offers the opportunity for your child to stay an hour later to eat their lunch (brought from home) and to play with friends. The fee for Lunch Bunch is \$10 per session.

*Children with food allergies requiring an EpiPen must provide their own snack.

Program

HUMC Preschool welcomes 2 1/2—5 year old children (toilet trained) without regard to race, color, creed, or religion. The school year runs from September through May and generally follows the Fairfax County Public School calendar for holidays and teacher workdays.

Hours: 9:00 AM—12:30 PM

- **Options for 4 and 5 year olds:**
(4 yr. olds-must be 4 by September 30th of the current school year)
- 5 mornings M-F
- 4 mornings Tu-F
- 3 mornings M,W,F
- **Options for 3 year olds:**
(3 yr. olds-must be 3 by September 30th of the current school year)
- 3 mornings M,W,F
- 2 mornings Tu,Th
- **Options for 2 1/2 year olds:**
(must be 3 by March 31st of the current school year.)
- 2 mornings Tu,Th

Curriculum

Our Developmental Curriculum areas include but are not limited to: social and emotional development; approaches to learning; language; literacy; mathematics; science; creative arts; and health and physical development. Based on these Developmental Curriculum areas, a great variety of creative, developmentally appropriate activities are planned and implemented in a safe, stimulating, and nurturing environment. Teachers individualize their classroom curriculum to the age group and special needs of their students.

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Entrance Requirements

The following items *must* be completed and on file in the preschool office prior to the start of school:

- **Preschool Application Form.**
- **2010-2011 Preschool Contract.**
- **Commonwealth of Virginia School Entrance Form (Health Form).**
<http://www.herndonumc.net/Table/Preschool/>
- **Proof of identity.** Parents must provide proof of their child's identity and age, which may include a certified copy of the child's birth certificate, birth registration card, notification of birth (hospital, physician, or midwife record) or passport.
- **Authorization for Emergency Treatment Form.** In the event a parent cannot be reached, this form provides authorization for your child to be treated by a licensed professional (i.e. paramedic, emergency room physician, etc.). This form is of the utmost importance in the event of an emergency.

**Herndon United Methodist
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Fee Schedule for 2010-2011**

Registration Fees: \$60.00 (Additional siblings-\$20.00) The registration fee is not refundable once a class placement has been made.

Tuition: (A 10% discount is applied to additional siblings' tuition.) The annual tuition is divided into nine equal installments. The first installment is due by May 1, 2010 in order to hold your child's place in the program. This payment will be applied as the final tuition payment due for your child for the 2010-2011 school year. If this payment is not received by the preschool by May 1, 2010, your child's place in the preschool will be forfeited. This payment is refundable if HUMC Preschool receives written notice of your intent to withdraw your child from the program by July 1, 2010. The remaining eight installments are due and payable on the first of each month beginning September 1, 2010, with the last installment due April 1, 2011.

Activity Fee: (Sibling discount does not apply.) A one-time payment for special materials and activities is assessed at the beginning of the year. This fee is not refundable once the school year has begun.

<u>Program</u>	<u>Monthly Tuition</u>	<u>One-Time Activity Fee</u>
2 day	\$190.00	\$30.00
3 day	\$242.00	\$35.00
4 day	\$295.00	\$45.00
5 day	\$340.00	\$50.00