



Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK)

Winter Park Presbyterian Preschool has been accepted as a provider for the State-mandated VPK program.

For the current 2011-2012 school year we offer VPK and VPK Plus. For the 2012-2013 school year we will offer VPK Plus only. The difference between VPK and VPK Plus are detailed below.

Program

We use the *Letter People* for phonics. The curriculum also encompasses math, science, music, art, computers, movement, social studies and much more. The children learn through active play. They are ready for Kindergarten at the end of the school year. Our children scored a high 187 out of 200 on the Kindergarten Readiness Rate for the previous school year (the latest statistic released by the State of Florida).

The curriculum meets the Florida Voluntary Pre-kindergarten Standards developed by the Florida Department of Education, the Early Childhood Environmental Rating Scale, and the National Association for the Education of Young Children standards.

Ratio

Maximum of 20 children in the class with 2 teachers.

Teachers

All have their required credentials (Bachelor's Degree or higher in Early Childhood Education, a CDA, or the educational exemption).

Enrollment

To sign your child up for VPK you will need the following:

- His/her birth certificate
- His/her Social Security number
- Proof of FL residency (FL Driver's License, utility bill, etc.)
- Completed state application form (available in office)

VPK (available 2011-2012 school year)

- Attends four (4) days a week.
- The hours are from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.
- The program consists of 540 hours and ends on Wednesday, May 16, 2012.
- VPK children are grouped in the same class. Teacher requests cannot be honored.
- Morning enrichment teachers are compensated by the assessment fees. Since VPK students are charged no fee, enrichments (such as Mrs. Cross and Mr. Rustin) are not included in this program.
- The VPK program ends at 1:00. Therefore Extended Day and afternoon enrichment classes are not available in the VPK program.
- Since the VPK program is totally free, the children will receive a list of needed supplies at the beginning of the school year.

VPK Plus (available 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 school years)

- There is an option of a four (4) day or five (5) day program.
- The hours are 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.
- The program runs the entire school year.
- Teacher requests will be honored if possible.
- Morning enrichment classes (Mrs. Cross' art and Mr. Rustin's music and movement) are offered once a week.
- Parents may use extended day for their children.
- VPK Plus has a small monthly fee as well as registration and assessment fees.