

Happy New Year!

I pray that you are making the most of this time at home with your children and that you had a blessed Christmas! We look forward to the start of this new year and sharing God's love with your family.

From their birth until age five you have 1825 days with your child. While the days can seem overwhelming to a parent the time goes quicker than anyone expects. I want to encourage you to laugh, read and play with your children every day. Try new things, make messes, and even make mistakes along the way as you navigate these 1825 days. It is a gift to both the parent and the child to learn and grow together.

Every child learns at their own pace and in their own way. Some are developing their gross motor skills early and others are drawing detailed pictures. Some are reading at the age of four while others are learning that letters have specific sounds. Some children are playing cooperatively with their peers and others play better by themselves. It is important to continuously expose children to new and challenging opportunities to help them develop.

At times, the challenges of learning new skills will frustrate your child. You can help develop a "Growth Mindset" in your child to minimize the frustration they feel.

1. **Praise the process, effort, and persistence:** Not the outcome. "Wow! You must have worked really hard on this!"
2. **Help your child change their thoughts:** Instead of "I can't! This is too hard!" Help them to think "I can't yet, but I will someday".
3. **Failure is O.K.!** Don't step in to prevent your child's failure – this is how they learn to persevere.

Thank you for giving us the privilege of sharing some of this precious time with your child. By allowing your child to participate in a quality preschool program you are giving them the gift of experience and hands-on learning. We want to help you and your child make the most of this time.

The staff and teachers at the WEE Center wish you a happy, healthy and Christ-filled New Year.

Blessings,
Ann

"Train a child up in the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it." Proverbs 22:6

Just Ahead



Classes Resume

Tuesday, January 2

Stay and Play Session 3

Tuesday, January 2

No School

Monday, January 15

Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday

Chick-fil-A Spirit Week!

Monday – Friday

January 22 -26



Puppet Show

Wednesday, January 24

10:45

If your child does not attend school on Wednesdays, please bring them in.

It's Snowing, Is The WEE Center Closed?



We follow Fairfax County Public School System regarding emergency closing for inclement weather.

If FCPS is:

Closed

1 Hour Late

2 Hours Late

Early Closing

The WEE Center is:

Closed

Opens at 11AM

Opens at NOON

Closes at NOON

You will be notified via email by 7 am on the day in question.



Stay and Play Session 3

Monday – Friday**

January 2 - February 8

The WEE Center’s Stay and Play program is from 2:00-3:00pm and for children who are *toilet trained and at least three years old*. Each session will run for six weeks.

There is **Space Available for Session 3**.

Annual Enrollment Fee \$30

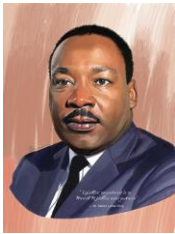
Option 1: Register and pay for specific class days to attend for the entire 6-week session: 1 day/week \$70 for all 6 weeks. Enroll up to 5 days a week

Option 2:

Pay as you go fee: \$20.00 per day

Children may only attend if there is space that day.

****Dependent upon sufficient enrollment and staffing****



No School

Monday, January 15

Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday

Spirit Week at
Monday-Friday,
January 22-26



Join us for breakfast, lunch or dinner. **Mention Parkwood WEE Center’s Spirit Week** and 15% of the sales will be donated to the preschool. Mobile orders please use code **WEE24**

Kaydee Puppets Visit!

Wednesday, January 24

10:45 AM



Students who do not attend school on Wednesdays are welcome to attend with a parent. Please come to the Fellowship Hall at 10:45.



Tax Statements

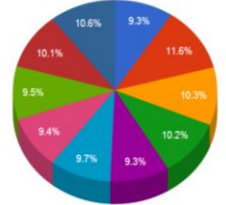
We will send out end-of-the-year customer statement records at the end of January. The statements will include all tuition and fees paid in 2023.

Check with your accountant or review IRS guidelines to see if you can deduct the cost of your child’s tuition.

The WEE Center’s Tax ID Number is: 54-1834101.

Setting our Fees

We set our fees based on financial projections for the coming year. It is important to keep our fees low, but it is also important to pay competitive wages to keep the best staff possible. Your monthly payment is based on the total number of weeks the students are in school divided into nine equal payments.



2024–2025 Registration

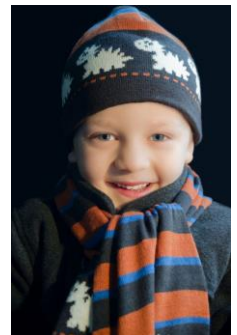
Early February

Information regarding tuition fees and programming options will be available after the next WEE Center Committee **meeting on January 8**

Dress Your Child Properly for Outdoor Play

Outdoor play is an integral part of your child’s development. Running, digging, climbing, lifting, and swinging all help your child’s brain development. Not to mention, it is just plain fun to be outside!

The teachers will be taking the children outside every day that the weather permits. The students will be outside in the snow and in the cold if they are dressed properly.



Please send your child to school in a heavy coat, mittens, and hat. When there is snow on the ground, send in boots too!