

Old Donation Episcopal Day School's

# Transitional Kindergarten



Small Class Size, 14 students

1 Lead Teacher and 1 Assistant Teacher all day

**8:50am - 1:30pm (Monday-Friday)**

Transitional Kindergarten is designed for children who will be 5 prior to November 30<sup>th</sup>. These children can benefit from a longer day and are introduced to kindergarten concepts prior to transitioning to a formal education setting. We believe childhood is a journey and some children thrive from additional time to develop socially, emotionally, and academically prior to attending a formal program.

***So how are we different...why ODEDS?***

## Our Philosophy

We believe that children learn through their play and as they explore, question, listen, build, paint and sing they develop a love of learning and readiness for elementary school and other life experiences. Carefully planned lessons guide the children through a variety of thinking processes so that they gain confidence in their abilities and talents.

Our classroom may look a bit less structured and less orderly, sometimes even a bit chaotic. Play is not a break from learning or a way to fill time for the little ones: play, imagination and discovery are how young children learn.

# Transitional Kindergarten the “*Old Donation Way*”

**Academics** are integrated across the curriculum utilizing:

- Whole and Small Groups Hands-on investigations
- Differentiated instruction
- Developmental Play Centers and Educational Games



**Equally Important...** our class we will continue to experience and learn from:

- Blocks and Building!
- Creative Art Projects!
- Easel Painting and Fine Motor Activities!
- Library time!
- Music and Chapel!
- Recess and Gross Motor Activities!



## **A Typical Day!**

- Morning Arrival (8:50-9:00)
- Morning Meeting (9:00-9:15)
- Carpet Time-Shared Reading (9:15-9:30)
- Carpet Time-Word Study/Phonics (9:30-9:45)
- Small Group Instruction, Learning and Play Centers (9:45-10:40)
- Integrated Read-Aloud (10:40-11:00)
- Snack (11:00-11:10)
- Recess (11:10-11:40)
- Math Whole group Lessons or Workstations (11:40-12:30)
- Lunch (12:30-1:00)
- Science/STEM Activities (1:00-1:30)

### **Weekly Class Additions:**

- ✓ Library (Tuesdays)
- ✓ Chapel (Wednesdays)
- ✓ Music (Fridays)
- ✓ In-House Field Trips



## Our Program Curriculum

**Language Arts** (Emphasis on Phonological & Phonemic Awareness, Classic Literature, Poetry, Decodables) We also use Heggerty and UFLI Foundations curriculum.

- Developing oral language, listening, and speaking vocabularies
- Communication skills and listening comprehension
- Alphabet and corresponding sounds
- Rhyming, syllables, blending and segmenting words.
- Understanding how print is organized and reading with one-to-one matching
- Printing letters, writing first and last name
- Reading and explaining own writing and drawings
- Heart Words: Develop sight recognition of words which do follow sound/symbol correlation. Ex-the: The letter e does not make the short u sound as heard in "the". That sound is a heart sound. "The" is a word we need to know in our heart for the sounds do not match.
- Handwriting: proper formation then transitions to lined paper



**Math** ("EveryDay Mathematics" and "Math Their Way")

- Whole group instruction as well as individualized Math Workstations to help practice each skill taught
- Recognizing and writing numerals
- Sorting, graphing, patterning, counting
- Shapes, simple measurement, money, fractions
- Days of the week and months of the year
- Decomposing numbers to 5 with fluency, and to 10
- Using objects for addition and subtraction



## Science

- Inquiry based with a focus on hands-on activities and problem solving
- Life cycles of Plants and Animals
- Magnets, Water, Ecology- Conservation, and Senses



## Social Studies

- Appreciation of our history through learning about important people and holidays
- Ethnic diversity, traditions and holidays
- Basic introduction to maps and globes
- Differences between long ago and today
- Economics: needs and wants



**SOLs:** Virginia Standards of Learning are introduced in our transitional kindergarten program ensuring a successful transition to a public or private school setting.

### **Registration and Misc. Information:**

- **Transitional Kindergarten-** Registration for **currently enrolled families** begins in **January**.
- Non-refundable Registration Fee due with Reg. Form to confirm spot: \$165
- Tuition: \$470 per month (9 equal payments)
- 1<sup>st</sup> tuition payment due June 1<sup>st</sup> (held for September's tuition payment)
- Material/Curriculum Fee: \$150 annually (Due September)
- Up-to-date physical/immunization form (Due September)