



Winchester Cooperative Nursery School

Our Philosophy

We believe children learn by doing. Play is their way of learning about the world around them.

Our School

Winchester Cooperative Nursery School was founded in 1968 in Winchester, Mass. A parent-run, non-denominational school for three-to-five year old children, we are dedicated to providing each child with a positive and enriching first school experience. Parents actively participate in educational and operational components of our school by parent-helping in the classrooms and serving on school-wide committees and on the Board of Trustees.

Our Curriculum

At WCNS, we believe in a play-based, child-centered curriculum. Children are provided learning materials that allow exploration at the child's individual pace. Children acquire knowledge while sharing in the discovery of their physical and social worlds. Our program is complemented by a music and movement component and a staff literacy consultant.

Lunch Bunch

Lunch Bunch, offered on Wednesdays and Fridays from 11:45 a.m. - 2:45 p.m., is available to children currently enrolled in the program. Lunch Bunch is a wonderful experience for children to meet new friends outside of their classrooms and enjoy an exciting curriculum of play and learning.

June Bugs

June Bugs is a summer program for children currently enrolled at WCNS. It is two week-long sessions that begins the second week in June. The spacious, outdoor playground becomes the summer classroom for children to discover nature, play with friends, and enjoy the warm weather. Classrooms are utilized for art and indoor activities. And, weather permitting, water play is a must during June Bugs!

Dates to Remember

January 20, 2010

7:30 p.m., WCNS Open House

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Applications Available and Accepted

January 21, 2010 - SNOW DATE

7:30 p.m., WCNS Open House

January 21 - January 23, 2010

School Visits

February 5, 2010

Applications Due

February 12, 2010

Class Lists Posted and Mailed

March 14, 2010

Acceptance and Deposit Due





Our Day Looks Like This:

Preschool Classes (MWF / TThFri) 9:00 -11:30 a.m.

- 8:50 a.m. - Parent helper arrives.
- 9:00 – 9:30 a.m. - Children arrive on the playground or the Big Room on icy or rainy days. Free choice active play.
- 9:30 – 9:35 a.m. - Transition to the classroom.
- 9:35 – 10:35 a.m. - Free choice activities: art projects, dress-up, imaginative play, games, sand /water play, science projects, books.
- 10:35 –10:45 a.m. - Classroom clean-up. Bathroom and hand-washing.
- 10:45 – 11:05 a.m. - Circle time: time to share, read a story, present a concept, and enjoy music and movement. Snack preparation.
- 11:05 – 11:10 a.m. - Hand washing before snack.
- 11:10 – 11:25 a.m. - Snack.
- 11:25 – 11:30 a.m. - Dismissal.

Preschool Class (4PM M/T/Th/F) 12:00 - 3:00 p.m.

- 11: 50 a.m. - Parent helper arrives.
- 12:00 – 12:10 p.m. – Children arrive. Free choice play.
- 12:10 – 12:35 p.m. - Circle time: time to share, plan the day, present a concept, and enjoy music and movement.
- 12:35 p.m. – 1:35 p.m. - Free choice activities: art projects, dress-up, imaginative play, games, sand /water play, science projects, books.
- 1:35 – 1:45 p.m. - Classroom clean-up. Bathroom and hand-washing.
- 1:45 – 1:55 - Snack preparation, reading time, group story, music.
- 1:55 - 2:10 p.m. Snack.
- 2:10 – 2:15 p.m. – Transition to the playground or Big Room.
- 2:15 – 3:00. Playground or the Big Room on icy or rainy days. Free choice active play
- 3:00 p.m. - Dismissal.

Pre-K Class (4AM xF) 8:45 - 11:45 a.m.

- 8:35 a.m. - Parent helper arrives.
- 8:45 – 9:30 a.m. - Children arrive on the playground or the Big room on icy or rainy days. Free choice active play.
- 9:30 – 9:35 a.m. - Transition to the classroom.
- 9:35 – 9:50 a.m. - Circle time: time to share, plan the day, present a concept, and enjoy music and movement.
- 9:50 – 10:50 a.m. - Free choice activities: art projects, dress-up, imaginative play, games, sand /water play, science projects, books.
- 10:50 – 11:00 a.m. - Classroom clean-up, bathroom and hand washing
- 11:00 – 11:20 a.m. - Snack preparation, reading time, group story, music.
- 11:20 – 11:25 a.m. - Hand washing before snack.
- 11:25 – 11:40 a.m. - Snack.
- 11:40 – 11:45 a.m. - Dismissal.

Pre-K Class (4PM xF) 12:15 - 3:15 p.m.

- 12: 05 p.m. - Parent helper arrives.
- 12:15 – 1:00 p.m. - Children arrive on the playground or the Big Room on icy or rainy days. Free choice active play.
- 1:00 – 1:05 p.m. - Transition to the classroom.
- 1:05 – 1:20 p.m. - Circle time: time to share, plan the day, present a concept, and enjoy music and movement.
- 1:20 – 2:20 p.m. - Free choice activities: art projects, dress-up, imaginative play, games, sand/water play, science projects, books.
- 2:20 – 2:30 p.m. - Classroom clean-up, bathroom and hand-washing.
- 2:30 – 2:50 p.m. - Snack preparation, reading time, group story, music.
- 2:50 – 2:55 p.m. - Hand washing before snack.
- 2:55- 3:10 p.m. - Snack.
- 3:10- 3:15p.m. - Dismissal.

*Music and movement classes are incorporated into every schedule on a monthly basis. Daily schedules are subject to change due to class events and local field trips.

