

Preschool & Kindergarten

ENCOURAGING CURIOSITY



FROM WONDER TO WISDOM

Emerson Waldorf School

- 54 Acres of forest, hills, trails, meadow, and farm in Chapel Hill, NC
- Founded in 1984
- Preschool through High School
- 270 students



WALDORF EDUCATION

- Educational philosophy guided by a deep understanding of child development
- Teachers educate and guide students within academic, artistic, social and emotional realms
- Our teachers have a College Degree plus 2 additional years of Waldorf teacher training in Waldorf philosophy, curriculum & child development





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NURSERY

- 1 Lead Teacher & 1 Assistant
- 14 students per class
- 1:7 Teacher to Student Ratio
- Play-based curriculum

Play-based means we see play as the child's primary work at this stage in their development. Formal reading, writing, and counting instruction begin in 1st grade.





NURSERY

- Children may begin Nursery anytime after they turn 3 years old & are potty-trained
- Classes are mixed-age, with 3 & 4 year olds
- Children may attend for 3 or 5 days per week, sometimes 2 days

Teacher: Ms. Diana





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KINDERGARTEN

- Two-year program
- 1 Lead Teacher & 1 Assistant
- 14 students per class
- 1:7 Teacher to Student Ratio
- 3 play-based kindergarten classrooms

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KINDERGARTEN TEACHERS

Ms. Andrea



Ms. Patricia



Ms. Robin



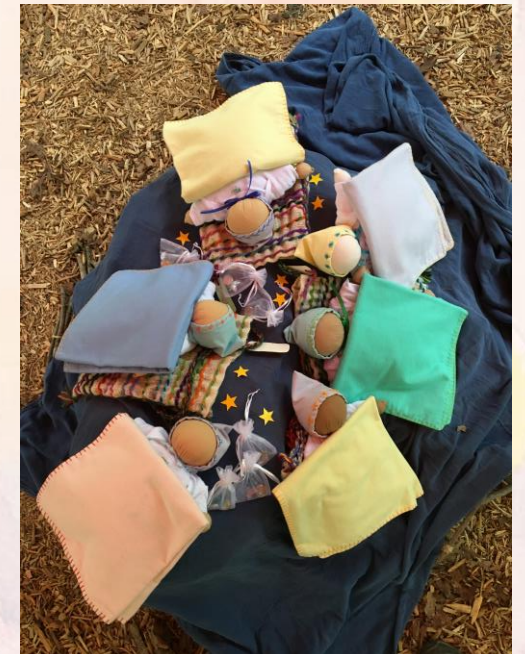
We offer a two-year kindergarten program.

A child must be 4 years old by September 1st or 5 years old by June 1st.



DAILY RHYTHM

| Morning Outdoors (rain or shine) | Afternoon |
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| 8:00 am Playground Arrival | 12:30 pm ½ Day Children depart |
| Playground Time | Transition Indoors |
| Practical Activities | Story Time |
| Circle Time | Rest Indoors |
| Snack (provided) | Outdoor Snack & Playground Time |
| Forest Playground | 3 pm Full-Day Pick-Up |
| Story Time | Free Play & Snack Outdoors |
| 11:55 am Lunch (brought from home) | 5:30 pm After School pick-up |



** The official day lasts from 8:30 am-12:30 pm.
After School is available until 3 pm or 5:30 pm.*



FOREST CLASSROOM

- Our outdoor playground and forest classrooms allow for endless imaginative play, gardening, and learning skills like sharing and taking turns.





CRAFTING

- The children will draw, paint, embroider, bake, and create seasonal crafts tables.



IMPORTANCE OF PLAY

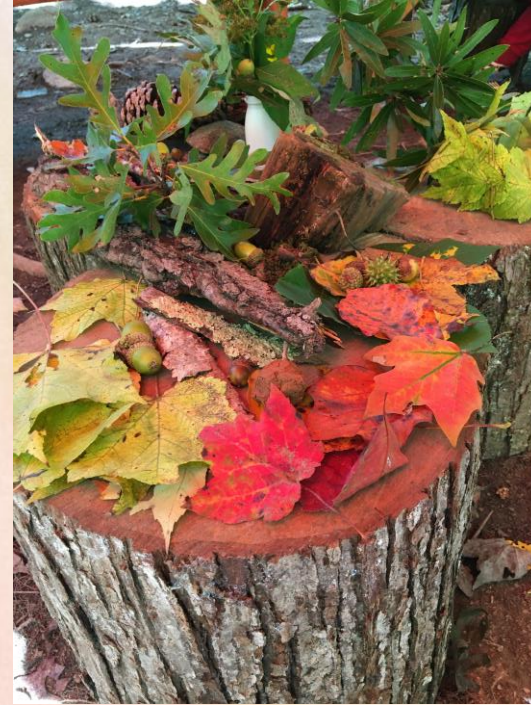
- Play cultivates cooperation, curiosity, and imagination
- Activities support self-initiation and organization
- Teachers are guides and help the children with tasks and conflicts





PLAYGROUND

- The playground is enchanting with fairy homes and creatures and wonderful spaces to explore and find rest



TIME IN NATURE

- The children are outside everyday, rain or shine
- Connecting with and learning through the natural environment supports a healthy social-emotional balance





MEDIA & DRESS CODE

- Our Early Childhood program is screen-free through middle school
- At home, we encourage children to be screen-free during the week and have limited screen time on the weekend
- We ask that children come to school in clothing that's free of logos and commercial characters, which contributes to a visually pleasing environment
- Without the distraction of pop-culture imagery, a child's own imagination and ideas can shine through





FESTIVALS

- Seasonal festivals connect the children to the rhythm of the year





PARENT-TEACHER COLLABORATIVE

- Parents can volunteer for leadership roles on the Heads, Hearts, or Hands committees or simply attend the activities these committees sponsor



Thank you for your interest in EWS. Please fill out an online inquiry or application to explore our programs further.

