

“The important things not so much that every child should be taught, as that every child should be given the wish to learn.”

Children are natural explorers and play is their work as they seek out new knowledge while making brilliant discoveries. In a creative, stimulating atmosphere, children will become aware of the exciting world around them. If they are given a chance to learn through their own experience, these discoveries have real meaning for them. At The Village Nursery School, we try to provide such an atmosphere by setting various centers of interest where children can learn skills and socialization through play. Such areas include blocks, books, play-kitchen facilities, tool bench, dress-up clothes, puzzles, painting station, tactile table, games, and toys.

All of our classes focus on color and shape recognition. The fours are further encouraged to recognize their own name, numbers, patterns, and the alphabet (both phonetically and by letter). The four year old classes incorporate the 'Handwriting without Tears' curriculum for learning letter and number formation and vocabulary in an engaging and developmentally appropriate fashion.

Trips to nearby places also help to enrich learning experiences. The four-year-olds visit a local farm for pumpkin picking in the fall and the Storm King Fire House during Fire Prevention Week. They also enjoy trips to our nearby post office, a local dentist, and the Cornwall Public Library. In addition, they visit the Hudson Highlands Nature Museum to learn about and touch various small animals. The three-year-olds are visited by community helpers such as a police officer, firefighter, and dentist.

Music is an important art to preschoolers. We incorporate rhythm bands, musical games, and exercise to music in their program. We encourage the children to “sing out.” The teachers help the children present a “program” for their families in December, before the holiday season, and in June, just prior to the end of the school year.

Through art work, we encourage the children to be creative and “do their own thing.” Many media are explored, and the children are taught basic cutting, pasting, painting, and modeling skills. The four year old classes study a 'Great Master' each month which furthers their artistic observations and experiences.

Perhaps the most important feature at The Village Nursery School is learning to live happily and thoughtfully with others. We try our best to promote good manners and consideration. Respect for adults and friends, learning to care for themselves, listening to instructions and directions, neatness, and learning about being part of a 'community' is strongly emphasized.

Tuition is \$190.00 per month for the four-year-olds MWF AM class and \$305.00 for the four-year-olds T-F AM class. Tuition is \$140.00 per month for the three-year-olds TTH AM class and \$190.00 per month for the three-year-olds MWF class. When registering for an available space, a \$55.00 non-refundable one time registration fee (new families),

§55.00 toward September tuition (per child) and proof of date of birth are required. September tuition for new families is due April 15, 2018.

All current students and alumni will utilize the §55.00 paid at registration time as a deposit toward September tuition. September's tuition for current families and alumni is due by June 15th. The school year is from September through mid-June. There is an option to pay per month or you may pay for the entire school year at once with a 5% discount.

Please make checks payable to: Cornwall Presbyterian Church

The age groups meet as follows:

2-YEAR-OLDS:

Mondays (starting in October): 10:00-11:15

3-YEAR-OLDS:

Option 1: Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 - 11:30 A.M

Option 2: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 9:00-11:30AM

4-YEAR-OLDS:

Option 1: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 12:15PM-2:45PM

Option 2: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 9:15-12:30 (with lunch)

Each class is taught by experienced preschool staff members. Head teachers hold NYS certification and/or Masters Degrees in the field. We welcome you to The Village Nursery School and value your ideas and assistance. This will be a happy, constructive, and fun year, and we thank you for this opportunity to teach and enjoy your child.

With Gratitude;

THE VILLAGE NURSERY SCHOOL STAFF

Director:

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Head Teachers: Melissa McHugh and Marian Kane

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