



An environment of discovery  
for young children

## 2024-2025 CLASS DESCRIPTIONS *and* AGE REQUIREMENTS

Valley Preschool accepts students aged 33 months through 5 years of age, who are fully potty-trained. Each of our classes *addresses specific goals and stages of development* in the preschool years. Following the Early Childhood Indicators of Progress as a guideline for best-practices in early childhood education, our teachers use a combination of purchased and specifically designed, developmentally appropriate curriculums for each age group. As our students progress through our offerings, teachers become keenly aware of their progress along a developmental continuum. We are proud to be able to meet each student where they are at and continue to help them advance along the continuum each and every day.

When first beginning at Valley Preschool, we ask that families adhere to the following age requirements in order to help us best keep the integrity of each class's offering(s). Being that we allow students to enroll in multiple classes, **exceptions may be made** on a *case-by-case basis* with approval from our Director, Sarah Peterson. Any exceptions are subject to a one-month trial to ensure a good fit for the student and class.

### HALF DAY TRADITIONAL PRE-K CLASSES

#### ***Honey Bees (MT AM) Class: Ages 33 months – 4 years***

Our Monday and Tuesday morning class is for students in their first and or second year. This class is great for students who have had little or no prior drop-off experience *and* for students in their second year of a 3-year preschool track. Our teachers are mindful to help each and every child adjust to their preschool experience at their own pace and will differentiate the curriculum to meet the needs of students in their first or second year of class. Children can attend this class when they are 33 months old and potty-trained. *This class is the morning portion of the Little Explorers offering.*

#### ***Fireflies (WThF AM) Class: Ages 3.5+ – 5 years***

Our Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday morning Pre-K class is geared for students attending kindergarten the following year. The main goal is to give students the opportunity to explore social and academic skills that will help them prepare for an easy and successful transition into their kindergarten year. Students who have already mastered many of the academic preschool skills will be introduced to kindergarten skills. Teachers are trained to meet the needs of students individually. Children can attend this class if they are 4 years old by November 1<sup>st</sup> and are potty-trained. *This class is the morning portion of the Explorers offering.*

#### ***Young Da Vincis (WThF PM) Class: Ages 3.5 – 5 years***

Our Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday Pre-K multi-age class is STEAM (Science Technology Engineering Arts and Mathematics) focused. This is a messy class with all hands-on learning! The advantage of a multi-aged class is that students are able to learn from and teach others who are at different stages of their development. These interactions help to strengthen both confidence and communication skills. *This class is the afternoon portion of the Explorers offering.*

As with all of our classes, teachers are able to *differentiate their instruction* to offer opportunities for students to **learn at their own pace**, but the multi-age class offers more freedom because of the larger age span. This class also adds convenience for families who have multiple children enrolled because siblings can attend together.

## FULL DAY CLASSES

**Little Explorers (MT Full Days): Ages 33 months – 4 years**

Students who are ready for a longer school day can join our MT AM class in the morning and our Butterflies class in the afternoon. This is a fun offering; perfect for introducing young children to a gradual increase in time at school, as well as providing additional opportunity to grow socially, emotionally and academically with peers. Morning and afternoon activities are entirely different; providing a full day’s worth of experiences. No repeats! Over the lunch hour, students will enjoy lunch and a 30 minute “snuggle” or rest period in order to meet licensing requirements. Students MUST be potty-trained before starting MT full days.

**Explorers (WThF Full Days): Ages 3.5+ years – 5 years**

Students who will be 4 years old by Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> may attend both our morning and afternoon WThF classes for a full-day experience, similar to those offered in kindergarten by the Stillwater School District. These students will receive priority for the lunch bunch lottery so parents are not responsible for picking up or dropping off mid-day. Drop off will begin at 8:45am and pick-up starting at 3:30pm. Students will enjoy a short “snuggle” (rest) time after lunch to meet licensing requirements, and will participate in all planned class activities for the AM and PM classes. Morning and afternoon activities are entirely different; providing a full day’s worth of experiences. No repeats! Enrollment for all 3 days is required.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Honey Bees (MT AM)</b> 33 mos-4 years 8:45-11:30am \$265/month *</p>		<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Fireflies (WThF AM)</b> 4-5 years 8:45-11:30am \$375/month *</p>		
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		<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Young Da Vincis (WThF PM)</b> 3.5-5 years 12:45-3:30pm \$325/month*</p>		
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Little Explorers (MT Full Day)</b> Includes <i>Honey Bees</i> (MT AM class)/Lunch Bunch &amp; <i>Butterflies</i> (MT PM class) 3-4 years 8:45am-3:30pm \$395/month *</p>		<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Explorers (WThF Full Day)</b> Includes <i>Fireflies</i> (WThF AM class)/Lunch Bunch/ <i>Young Da Vincis</i> (WThF PM) class 4-5 years 8:45am-3:30pm \$645/month*</p>		
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Adventurers (M-F Afternoons)</b> <i>Includes Lunch Bunch</i> 3.5-5 years 11:30am-3:30pm \$530/month*</p>				

## POTTY-TRAINING REQUIREMENT

All students enrolling in any classes at Valley Preschool must be potty-trained. Our school is licensed as a preschool and therefore students cannot wear diapers or pull-ups. Our teachers want all students to be successful and independent in their toileting habits. While accidents are expected, it will be up to the teachers’ discretion to determine whether a child is taking too much time away from the class due to their inability to be independent in this area.

## HEALTH AND IMMUNIZATION FORMS

All Valley Preschool students are **required by the state of MN** to have certain health and immunization records on file at the school. Health and immunization records for new students will be due on August 1<sup>st</sup>. If registering after the start of the school year, records **must be on file within 30 days of the student's start date**. New forms are required for all students, regardless of prior attendance. New forms are also required if there is a change in your child's health or immunizations at any time.

## LUNCH INFORMATION

Lunch is optional and is \$24/day/mo. (Example: Lunch Bunch on Mondays only would be an additional \$24/mo., added to tuition. Lunch Bunch Mondays and Tuesdays would be \$48/mo., etc.) Families provide a bag lunch that follows Valley Preschool's healthy requirements (no candy, sugary drinks, etc. permitted). Bag lunches must include one serving of grains, one serving of protein, and two servings of fruits or vegetables.

All authorized care givers must use their car tags to ensure a smooth drop-off and pick-up before and after lunch. Afternoon students arriving early for lunch should arrive in weather-appropriate outdoor clothing as we will be outside for the first 15 minutes.

For full-day students, the cost of lunch is already calculated into the price of the tuition. The monthly cost will vary, depending on how many days of class take place in that month and what days are requested. You can find the most current schedule on the *Lunch Request Form*. This will automatically be paid with the ACH account on file with your monthly tuition. Lunch tuition is non-refundable.

Please designate preference of days on the registration form and return with your enrollment papers. We can accommodate a maximum of 20 students per day. If more than 20 students register for a day, priority is given to full-day students.

## TUITION

Tuition for the school year is divided into nine equal payments and is collected via ACH. The first payment for both new and returning students is due with the registration form. **Registration Fee is nonrefundable. The initial tuition payment will be used as your May 2025 tuition payment. Tuition will be withdrawn the first business day of each month September-April.** 60 days written notice must be given if a child will be withdrawn before completing the school term. Tuition will not be refunded for holidays, illness or vacation time.

## ACH

All preschool tuition payments are due on the first business day of each month and are required to be set up through ACH prior to the beginning of the school year. A \$40 fee will be accessed for any automatic draft payment received after the 5th of the month due to or caused by insufficient funds or account closings.

## CANCELLATION POLICY

Once enrolled, two month's (60 days) written notice must be given if a child will be withdrawn from school regardless of the reason, before completing the school term. **See current Parent Handbook or Application for Registration for more details.**