

## OUR PHILOSOPHY

We know that children learn best in environments that are developmentally appropriate, allowing them the independence to determine what activities they choose to participate in, and for how long. It is the teacher's role to facilitate and encourage physical movement, freedom of expression, active communication, and individual and group problem-solving.

We want children to feel good about themselves, know what it means to be part of a group, and be able to develop the social skills which will enable them to resolve conflicts with their peers, wait for a turn, and have the confidence to persist at new and challenging tasks.



## OUR ENVIRONMENT

Our classrooms and playground are arranged daily in order to best meet the needs of the children in that classroom, and to help us meet all of our educational goals.

## OUR STAFF

The staff consists of our Director, Kathy Gilbert, an Administrative Assistant, Head Teachers and Assistant Teachers, all of whom are well qualified to work with young children. Each class has two teachers.

## OUR CURRICULUM

**PLAY** is the center of the curriculum, as we feel it is through play that a young child most readily learns to solve problems, develop skills, clarify concepts, and express ideas.

Since preschoolers learn best through hands-on activities, each classroom is arranged daily with various learning centers where children can freely choose to participate for as long as they would like. Our teachers rotate and adjust materials frequently to extend the child's interests.

Components of our academic program include:

- Language, Communication & Literacy Skills
- Science activities
- Tactile and Sensory explorations
- Singing and finger plays
- Art experiences
- Dramatic play opportunities
- Mathematical activities/reasoning
- Large and small motor skill building

## OUR PROGRAMS

### 2-year-old program

2 day 9:30-11:45

### 3-year-old program

3 Day 9:00-12:00

### 4-year-old programs

3 Day 9:15-12:45

4 Day 9:00-12:00

### Pre-K program

5 Day 9:15-1:30

### Music & Movement class

This program is held during the winter months for all students at no additional charge.

### Enrichment program

We offer students in 3's and 4's classes an after-school Enrichment program weekly. These programs are optional.

## ENROLLMENT AND ADMISSION

Applications and brochures will be sent via email to interested families. You can request information by calling the school at (203)374-6548 or visiting our website [methodist-ns.com](http://methodist-ns.com).



## TESTIMONIALS

"MNS provides such a great foundation for my kids' love of learning and school."

"The most professional and knowledgeable preschool staff around!"

"The level of commitment of the Director and teachers is extraordinary!"

"MNS is like nursery school in 3-D! Everything is well thought out and planned to meet the **child's** needs."

"The social skills my daughter is learning will help develop confidence in the coming years."

"The exposure to a wide variety of activities will spark the child's imagination in ways we might not be able to (or want to do) at home."

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