

## ✓ ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

The Epworth Preschool & Kindergarten (EPK) is a ministry of Epworth United Methodist Church created in 1981 as an educational outreach to children and their families in the greater Gaithersburg area. The preschool provides a developmentally appropriate program for children ages 2 through 4 and is licensed by the Office of Childcare. The Kindergarten program provides a developmentally appropriate Kindergarten program for 5 year olds that is approved by MSDE (Maryland State Department of Education)

## ✓ VISION

Epworth Preschool and Kindergarten is an educational mission of Epworth United Methodist Church which provides quality educational programs within a warm, nurturing Christian environment so that children will grow to become lifelong learners and have greater opportunity to become people of faith in the community.



## ✓ EDUCATION PHILOSOPHY

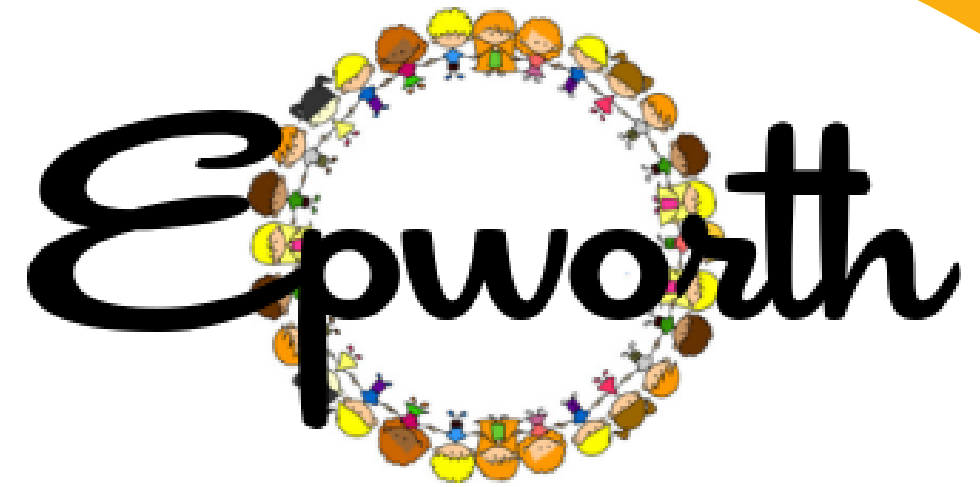
We recognize that children are unique individuals with varying rates of development, capabilities, needs and interests.

- EPK offers a warm, supportive atmosphere that fosters creative activities and individual growth through experimentation and exploration.
- EPK has designed a learning center that provides children with numerous opportunities to use their senses, muscles, curiosity and language.

## ✓ CURRICULUM

The **Creative Curriculum** will be used in the preschool classes. The Transitional Kindergarten class will use the **MSDE approved curriculum** that follows MSDE guidelines and expectations.

**ORANGE** Christian curriculum will be used for monthly chapel and reinforced in all the classes. The curriculum will acknowledge Jesus as Lord and refer to Jesus as a "special friend," an age-appropriate term. Prayers will be made in the name of Jesus when offered. Our core Scripture is Galatians 5: 22-23 **But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.** These are the Christian values that will be taught. We will use John 15:5 to emphasize how our relationship with God helps produce this fruit. John 15:5 **[Jesus says] I am the vine, and you are the branches. If you stay joined to me, and I to you, you will produce plenty of fruit.** Christian components will be taught by the pastors and members of Epworth Family Discipleship team. Families will receive take home materials with the monthly bible stories and key verse. Families are not required to be members of Epworth to attend EPK. Children and families are not required to be Christian and will not be pressured to become so. For information on beliefs and structure please see [www.epworthunited.org](http://www.epworthunited.org)



**PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN**

1 John 4:16 *God is love*

**2025-2026**

**REGISTRATION  
BROCHURE**

**Building the Foundations of  
Learning for 40 Years!**

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**Epworth**

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## ✓ ADMISSIONS POLICY

Epworth Preschool and Kindergarten does not discriminate in the administration of its educational/admissions policies, scholarship programs, or any other academic, athletic, or other school-administered programs. IEP or IFSP accommodations are offered.

2-Year-Olds: Children must be 2 by Sept. 1st. **No waivers.**

3-Year-Olds: Children must be 3 by Sept. 1st.\*

Pre-Kindergarten: Children must be 4 by Sept. 1st.\*

Transitional Kindergarten/Kindergarten: Children must be 5 by Nov 1st.

### **Waiver for Early Entrance:**

Early entrance for 3 and 4 year olds is offered on a limited basis. In order to be considered, **children must turn 3 or 4 between Sept. 1st and Oct. 15th of the school year and pass an assessment process.**

TK registration early entrance waivers are considered for students who **turn 5 between November 1 and November 15, 2025**

## ✓ CLASSES

The following sessions will be offered during the 2024-2025 school year:

### **2-Year-Olds (age 2 by 9/1/25)**

Student/Teacher Ratio: 12/2

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Tuesday/Thursday \$410

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Monday/Wednesday/Friday \$465

### **3-Year-Olds (age 3 by 9/1/25)**

Student/Teacher Ratio: 13/2

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Tuesday/Thursday \$410

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Monday - Friday \$645

### **Pre-Kindergarten (age 4 by 9/1/25)**

Student/Teacher Ratio: 13/2 or 15/2

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Monday/Wednesday/Friday \$465

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Monday - Friday \$645

### **Transitional Kindergarten/Kindergarten (age 5 by 11/1/25) \$750**

Student/Teacher Ratio: 18/2

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Monday - Friday

## ✓ EXTENDED HOURS

This year we are excited to offer before care and after care for EPK students enrolled in 3, 4, and 5 year old classes. The before-care will start at 7:30 am and after-care will go until 4 pm. Slots are available on a first come first serve basis for the first 23 students. Like all offerings, this is dependent on enrollment.

**Before-Care:** 7:30a.m. - 9:00a.m. \$200/month

**After-Care:** After Care: 1:00pm-4:00pm

- Monday - Friday After Care (5 days) for 3 & 4 year old students \$400/month
- Tues. & Thurs. After Care (only 2 days): \$ 180/ month
- Mon./Wed./Friday After Care (3 days): \$240 / month
- Monday - Friday After care for Epworth TK/K students (TK price for 5 days only) \$350/m

## ✓ REGISTRATION

**Registration for Current EPK Families begins February 3, 2025.**

This includes current staff members, students and their siblings. Parents must submit completed registration forms online.

**Public Registration begins February 10, 2025.**

Public registration is offered to all families in the community who are interested in enrolling their children in our program. Public registration will be conducted online through the EPK website

**Registration Process:** Once you have submitted registration, the director will approve and send you a follow up email with the final payment amount required. Enrollment is based on a first-come, first-serve basis and requires payment.

## ✓ CONTACT US



**Director: Andy Doerrman, 301 977 3421**



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**<https://www.epkgaitersburg.org>**

## ✓ TUITION & FEES

### Registration Fee

**The non-refundable amount due at registration is a \$95 registration fee plus May 2026 tuition. Refunds are not given even if families move or a child is accepted into another program. ALL CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE TO EPWORTH UMC. Online payments can be made at [www.epkgaitersburg.org](http://www.epkgaitersburg.org)**

### Monthly Tuition Payment

September tuition and the activity fee are due August 1st.

October - April tuition is due the 1st of each month. Parents are responsible for submitting tuition by the due date. Tuition paid after the 5th of the month will be assessed a late fee of \$10. A 10% tuition discount is offered for younger siblings and multiples attending class the same school year and for 2 year olds doing 2 separate classes MWF and TTH to reach 5 days.. The discount code to be used in the online enrollment is **SIBLING2025**

### 2-Year-Old Program

Tuesday/Thursday 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. \$410  
Mon/Wed/Fri 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. \$465

### 3-Year-Old Program

Tuesday/Thursday 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. \$410  
Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. \$645

### 4 year old Pre-Kindergarten

Mon/Wed/Friday 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. \$465  
Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. \$645

### Transitional Kindergarten/Kindergarten

Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. \$750

### Refunds

**The registration fee and tuition deposit are non-refundable. There are absolutely no refunds. There will be no exceptions.**

### Additional Information/Fees

**The activity fee is one time and must be paid before August 2025. The activity fee is \$95 dollars for PK and \$110 for TK.** Children will participate in a variety of programs that are both entertaining and educational. The fee helps to offset the costs of these programs and is due with September tuition by August 1st. An annual calendar is published and distributed in the Parent Handbook. Preschool classes are in session from Labor Day through Memorial Day. Transitional Kindergarten begins in late August or early September and ends at the end of May, based on the MSDE-required days of instruction.