

✓ 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.



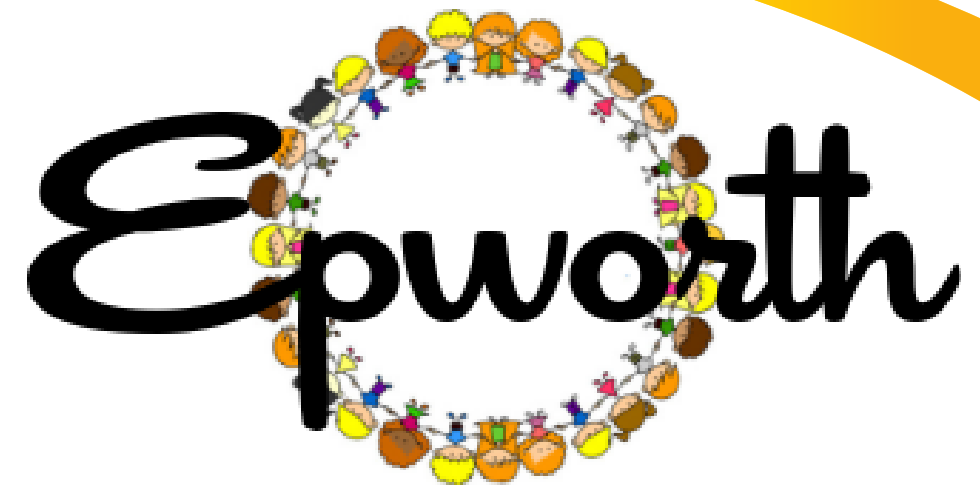
✓ EDUCATION PHILOSOPHY

- **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



PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN

1 John 4:16 God is love

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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.

2-Year-Olds: Children must be 2 by Sept. 1st.

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.

***Waivers are offered for all ages except 2 year olds.
See information on age waivers.**

✓ CLASSES

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

2-Year-Olds (age 2 by 9/1/24)

Student/Teacher Ratio: 12/2

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Tuesday/Thursday \$355

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Monday/Wednesday/Friday \$405

3-Year-Olds (age 3 by 9/1/24)

Student/Teacher Ratio: 13/2

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Tuesday/Thursday \$355

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Monday/Wednesday/Friday \$405

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Monday - Friday \$560

Combo 3 year olds & 4 year olds

Student/Teacher Ratio: 13/2

9:00 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesday/Thursday Combo \$355

Pre-Kindergarten (age 4 by 9/1/24)

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

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Monday/Wednesday/Friday \$405

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Monday - Friday \$560

Transitional Kindergarten /Kindergarten (age 5 by 11/1/24) \$670

Student/Teacher Ratio: 18/2

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

✓ REGISTRATION

*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, 2024

Early entrance waivers are not offered for 2 year olds.

Registration for Current EPK Families begins January 25, 2024.

This includes current staff members, students and their siblings. Parents must submit completed registration forms via email or in person to the director and payment online or in person. Enrollment is based on a first-come, first-serve basis and requires payment.

Public Registration begins February 5, 2024.

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 and by mail. Enrollment is based on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Submit your registration form noting 1st/2nd choices.

Registration payment is required at this time.

Enrolled families will be contacted via phone the first week in March regarding their child's placement.

✓ CONTACT US



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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 2025 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

Monthly Tuition Payment

September tuition and the annual 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 or 3 year olds doing 2 separate classes MWF and TTH to reach 5 days.

2-Year-Old Program

Tuesday/Thursday 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. \$355

Mon/Wed/Fri 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. \$405

3-Year-Old Program

Tuesday/Thursday 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. \$355

Mon/Wed/Fri 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. \$405

Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. \$560

3year old/4 year old Combo Class

Tuesday/Thursday 9:00 a.m. -1:00p.m. \$355

4 year old Pre-Kindergarten

Mon/Wed/Fri 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. \$405

Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. \$560

Transitional Kindergarten/Kindergarten

Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. \$670

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 will be published in July to be paid in August. Children will participate in a variety of programs that are both entertaining and educational. The fee helps to offset the costs of these programs. It is calculated over the summer 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.