

Welcome to Truro Preschool and Kindergarten!

We are glad you came to visit our school today. Please feel free to call us with any questions you might have.

What to expect on your tour today...

- * Learn about what's most important at TPK
- * Learn about the registration process
- * See what classes are offered and the tuition rates
- * Discover what our goals are for each age range



What's in this packet?

- * TPK Overview
- * How To Register
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How do I register?

See the front page of our website starting January 17 for a registration link. Current families will receive the link on January 12.

What about financial aid?

Financial aid is available! Please email Sarah at starvid@truropreschool.org for an application.

Philosophy and Goals

The main goal at Truro Preschool and Kindergarten is to first help children to **know that we have been created by a loving God**, and to be in relationship with Him and others. We believe that God has a purpose and good plan for our lives. It is central to us to make sure each child in our building knows they are safe and they are loved. Our goal is to have children grow as Christ grew: "Jesus grew in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man" (Luke 2:52).

We are a **developmental preschool**, providing intentional opportunities for children to learn through a variety of teacher-led and child-led play experiences to engage the whole child.

We also seek to equip our children to know how to **engage in positive relationships** with their peers and teachers, and all in an age-appropriate environment that supports optimal learning and development. We hope this packet will answer your questions about TPK and our programs. Please call us if you have any additional questions.

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TPK office hours: Monday through Friday 9am – 4pm

(Inclement weather policy: we follow Fairfax County Public School delays and closings; call 703-691-1006 for information)

How to Register at TPK

How do I register?

- * You'll complete an online registration form in Sandbox. You'll find the link on the front page of the TPK website starting January 17. Email Sarah at starvid@truropreschool.org to be added to the notification list so that you'll receive an email when the link goes live.
- * When your child is placed in a class, we'll send you a Sandbox portal invitation and set up an invoice for your registration fee. When paid, this will complete your registration and you will receive a confirmation email with next steps!
- * For all new students, you'll need to bring us your child's original birth certificate or passport. You'll also need to have a Virginia School Health Entrance Form completed before the start of school. We'll schedule paperwork dropoff days to facilitate this.

How do you process registrations?

You can fill out registration online anytime after it opens. We'll process returning family registrations first, then alumni, then move into Open Registration. If we have more registrations than spaces for a particular class, we'll do a lottery.

Here are the dates we will process registrations:

- * Wednesday, January 26, 2022
 - o Current students re-enrollment (including siblings) (processing starts at 9am)
 - o Alumni enrollment (processing starts at 11am)
- * Thursday, January 27, 2022: Open registration
- * Open Registration continues after January 27 on a first-come basis

What if the class I wanted is full?

- * We will add your child to the wait list for your preferred class. We will contact you for a second choice – we do recommend placing your child on the roster for your second choice class to guarantee that you have a space for the coming year. But changes will occur and we can almost always accommodate your first choice!

What happens after I register?

- * You will receive a confirmation email after registration is complete.
- * You will receive information in April regarding your tuition deposit (which is non-refundable) and other next steps.

What if I need to make a change?

- * Your registration fee and tuition deposit are non-refundable.
- * You can move your child to another class on a space-available basis without additional cost.
- * Call the Preschool office if you have questions – we'll do our best to help!

Tuition & Fees 2022-2023

Registration Fee: All students \$125

Class	Days	Monthly Tuition	One Time Supply Fee
2 day 2's Born on or before February 28, 2020	Thursday-Friday	9am-1pm: \$305	\$40
3 day 3's Born on or before September 30, 2019	Monday-Wednesday	9am-1pm: \$415 9am-3:30pm: \$760	\$50
4 day 3's Born on or before September 30, 2019	Monday-Thursday	9am-1pm: \$495 9am-3:30pm: \$955	\$60
5 day 3's Born on or before September 30, 2019	Monday-Friday	9am-1pm: \$605	\$70
5 day Extended day 3's Born on or before September 30, 2019	Monday-Friday	8am-3:30pm: \$1170	\$70
3 day 4's Born on or before September 30, 2018	Monday-Wednesday	9am-1pm: \$435 9am-3:30pm: \$780	\$50
4 day 4's Born on or before September 30, 2018	Monday-Thursday	9am-1pm: \$550 9am-3:30pm: \$1,010	\$60
5 day 4's Born on or before September 30, 2018	Monday-Friday	9am-1pm: \$615	\$70
5 day Extended day 4's Born on or before September 30, 2018	Monday-Friday	8am-3:30pm: \$1190	\$70
Pre-Kindergarten For students who have completed 4's	Monday-Friday	9am-1pm: \$660 9am-3:30pm: \$1,235	\$70
Kindergarten Born on or before September 30, 2017	Monday-Friday	9am-2pm: \$785 8am-3:30pm: \$1185	\$100

Extended Day Options (3 and up)

5 day extended day classes 3's, 4's, Pre-K/K	<i>8:00am-3:30pm Monday-Friday</i> How to select this option: Register for "extended day" class
Afternoon care 3's and up	<i>After core hours: 1:00pm-3:30pm Monday-Friday</i> Stay every day your child attends (guaranteed enrollment): See rates above Drop in (on a space available basis) \$35/day How to select this option: Register for your preferred number of days and indicate you need afternoon care on your registration form

Class offerings are subject to change based on enrollment and/or updated health guidance.

Health Guidelines for Our Program

Your child's health and well-being are important to us. Here's what we do to help keep our classes healthy throughout the year.

- * We follow health guidance from Department of Social Services and from the Fairfax County Health Department. This guidance covers many aspects of daily operations to support health and wellness in the building.
- * We conduct daily health checks for students and staff, and ask parents to partner with us in monitoring student health.
- * We have extensive cleaning protocols in classrooms and throughout the building.
- * We do a lot of hand-washing and use hand sanitizer to supplement good hand-washing practices.
- * We purchased Honeywell air purifiers for each classroom as well as shared spaces.
- * We created age-appropriate cohorts to create consistent groups of children on a daily basis.

Please call us with questions or concerns – we are happy to answer any questions we can!

A Note About Allergies & Medication

When you register your child, it's important to let us know about any health concerns your child has. This helps us to know how best to support your child's well-being in the classroom. Here is how you will partner with us to keep your child safe at school.

- * Our school is peanut- and tree nut-free throughout the building. This means that your child cannot bring food containing nuts and nut products, but we do not restrict "may contain" or shared production line items.
- * Please note any allergies, medication, and food restrictions in your registration form. Contact us if anything changes.
- * If your child has been prescribed medication for allergies, including oral antihistamine or auto-injectors, that medication must be kept at school also. This is a safeguard in the unlikely event of accidental exposure.
- * A Medication Authorization form must be on file for any medication kept at school, whether over-the-counter and prescription.

Please contact the office to talk about your child's health-related needs.

All About Truro Preschool & Kindergarten

What does a typical day at TPK look like?

A typical school day at TPK includes circle time; center-based activities (some child-led and some teacher-led); free play; story-time and music time; indoor or outdoor recess; snack/lunch; and hands-on projects and activities. These activities are planned around a curriculum that, starting with our fours program, is based on Virginia's Foundation Blocks of Learning, so this will include our Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten classes as well. For our 2's and 3's, a typical day will start with greeting, tabletop activities, and a short circle time, followed by playtime in the upper room or outside, story time, a chance for center-based activities, lunch, and finally, a closing circle. Bathroom breaks are frequent throughout the day, and part of the routine at school.

What's the difference between an academic and a developmental program?

At TPK, we believe that teaching to the whole child is most effective. This means that in every classroom in the building, children are given a number of developmentally appropriate activities for hands-on learning; incorporating music and movement, opportunities to strengthen fine motor and gross motor skills, learning through play, and learning to navigate their social world through every interaction throughout the day.

What training do teachers receive?

TPK is committed to staying aware of research in the field of early childhood development. We engage in training throughout the year so that we can promote best practices in the classroom and ongoing professional development for teachers. We meet the Commonwealth of Virginia standards for licensing: 16 hours of continuing education for teachers and 12 for assistants.

Can I help in my child's classroom?

Yes! We are not a "co-op" type preschool, so we don't have a parent participation requirement - but if you have a skill, talent, or occupation you'd like to share in the classroom - or you'd like to read a story to your child's class or help with a project - you're welcome to! There will be a variety of ways you can help out in your child's classroom or with various schoolwide events.

What about security in the building?

The children's safety and well-being is of utmost importance to us. We utilize security cameras to monitor the building; each floor of the building is locked throughout the day with access by key card; and the staff is trained to recognize and respond to various types of situations.

How do we deal with challenging behaviors in the classroom?

We use the principles developed by Dr. Becky Bailey called Conscious Discipline. It is one of the tools that we use as we encourage our children to love Jesus and each other well.

Children are presented with clear expectations for the classroom family with an emphasis on love and safety. At moments when a child is struggling to find calm or make safe or loving decisions they are presented with two acceptable choices giving them a level of control as they redirect their own behavior. Children who are still unable to make a safe or loving choice or are unable to gain self control can visit our “safe place”, located in each classroom, in order to “regroup” and get to a place of calm. We use many age appropriate strategies in order to equip the child with skills to label their emotions, maintain self-control and make positive choices.

What if I have concerns about my child's development?

There's a space on the registration form where you can tell us about your child, including any concerns you may have. This won't keep your child from getting a placement at TPK. The information you give on your registration form allows us and your child's teacher to give the best experience possible for your child from the beginning of the school year. Please talk to us if you have questions or concerns. Our team is here to help you learn about your child's classroom experience, how to help your child develop his or her skills, and other questions that you may have.

What about potty training?

In the three year old classes and older, it is expected that children will be independent with their bathroom needs. You can help your child be ready by making sure they are developing the habit of visiting the potty regularly, wearing clothes that are easy to put on and take off, and helping them learn to wipe and wash hands. If your child has a potty accident, we will help him or her clean up and change. Your child's teacher will let you know about any difficulties a child is having with this process.

How do you handle health and allergy concerns in the building?

We have health guidelines posted outside of each classroom; if your child is sick and contagious, or not well enough to participate we ask that they stay home until they are symptom-free. We will call you during the day if a health concern arises. Additionally, we are a **peanut and tree nut-free** school; peanut and tree nut items are not allowed in any of our classrooms for the protection of allergic students throughout our building. We will work with families whose children have health or allergy concerns to provide the safest possible environment for all students.

Snapshot of Our Program

Our 2 ½ Program:

Our 2½-year-old class is designed to help children have a positive first experience in school. In this class...

- * Children are encouraged to **explore** and **discover** the world around them; to learn the **routine** of the school day; to **share** and **cooperate** with friends, and express their thoughts, ideas, and feelings. This program supports the **growth of language** that is occurring rapidly at this age!
- * Activities include exploring through play, brushing colors on easel paper, squeezing play dough, stacking blocks, putting puzzles together, exploring discovery tables, singing songs, and listening to stories.

Our 3's Program:

Our three-year-olds are involved in a wide variety of group and individual activities. In this class...

- * Children expand their **problem-solving** abilities, grasp of language, and memory/listening skills; and develop relationships with peers. Goals include fine and gross motor development; learning to understand and follow directions; and working together with peers in group activities.
- * Activities include circle time stories and finger plays, **center time "hands-on" learning** experiences, and creative movement are all part of the three-year-olds' preschool experience.

Our 4's Program:

Our fours program follows the Virginia Standards of Learning for Pre-K. In this class...

- * Children build toward **kindergarten readiness** using Virginia's Foundation Blocks for Early Learning through a creative, age-appropriate curriculum with components including literacy, mathematics, science, history, and physical/motor development.
- * Activities include **multi-sensory tasks** designed to promote early math development, pre-reading, and pre-writing skills: story time, imaginative play, games, art, and "hands-on" activities.

Our Pre-Kindergarten Program:

Our Pre-Kindergarten program is for children who have completed a 4's program. This class is designed for children who would benefit from an extra year of academic and social development. In this class...

- * Students receive an **in-depth review** of the **Virginia Foundation Blocks for Early Learning** for Pre-K and focuses on building self confidence, social skills, and independence.
- * Goals include recognizing the **patterns** and **rhythms of sounds**, displaying knowledge of written and spoken words, and **demonstrating imagination and creativity** in expressing ideas orally and in writing. The goal is to give them a **solid, rich foundation** so that they will be ready to launch into reading.

If your child is not currently enrolled in TPK, please contact us for an informal "meet and greet" before registering for this program. This helps us to learn a little about your child before enrolling, so that we are sure to place your child in the right class for them.

Our Kindergarten Program:

The Kindergarten program at TPK is a developmental approach to teaching academics. In this class...

- * Students work toward **all of the Virginia Standards of Learning (SOL)** objectives with learning goals for **literature, math, science, social studies, art, music, and physical education; all from a Biblical perspective.** We seek to provide a loving, nurturing atmosphere which prepares children socially, emotionally, spiritually, and academically for elementary school.
- * Our reading program focuses on **literacy instruction** through **phonics** and **whole language**, comprehension strategies, and interactive and independent writing experiences.
- * Our science and math programs offer a wide variety of **hands-on activities** for learning. Children learn by hearing, direct participation, and interpreting what they have learned together and with their teachers. The **curriculum is concrete and sequential** with a **progression of concept development.**

Our Chapel Program:

- * Children attend Chapel weekly at TPK and hear Bible stories, sing songs, share prayer requests, and participate in teacher-led skits. The use of puppets, movement and music, and opportunities for involvement make this program a special favorite among our child population.