

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 Philosophy
- Registration Process
- Classes and Tuition
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Snapshot of Our Program

How do I register?

See the registration page on our website for the registration link and the most up to date information.

What about financial aid?

Financial aid is available! Please email Cathy at crobinson@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 a 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, 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.

How to Register at TPK

How do I register?

- Begin by completing an online registration form in Sandbox. You will find the link on the registration page of our website (<https://truopreschool.org/admissions>).
- When your child is placed in a class, we will 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 will need to bring us your child's original birth certificate or passport. We will schedule paperwork drop-off days to facilitate this.
- All students need to have a Virginia School Health Entrance Form completed before the start of school. These can also be brought on paperwork days.

How do you process registrations?

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

Registration Timeline:

- Open Registration begins Monday, January 9, 2023.
- Open Registration closes Monday, January 23, 2023, 9am.
- Registration continues after January 23rd on a space available 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.

Tuition & Fees 2023-2024

Core Hours 9am-1pm.* All program activities within all classes will take place during these hours.

We operate a 9 month schedule, September – May. Tuition published at a per month rate.

Class	Days	DOB on/before	9am-1pm	8am-3:30pm
2 ½ year olds	Th-F	2/28/2021	\$325	None
3 year olds				
• 3 days	M-W	9/30/2020	\$445	\$970
• 4 days	M-Th	9/30/2020	\$530	\$1,230
• 5 days	M-F	9/30/2020	\$650	\$1,260
4 year olds				
• 3 days	M-W	9/30/2019	\$465	\$990
• 4 days	M-Th	9/30/2019	\$590	\$1,260
• 5 days	M-F	9/30/2019	\$660	\$1,285
Pre-K	M-F	9/30/2018	\$710	\$1,330

For kindergarten eligible children with late birthdays who could benefit from an additional year before kindergarten.

Kindergarten	M-F	9/30/2018	\$845	\$1,275
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*Kindergarten hours 9am-2pm.

Additional Fees		A Note About Extended Day	
Application Fee:	\$125	For your convenience, we offer an extended day program at TPK with flexible drop off/pick up hours between 8-9am and in the afternoon between 1-3:30pm (2-3:30pm for kindergarten).	
Supply fee:			
• 2 & 3 days	\$60		
• 4 days	\$75		
• 5 days	\$85		
• Kindergarten	\$ 125		
Deposit: Collected in May or upon a later registration and equal to one month's tuition. Deposits are nonrefundable and will be applied to your May 2024 bill.		Afternoon Drop in Care	
		Charged at a daily rate on a first come, first served basis. Sign up for this at the beginning of or throughout the year.	
		• 1-3:30pm	\$35
		• 2-3:30pm*	\$25
		*Kindergarten rate	

For more information, please contact the office. Class options subject to change.

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TPK office hours: Monday through Friday 9am – 3:30pm

All About Truro Preschool and 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 4's 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 is a developmental school program?

We are a Christian developmental, play-based school. Our approach is to teach to the whole child, using a variety of materials, with a well-rounded curriculum of teacher-led and child-led experiences. Our goal is to help children to become confident learners and problem-solvers with solid academic and social skills, knowing they are loved by God and designed to experience a relationship with him.

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 would like to read a story to your child's class or help with a project you are welcome to! There will be a variety of ways you can help out in your child's classroom or with various school wide 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 work with the teacher by utilizing the “safe place,” located in each classroom, allowing children to “regroup” and get to a place of calm. Teachers work toward resolution and teaching new strategies and skills for children to label their emotions, maintain self-control and make positive choices.

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

There is 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 address 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 work with families whose children have health or allergy concerns to provide the safest possible environment for all students.

Snapshot of Our Program

Our 2½ 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 as 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:

This class is for kindergarten eligible students 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 focus 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 PreK 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 student involvement make this program a special favorite among our child population.

Thank you for taking the time to find out about our school. We look forward to serving your family.