# First Presbyterian Preschool

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Registration will begin in January.
It will be done online, and classes are first come first served.
The registration site will be posted to remind, emailed to currently enrolled families, will be available on the school's Facebook page and will be on the school website. www.fppsofbelair.com

**Schedule**
January 5th- Registration opens for our currently enrolled families.
January 12th- Registration opens for our previously enrolled families and church families.
January 19th- Registration opens to the public.

**What is due at the time of registration?**
You will register online for the class. If the class is full, you will get a message and you will be encouraged to fill out your name on the waiting list. After you register, you will have until the next business day to submit your payment. If the payment is not submitted, the spot will open back up.

At the time of registration, a $100 registration fee and first month's tuition for the 2026-2027 school year are due. **These payments are nonrefundable**. Any family who needs to differ the first month's payment for financial reasons is encouraged to reach out to the director for an alternate payment plan.

**Age Requirements (no exceptions)**

Prep Class (Young 3's) - child turns 3 between 9/1 and 3/1 of that school year.

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| AM 3's | Child must turn 3 by 9/1 of that school year |
| AM 4's and Kindergarten Readiness | Child must turn 4 by 9/1 of that school year |

We believe that children need a good foundation on which to build their educational experiences but that they are children first and need time to play as children. Therefore, as we stress the basic preschool concepts and learning, we do so in an atmosphere that is fun, creative, entertaining and challenging. Above all, we try to provide a happy, successful preschool experience for our children. Thank you again for your interest in FPPS! We look forward to working with you and your family and positively impacting your child's life!

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**Preschool Classes & Tuition/Registration Fees**

**PREP** 2 days/week T & TH 9-10:30am for the first part of the year and then 9-11:30 after Thanksgiving break. $191/month

This is a smaller class to accommodate some of the younger learners. This class has a maximum of 10 students with 1 teacher & 1 assistant

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| **AM 3's 2 days/week** | T & TH 9-11:30am | $201/month | Class of 15 with 1 teacher & 1 assistant |
| **AM 3's 3 days/week** | M, W, F 9-11:30am | $226/month | Class of 15 with 1 teacher & 1 assistant |
| **AM 4's 3 days/week** | M, W, F 9-11:30am | $226/month | Class of 15 with 1 teacher & 1 assistant |
| **Kindergarten Readiness** | M-F 9:15-2:15 pm | $501/month | Class of 19 with 1 teacher & 1 assistant |

**Registration fee: $100.00 and the first tuition payment are due at time of registration and are non-refundable.** The subsequent 8 installments are paid each month starting 9/1 -4/1.

**Payment Schedule**

**Payment 1-** Due at registration with your $100 registration fee
**Payment 2-** Due September 1st
**Payment 3-** Due October 1st
**Payment 4-** Due November 1st
**Payment 5-** Due December 1st
**Payment 6-** Due January 1st
**Payment 7-** Due February 1st
**Payment 8-** Due March 1st
**Payment 9-** Due April 1st
There are no tuition payments due in May

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**Program Overview**

**A Typical Day with Us**

- Arrival Time and free play
- Clean Up
- Circle Time = Large group -Opening prayer, songs, pledge, calendar, weather, theme, etc.
- Center Time = Small Group – table top activities in small groups
- Outside Time or Large Motor Activity inside
- Bathroom Break
- Snack
- Books/Puzzles
- Pack Up
- Review Circle Time
- Dismissal

**Prep Class/3's**

- Introduces independence and separation from the parent
- Introduces basic learning structure with clean-up time, circle time, story time, activity time
- Focuses on group play vs independent parallel play
- Covers our 5 senses, holidays, weather, color matching, scissor practice, pre-writing skills, and lots of fun!
- Works on social skills like sharing toys, using words with friends and open communication
- Opportunities to learn and share work with peers
- Begin to introduce basic pre-reading school skills
- Will cover all colors, shapes and numbers 1-10

The Prep/3's class has a smaller class size than the other 3-year-old classes. This is done to provide extra attention to a few of our younger students.

The day will begin with an arrival time task. Students will then enjoy movement and music and have circle time. Table top learning will be done followed by outside time and a snack. After snack time, the Prep students will dismiss at 10:30am for the first half of the year. The 3's will have smaller group learning and table top activities. The day will end with centers, closing and dismissal.

**Three Year Olds**

- Further develop each child's independence and separation from the parent
- Introduce basic group learning situations
- Give children opportunities to participate in group situations
- Give children opportunities to learn to share and work with peers
  Begin to introduce basic pre-reading school skills

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**Four Year Olds Half Day Program**

- More of the academics of school readiness skills are stressed
- Still lots of fun and hands-on experiences
- Curriculum themes and units are introduced and followed
- Children are encouraged to think critically and problem-solve
- Sight words are introduced, practiced and reviewed
- Learning activities and experiences focus on preparing children to enter regular school classes self-assured, equipped with all the expected kindergarten readiness skills and a feeling of competence
- The class focuses on challenging and extending the learning of those children who may have already experienced a four-year-old program and acquired pre-reading and readiness skills at various levels
- We start at the letter A and go all the way to Z, cover kindergarten sight words, First and Last name, address and phone number
- Review colors, shapes and numbers from the 3 year old program.

**Kindergarten Readiness Program**

- This class will do all the things the Half day class plus the following extras
- STEAM learning (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math)
- Graphing and Skip counting
- Language Arts: Writing, phonics, alphabet recognition
- Full Lunch
- Book/Rest time
- Science and Social Studies (will switch monthly)

We do lots of extra learning to keep things interesting at our school!
Some of these “Extras” are:

- Gym – we have gym class once a month where we go to the gymnasium for lots of physical activity and fun.
- Music Class- We will discuss age appropriate concepts of music in a hands on way.
- Chapel – each class visits the church where we learn Bible stories, prayers and songs.
- Monthly Reading Program – we encourage parents to read to their children every day and turn in their reading log at the end of each month.
- Library Lady – we host the “Share the Gift” program from the Harford County Public Library and each month the Library Lady visits all of our classes for a special story time.
- Field Trips – we host lots of fun and educational field trips as well as in-house assemblies throughout the school year! Many are sibling friendly as well.
- Community Outreach Programs – we teach our students how to help others in need and how to be a good citizen. We adopt a family at Christmas, have a canned food drive and host a St. Jude Trike-A-Thon in the spring to raise money for the children at St. Jude’s Hospital…. just to name a few!