



WHICH PROGRAM IS RIGHT FOR MY CHILD?

CLASS	UNIQUE FEATURES
Acorns	This 90-minute program is held outdoors and is designed to foster shared nature discovery for you and your children ages 4 & under. Classes meet every Thursday during the school year and take place entirely outdoors on our 40-acre nature sanctuary (or in our historic mansion in cases of inclement weather.) Younger siblings under 1 year of age are welcome to join at no additional cost. 50% sibling discounts are offered for families enrolling more than one child.
Sprouts	This 2-hour program offers an opportunity for a small group of 2's and 3's to explore our nature sanctuary with their favorite adult and one of our nature school teachers. The class offers a balance of outdoor and indoor activities to give you a "preview" of our drop-off preschool classes. Classes meet every Friday, and each student attends class with a parent or caregiver. Applicants need to be 2 years of age by September 1.
Saplings (morning or afternoon)	Our drop-off preschool program for 3-5 year olds offers endless opportunities for learning and discovery on the sanctuary and in our classroom. Our days include an incredible amount of outdoor time exploring our nature trails and enjoying free play, circle time with songs and stories, and hands-on activities in the indoor and outdoor classrooms. Classes meet Mondays through Thursdays from 8:45-11:45am (Morning Saplings) or 12:45-3:15pm (Afternoon Saplings). Applicants need to be 3 years of age by September 1.
Oaks	This "Forest Kindergarten" program is an ideal class for older 4's and younger 5's who would benefit from a year of nature school before beginning a structured kindergarten or first grade. Oaks meet Mondays through Thursdays from 9am-2pm as well as all-outdoor Fridays from 9am-12pm. Longer days include fantastic opportunities for confidence-building and risk-taking as well as extended blocks of time for learning, growing, and playing. This program acts as a transitional kindergarten program. Applicants need to be 4 years of age by June 1.

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