

FRAMINGHAM CENTRE NURSERY SCHOOL
24 Vernon Street, Framingham, MA. 01701
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2008-2009 Rate Schedule

* **EARLY ARRIVAL** is an opportunity for your child to start the school day between 8-9am at a cost of \$8.50/hour.

AM or PM CLASS TUITION

Morning* (9-11:45am) or Afternoon (12:15-3pm) Nursery Sessions/Week	Annual Tuition Payment	Monthly Payment – due the 1 st of every month, June and Sept. thru April	Non-Refundable Registration Fee \$100/1 st child; \$50/2 nd child. Max./family=\$150.
2 AMs or PMs (TTh)	\$1836.00	\$204.00	\$100
3 AMs or PMs (MWF)	\$2754.00	\$306.00	\$100
5 AMs or PMs (M-F)	\$4590.00	\$510.00	\$100

STAY DAY RATES**

Stay Day (11:45am-2:45pm) Sessions/Week	Annual Fee	Monthly Fee
1	\$765.	\$ 85.
2	\$1530.	\$170.
3	\$2295.	\$255.
4	\$3060.	\$340.
5	\$3825.	\$425.

** **STAY DAY** is an opportunity for AM students to bring a lunch and stay until 2:45pm on a regular basis or as space is available.

EXTENDED DAY* RATES**

\$8.50/ hour as a prepaid block of time or \$9.50/hour as a drop-in – See Extended Day Application

*** **EXTENDED DAY** - You may continue your child's stay at FCNS any day from 2:45 and 3:00pm until 5:30pm at the latest. This program is available on a regular or on an as needed basis.

PAYMENT AND REFUND POLICY

Tuition is paid in nine monthly payments due the 1st of every month. A late fee of \$20. will be charged for payments received after the 10th of the month. The 1st payment, which is due 6/1, is tuition for the last full month of the school year. Thereafter the September – April payments are tuition for each month's enrollment. The 1st payment is non-transferable to any other month's tuition regardless of mid-year withdrawal from FCNS.

Refunds for withdrawal before school starts will be made only if the class is filled by 9/1. If notice of withdrawal is given before 7/1, tuition will be refunded minus \$25. If notice of withdrawal is given after 7/1, tuition will be refunded minus \$50. If notice of withdrawal is given after 9/1, tuition will not be refunded.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE [102 CMR 7.06(1)]

Framingham Centre Nursery School, Inc. is a secular early childhood program established in 1963 by First Parish in Framingham. It separated from the church and incorporated September 1, 2006. FCNS is administered by a Board of Directors made up of parents elected to 2 year positions which ensures continuity for the management of the school. The Executive Director of FCNS, an experienced early childhood educator chosen by the Board, oversees the day to day operations. The mission of the school is to provide a high quality preschool program which meets the needs of diverse families in the Framingham area. FCNS is licensed by the MA Department of Early Education and Care and accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

As time has passed, FCNS has expanded its licensing capacity and time of operation to better serve families for both regular nursery school classes and extended hours. Currently there are 7 morning classes, 2 afternoon classes and options for Early Arrival drop-off at 8:00am, Stay Days, and Extended Days until 5:30pm. It is the goal of FCNS to offer a developmentally appropriate, supportive and stimulating preschool experience for a maximum of 67 children at a time while meeting the needs of their families for care. Class size averages 10-12 children with 2 teachers. Limited tuition assistance is available for Framingham families who qualify for Community Partnership for Children funds. There is also a small scholarship fund restricted to emergency assistance. Families enrolling 2 children receive a discount on tuition.

Staff members of FCNS are committed to families, enthusiastic about children's growth and development and aware of the important role they share with parents in setting expectations for behavior and promoting respect for others. At FCNS, staff, administration, governance and families work in partnership to create an environment that is the best possible for children and families. Open and honest communication between all partners is the foundation upon which program excellence is built. Parents are always welcome to visit school. Parents may always make unannounced visits to the Nursery School while their child is present. Teachers are always available to talk with parents about concerns or a child's progress.

We believe that children learn from personal interaction with their peers and their world. In other words, we believe children learn best through play and through socializing with other children. Our specific goals are:

- 1) To treat each child as a unique person worthy of respect and personal attention.
- 2) To encourage and support the development of each child cognitively, emotionally, socially and physically by providing the environment, experiences and relationships which will enable him/her to reach his/her own potential.
- 3) To nurture the joy of learning.
- 4) To develop programs which offer a wide variety of activities and materials that will encourage creativity, curiosity and self-reliance.
- 5) To help each child build a foundation for future success.

Intake Procedures

Visiting Framingham Centre Nursery School is encouraged throughout the school year. Parents and children are requested to visit the school during regular school hours. Priority for admission is given to returning children and siblings of past FCNS students. The remaining spaces are filled in order of the date of the visit to the school. All observers are offered an application marked with the date of the visit. A brochure, rate sheet, sample newsletter, calendar and explanation of our curriculum philosophy accompany the application. All applications are to be returned with a non-refundable registration fee and are accepted on the basis of available openings. Enrollment is for the school year, September through June, with a new application process for each child every year.

Currently enrolled children are given a new application in early December for the following year. They are asked to return the application within a few days. Applications for children new to the school are due in early January. Parents are informed shortly thereafter with an acceptance letter and contract if a space is available. The signed contract, due within 2 weeks, and the first tuition payment, due June 1, finalize enrollment at FCNS.

The Nursery School staff will work closely with a parent who informs the Nursery School that a child has or may have a disability. With the parent's input and all available information, staff will identify in writing the specific accommodations that may be required to meet the needs of the child. The child will be admitted if the necessary changes are possible within the context of the existing building plan, staffing patterns, etc. If, however, this would cause an undue burden to the Nursery School [see 102 CMR 7.10(2)], the child would not be admitted to the program.

Framingham Centre Nursery School will not discriminate on the basis of race, gender, age, religion, cultural heritage, national origin, political beliefs, marital status, sexual orientation, or disability. This policy will apply to admission, tuition and employment practices. ***Every child will be granted equal rights, privileges and opportunities to participate in all activities.*** Our enrollment procedure is consistent with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Services

The Nursery School does not provide any health or social services. For a detailed list of professionals who may be called upon for referrals, please request the Plan for Referral Services.