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A PEEK INTO THE  
BEGINNING SCHOOL  
Pre-Kindergarten Program



# Welcome to the Beginning School!

**Our Beginning School nurtures the foundational skills that set children up for a lifetime of learning and growth.** Through play, inquiry, and meaningful experiences, students are supported in both academic success and social-emotional well-being, gaining the confidence, independence, and curiosity to develop meaningful relationships with peers and teachers and **explore the world with joy.**

## Kindness is Our Daily Gift

"Kindness is our daily gift" is the guiding principle shaping each day with play-centered activities that nurture cognitive and emotional development, social skills, and academic abilities. We provide space for growth while supporting children in embracing new experiences at their own pace.

"Since attending Princeton Friends School, my son has gone through metamorphic changes. He is a far more 'whole' child now, thoughtful in ways I never imagined before he came to Princeton Friends."

-PreK Parent



# A PreK Program That Stands Apart

- **Progressive, Quaker education** that nurtures kindness, reflection, and community, guiding children and faculty to practice peace, integrity, and respect in their daily interactions.
- **Play-based learning** with hands-on exploration, inquiry, and creative problem-solving.
- **Kindergarten readiness**, balancing social-emotional development, early literacy, and math skills to ensure children are prepared for their next steps.
- **Outdoor education**, including daily outdoor play and nature-based learning on our beautiful campus to foster wonder, curiosity, and a deep connection to the environment.
- **Small class size**, ensuring each child receives individualized attention and care.
- **Specials classes** such as art, World Languages, and movement, driven by student interest, and supporting a well-rounded early learning experience.
- **Meeting Partners**, where each lower school student is paired with a middle school peer, fostering mentorship, confidence, and a strong sense of community and belonging.





"PFS has been one of the biggest blessings our family has ever had. Our child loves to come to school every day, is thriving in every way, and is much more confident and well regulated. The teachers are amazing and supportive, the curriculum has been so engaging and informative."

-PreK Parent





# Academic Development in Our Youngest Learners

We intentionally weave our Central Study theme and students' natural interests and curiosities into our yearly curricular scope and sequence, focusing on building the following skills and competencies:

- **Effective Communication** Children learn to express themselves clearly and understand others, building confidence in their ideas and strengthening relationships with peers and teachers.
- **Problem-Solving** Whether in math, science, play, or everyday challenges, students develop the ability to explore solutions with curiosity and resilience.
- **Social-Emotional Growth** By recognizing emotions, practicing self-regulation, and navigating social interactions, children build empathy, independence, and the skills needed to thrive in a community.
- **Active Listening** More than just hearing and our students practice active listening to engage deeply with learning and build meaningful connections.
- **Early Literacy Skills** Through phonological awareness, letter-sound connections, and fluency checks, we lay the foundation for future reading success.
- **Early Math Foundations** Through play and exploration, children develop number recognition and number sense, fostering confidence in mathematical thinking.

# The Rhythm of Our PreK Experience

Our weekly schedule is tailored each year to best suit the needs of our community, but the daily flow remains largely the same. *What I Need* (WIN) time is proactively scheduled throughout each day to ensure a flexibility that supports individualized instruction and student need.

A Day in the Life of a B Schooler	
7:45-8:30	Arrival
8:30	Morning Meeting
9:00	Academics & Free Play
9:30	Snack
10:00	Specials*, Academics & Play ( <i>as scheduled</i> )
12:30	Lunch
1:00	Recess OR Half-Day Dismissal**
2:00	Quiet/Nap Time
3:00	Afternoon Meeting
3:30	Dismissal**
6:00	Aftercare Programming Dismissal ( <i>offered daily for an additional fee</i> )



\*Specials for PreK are based on student and family interest and include art, music, movement, world languages, outdoor education and gardening, and more.

\*\*On Fridays, dismissal for all PFS students is 12:30PM, though aftercare programming is available.



# Become a Part of Princeton Friends


Students must be 3.5 years old and independently potty trained by September 1<sup>st</sup> to be eligible for our PreK program.

To learn more about our application process and to visit our campus, we encourage you to reach out to schedule a tour and meeting with our admissions team!

## 2025-26 Tuition & Fees for Pre-Kindergarten

5-Day, Full Day	\$22,520
3-Day, Full Day	\$19,125
5-Day, Half Day	\$16,256





**Experience the heart of  
Princeton Friends School by  
visiting us in person. By  
spending time on campus,  
we are confident that you  
will experience the PFS  
difference and know if our  
community is a good match  
for your family.**

*We look forward to welcoming you.*

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