



If you want 
THE BEST BEGINNING FOR YOUR CHILD,
 you've come to the right place.

Your child's first educational experience

sets the foundation for all that follows. At Garrison Forest, we are experts in giving your preschooler what he or she needs to be successful in any school setting and in life.

Our master teachers use best practice teaching methods and tools to nurture your child's cognitive, social, physical and emotional development. We truly know your son and daughter – what excites her, how he learns best. Your child learns numbers, letters, shapes and more through our hands-on curriculum embedded into fun themes that draw on the interests of children. Our most important lessons, though, are kindness, empathy and courage, the values preschoolers need now and later.

Through the five Garrison Forest Core Values – Be Authentic, Be Brave, Be Compassionate, Be Curious, Be Spirited – we offer daily, age-appropriate instruction in sharing, working with one another and other social skills your child needs to grow into a compassionate, confident learner and leader.



GFS has seven Preschool specials: art, music, library, science, Spanish, physical education and Imagineering/pre-engineering



A photograph of children playing on a large, natural log structure in a park. In the foreground, two boys are climbing the log; one is wearing a white jacket and the other a dark hoodie. In the background, a girl in colorful pants is standing on the log. The scene is set in a sunny, wooded area with a building visible in the distance.

Real world = REAL FUN

At Garrison Forest, your child is an important part of our larger school community. In addition to our coed Preschool, we are all-girls from Kindergarten through 12th Grade. Our diverse community includes boarding students from across the country and around the world, reflecting the global world for which we are educating all Garrison Forest students.

Older students spend time in the Preschool, volunteering for Art Nights and Family Fun evenings, assisting in classrooms or leading outdoor games. Lower Schoolers enjoy regular yoga sessions with Pre-Kindergarten, plant fall bulbs with the Preschool and give impromptu hugs to their younger friends when Preschool students are in the adjacent Lower School art studio or Library. At the annual Preschool Thanksgiving feast, 5th Grade friends dine with the boys and girls. These friendships with “big girls” reinforce critical messages about respect, value and community.

Your family is part of schoolwide events from the Halloween Parade to the Middle School-led food drive in November. Preschool students also participate in all-school spirit events because our smallest Grizzlies (the school mascot) are often our most spirited!



We use every inch of our campus to create a preschooler's paradise. The Grizzly Den, our outdoor classroom with 11 different exploration stations, is part of our 110-acre campus. Few preschools can boast a campus with wooded paths, collegiate-like buildings and athletic facilities and horse pastures, all with 24/7 security. Your child has P.E. in a preschool-sized gym and our state-of-the-art athletic center with an elevated running track. Music and art are taught in studios, and each spring, your child is in a play in a real theater.



GFS at a GLANCE

FIELD TRIPS

for Threes and Pre-Kindergarten to pumpkin patches, plays and more



50 handmade pinecone bird feeders hung on Preschool bushes



175 big blue blocks for even bigger imaginations



110-ACRE

wooded campus with 24/7 security

4 age-appropriate playgrounds and 1 Hobbit House



IMAGINEERING

All preschoolers are curious. Our unique, GFS-created Imagineering pre-engineering program builds on that in exciting ways. Every toy, game and “touchable” in the Imagineering lab is designed for small hands and big minds to explore. From light tables and Legos to programmable Bots for coding and robotics and the one-of-a-kind ball wall and interlocking blocks created by the Upper School Engineering class, your child learns about the world how preschoolers learn best: hands-on and high energy. Our Imagineering teacher brings weekly lessons in wonder and nurtures critical and creative thinking and collaborative discovery. Because the best answer to “Why?” is always another question.





Preschool Programs

PARENT-TODDLER:

For parents and their children who are 2 years old at the end of the calendar year.

- Tuesday mornings, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

TWOS PROGRAM:

Three options for this drop-off program; Children must be 2 years old by September 1, and classes begin at 8:00 a.m.:

- Two-Day Twos: Tuesdays and Thursdays until 11:45 a.m.
- Three-Day Twos: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays until 11:45 a.m.
- Five-Day Twos: Monday through Friday until 11:45 a.m. or 3:00 p.m.

THREES PROGRAM:

Children must be 3 years old by September 1. Classes begin at 8:00 a.m.

- Three-Day Threes: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays until noon, 3:00 p.m. or 6:00 p.m.
- Five-Day Threes: Monday through Friday, until noon, 3:00 p.m. or 6:00 p.m.

FOURS AND PRE-KINDERGARTEN:

Children must be 4 years old by September 1. Classes begin at 8:00 a.m.

- 5 days a week until noon, 3:00 p.m. or 6:00 p.m.

FREE DROP-OFF:

Free, daily Early-Bird drop-off at 7:30 a.m. for Threes through Pre-Kindergarten. For Five-Day Twos, Threes, Fours and Pre-Kindergarten, afternoon care is also available on a drop-in basis.

OUR HISTORY IS YOUR CHILD'S FUTURE.

Garrison Forest's very first preschool classroom began 109 years ago when the school was founded. Our modern-era preschool started in 1974, with early-education experts focused solely on teaching preschool boys and girls in a dedicated preschool building. For over four decades, we have been guiding the learning and development of thousands of children. Our teachers receive professional development to stay well versed in the latest developments and curriculum in early childhood pedagogy.

When it comes time for Kindergarten, that important next step for your child, we have the experience and knowledge to guide you through the process. Local admission counselors value Garrison Forest's impressive track record of matriculating well-qualified, well-prepared students.

Whether your daughter continues in our all-girls' Kindergarten through 12th Grade program or you choose an independent, parochial or public school for your son, we work closely with each family to ensure that they move to a program that is the best match for them. Throughout the Pre-Kindergarten year, girls spend time in our Lower School, making friends and connections in their next step as a Garrison Girl.



Garrison Forest School.
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