School District Five of
Richland and Lexington Counties

EXCEL

Pursuing **EXCEL**lence for Tomorrow's Challenges

Exposing Children to Early Learning

EXCEL at Irmo Elementary

A Tuition-Based Pre-Kindergarten Program for District 5 Families





- **EXCEL nurtures children in a relaxed classroom atmosphere, where time and physical space are provided for children to participate in active, quiet, large group, small group, paired, individual, independent, and guided activities.**

- **Creative arts and physical development (gross and fine motor) activities are also regular components of each day.**







EXCEL students regularly participate in experiences and activities that, over time, reflect a sequence from simple to complex and from concrete to abstract, which scaffolds learning and fosters progress.

The daily schedule includes extended blocks of time for free choice, play and exploration.

FOSTERING LITERACY

- Children begin to communicate at birth. During the preschool years they are emerging as language users and developing competence as listeners, speakers, readers, writers and viewers.

- Literacy development is strengthened by integrated experiences in print-rich environments. Intentional activities support early learning expectations which help young children become motivated and efficient communicators who listen, speak, read, write and view effectively for meaningful purposes.





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MATH MATTERS!



Because learning is both a social and constructive process, children learn best through active engagement in authentic opportunities in which they use and extend their number sense. When students begin to recognize how numbers and problem solving affect their everyday lives, mathematics becomes more meaningful to them.

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- **SOCIAL STUDIES-** At this age, learning in social studies is closely related to children's social emotional development. Children learn to make choices and value decisions as they solve the problems in their work and play.





- **SCIENCE-** Through participation in hands-on inquiry based learning experiences in science, children become more comfortable with taking risks and with generating their own ideas, and begin to approach tasks and activities with increased flexibility, imagination, inventiveness, and confidence.

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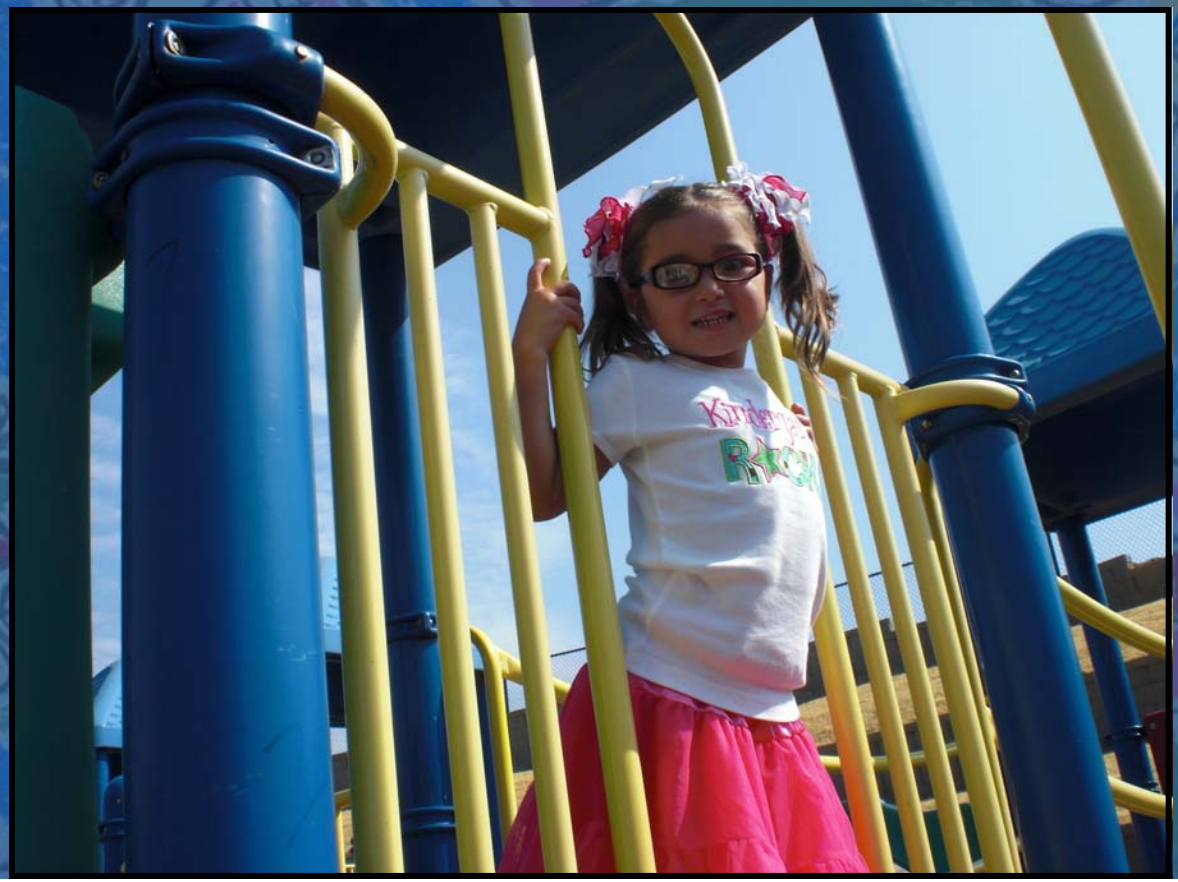
Tuition and Costs

- Preschool tuition for the school year is $5400.00
- 20 students in the class
- Total Tuition Revenue: $108,000

- Teacher Salary plus fringe benefits $60,000
- Teaching Assistant plus fringe benefits $25,000
- Supplies/Related costs $23,000
- Total Costs: $108,000



After school care is provided on site by our Honey Bunch program from 2:40pm until 6:00pm for a charge of $20.00 per week. Childcare is also provided through Honey Bunch on school holidays .



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