



# River Park Nursery School

Welcome!

Thanks for coming!





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# Our Teachers

Ms. Erin Crouse, along with her teaching assistant Ms. Monica Cesario, instruct daily classes and develop program materials. Ms. Erin has a BS in Elementary Education and a Masters Degree in Early Childhood Education.

Ms Erin



Ms Monica



# Our Story

Playing &  
Learning  
for over  
50 Years

Exceptional Fully  
Licensed Program in  
the District of  
Columbia for  
children ages  
3 to 5.

5 : 1  
Student to  
Teacher Ratio

Classes are held  
Monday through Friday  
8:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.  
The school year runs from  
September through late May.  
Families may request a schedule  
of 3, 4 or 5 mornings a week.

Co-operative  
Parent-run  
Organization

Fosters exploration,  
creativity, and  
good work habits  
through the experience of  
shared value and  
citizenship.





**Exploring  
&  
Nurturing**

# Our Story

River Park is a family. The class size and students to teacher ratio allows for a deeper connection, not only with each student, but also with his/her family.

Children are given the ability to develop a sense of ownership over their classroom environment. Our part-time schedule allows children to be children outside the structure of a full time school day.

The typical RPNS student is excited about the world around her/him, eager to grow from new experiences/challenges and supported by a family looking for a nurturing environment to foster a sense of self/independence.



# Our Story

Strong parent involvement defines the River Park community. Because the school is a co-operative, parent-run organization, the Director and Teaching Assistant are the only paid staff.

## Parent Participation

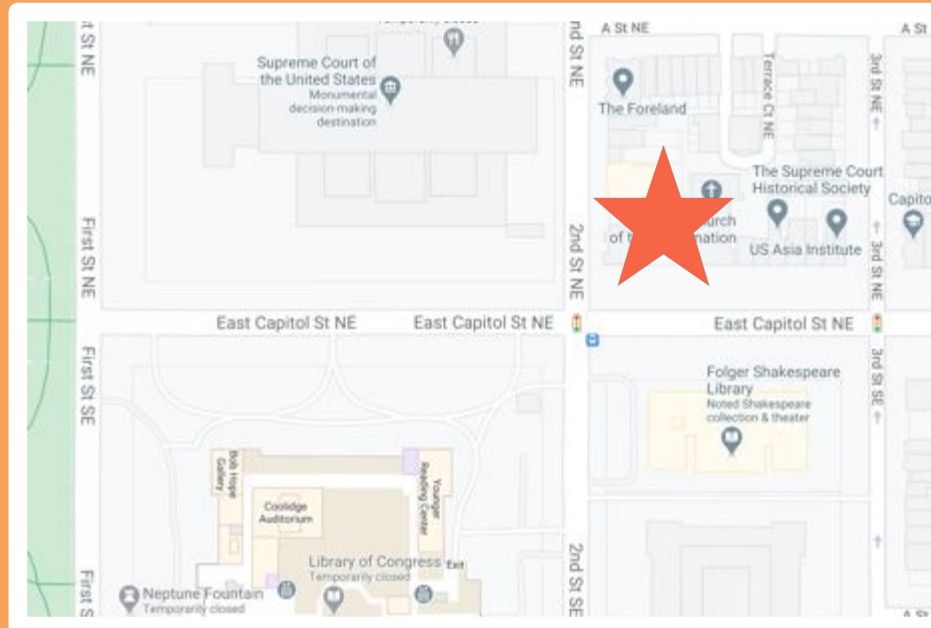
All administrative duties are carried out by the parents. Parents assist with field trips, organize fundraising, and serve on the Board of Directors. Parents also periodically assist in the classroom, generally, once every two to three months.



# Our Location

River Park Nursery School is located at 212 East Capitol Street, NE, in Washington, D.C., in a light-filled classroom at the Lutheran Church of the Reformation (no affiliation).

Two other school programs are located on the lower floors.







**Main  
Entry**



**Classroom  
is  
Upstairs**

**Morning Drop Off:  
Upstairs in the Classroom**

**Afternoon Pick Up:  
Wait outside Main Entry**



Coats & Mittens  
Go Here



RPNS  
Lobby Area



RPNS  
Bathroom



Each morning drop off:

- Outdoor gear on the benches
- Water bottle & lunch box on their shelves
  - One small toy
- Find name tag & say goodbye!





# A Typical School Day

- 8:45 Children arrive
- 9:15 Free play on carpet
- 9:30 Circle time
- 10:00 Snack and bathroom time
- 10:15 Story time
- 10:30 Outdoor play
- 11:00 Centers
- 12:00 Lunch/Puzzles and toys
- 12:45 Pick-up begins







# Our Classroom

A Virtual  
Visit to  
RPNS!





Learn  
&  
Play



Draw  
&  
Imagine







Make  
Art







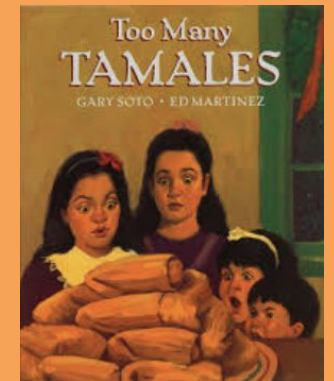
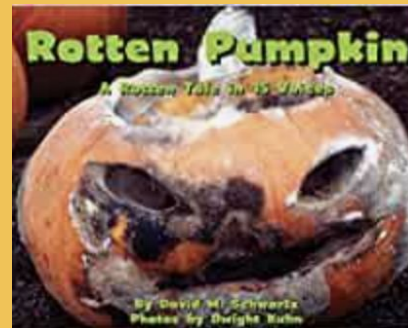
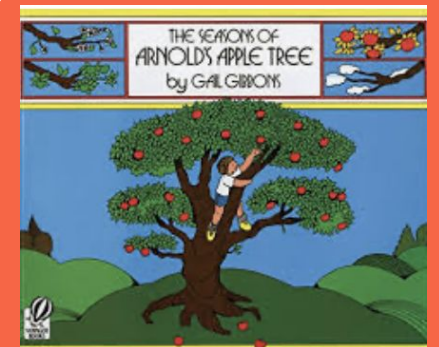
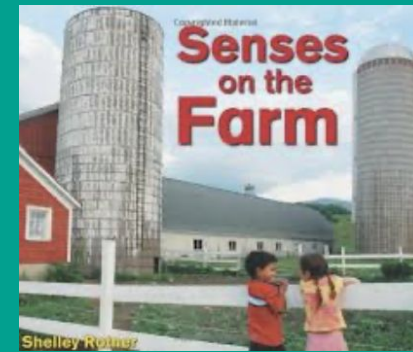
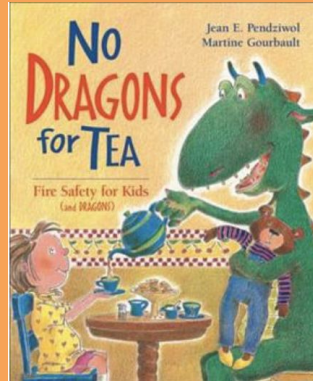
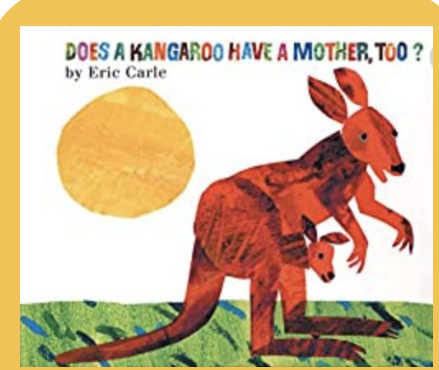
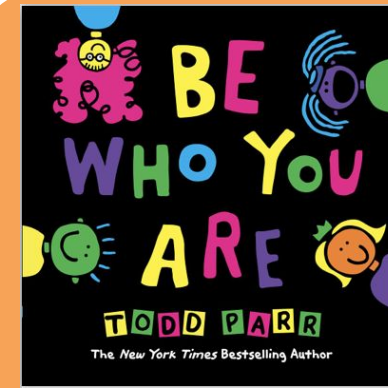
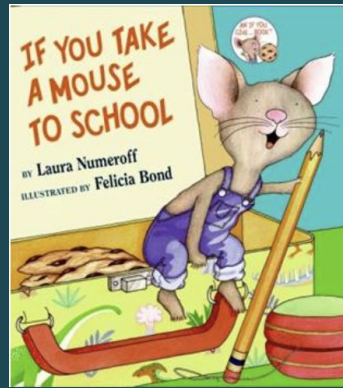
Small  
Lessons can  
be BIG







Some of  
Our  
Favorite  
Reads!







Outside  
Time  
Everyday





Lots of  
Playing  
To Do!







Learning  
About  
Worms!





Digging  
into some  
neat  
themes!

Families



Fire Safety

Thankfulness

Seasons

Farms



Decay  
Museum

Author  
studies:  
Dr Seuss &  
Eric Carle

Space

Insects





# Calendar

# SEPTEMBER 2019

<p>2</p> <p><u>LABOR DAY</u></p> <p>RPNS opens tomorrow</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Summer was a lot of fun; Now the school year has begun. I will know my new friends soon; Birthday Bear holds my balloon.</p>	<p>6</p> <p><u>At RPNS we:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• listen, talk and sing with friends.</li> </ul>
<p>9</p> <p><u>I SPY</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Places for my lunchbox &amp; water bottle.</li> </ul>	<p>10</p> <p><u>RPNS rules help keep us safe</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adults buzz in &amp; open doors.</li> <li>• We go outside when the fire alarm rings.</li> <li>• We hold hands outside on walks.</li> <li>• We do not play on the church steps.</li> <li>• We eat (only) sitting at our room tables.</li> </ul>	<p>13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Choose toys for play &amp; then put them away.</li> <li>• Take turns as we work &amp; play.</li> </ul>
<p>16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tables for snack &amp; lunch</li> <li>• The trashcan for my napkin &amp; used tissues.</li> </ul>	<p>17</p> <p>Ms Shonda reads books about me and families.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be Who You Are</li> </ul>	<p>18</p> <p><u>ACTIVITIES</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Painting birthday balloons.</li> </ul>
<p>23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• My name on the green table.</li> <li>• The bathroom to use the potty &amp; wash my hands.</li> <li>• The worm compost</li> </ul>	<p>24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It's Okay to Be Different</li> <li>• Whoever You Are</li> <li>• The Family Book</li> </ul>	<p>25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Measuring how tall I am.</li> <li>• Drawing family portraits.</li> <li>• Learning The Brain Dance.</li> </ul>
<p>30</p>	<p>Is Your Mama a Llama? Families Are Different</p>	<p>Looking Ahead...</p> <p>Field Trip to Shogel Farm on October 16<sup>th</sup></p> <p>27</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ask for help and help our friends.</li> <li>• remember where to use our inside/outside feet/voices.</li> <li>• notice how a friend is feeling.</li> <li>• work with paper, crayons, markers, stickers, paint, glue and yarn.</li> </ul>





# Calendar



# OCTOBER 2019

Mark your calendar...

\*Oct. 15 @ 8pm: Parent Meeting

\*Oct. 25: Halloween

<p>This week we will begin a year long project: Creating life sized versions of ourselves. The letter Cc</p>	<p>1 We will play the "Erase Me" Rhyming game.</p>	<p>2 We will read <u>The Eye Book</u> by Theo LeSieg</p>	<p>3 We will talk about what we do with our ears.</p>	<p>4 We will use our noses to smell different scents.</p>
<p>7 It's fire prevention week The letter Dd</p>	<p>8 We will learn what to do if we see matches / lighters.</p>	<p>9 We will play the memory game "What Is Missing?"</p>	<p>10 We will read <u>No Dragons For Tea</u> by Jean E. Pendziwol</p>	<p>11 How quickly were we able to get outside for this week's fire drills?</p>
<p>14 Columbus Day RPNS Closed</p>	<p>15 What will we see, hear, smell, and touch on our field trip tomorrow?</p>	<p>16 <u>Field Trip to Shlagel Farm</u></p>	<p>17 What was your favorite part of yesterday's field trip?</p>	<p>18 We will read <u>Over On the Farm</u> by Gwendolyn Turner</p>
<p>21 We will read <u>Pumpkin Pumpkin</u> by Jeanne Titherington The letter Ee</p>	<p>22 What can we make with pumpkins?</p>	<p>23 P.A.C.T. Conference RPNS Closed</p>	<p>24 We will recreate the pumpkin life cycle.</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>28 I'm a little Jack-O-Lantern; Fat &amp; fine They picked me off a pumpkin vine. Halloween is coming don't you know. Just light my candle and watch me glow. The letter Ff</p>		<p>30 <u>PUMPKIN CARVING</u></p>	<p>31 We will roast pumpkin seeds to taste at lunch.</p>	<p><u>Looking Ahead</u> Parent-Teacher Conferences Nov 18-22; 25-26</p>



# Calendar

## MARCH 2020

### \*\*\*REMINDEES\*\*\*

- Please be sure your child has seasonally appropriate spare clothing in his/her box.
- 3/8: "Spring Forward" - Daylight Saving Time Begins
- 3/23: Spring Break begins

2 Happy Birthday, Dr Seuss!!!! The letter Ss	3 This week we will play rhyming games.	4 We will read <u>Ten Apples on Top!</u>	5 We will work on Word Families: -at -op -an	6 We will make a graph of our favorite Dr Seuss books.
9 We will learn The Very Hungry Caterpillar game. The letter Tt	10 We will read <u>House For Hermitcrab</u> by Eric Carle.	11 Making Eric Carle inspired art.	12 We will read a book about an animal that changes colors.	13 We will continue working on our Eric Carle inspired art.
16 We will practice the days of the week. The letter Uu	17 We will read <u>The Night Before</u> <u>St. Patrick's Day</u>	18 We will make our own class "Who Do You See?" book.	19 What is your favorite Eric Carle book?	20 We will celebrate the first day of Spring by planting seeds.
23 SPRING BREAK				27 Enjoy some extra family time!
30 This week we will be learning about insects. The letter Vv	31 What insects can you name? Are ants insects? Are spiders insects?	1 We will read <u>On Beyond Bugs: All</u> <u>About Insects</u>	2 Can you name an insect's three body segments?	3 We will play an insect math game.







Yum!  
Lunch Time



Fall Farm  
Field Trip







**Holiday  
Program for  
Families!**







Sock Hop!





Field  
Day!





# Admissions Dates

## Open Houses

- Saturday January 7th, 2022: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
- Saturday Jan. 28th, 2022: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

## Application Available ONLINE

- Sunday, Jan. 1st, 2023

## Applications Due

- Wednesday Mar. 1st, 2023

## Application Meet & Greet with Ms. Erin

- To be Scheduled January – March

Offers of Admission or Wait Pool Notifications in April (post DCPS Lottery Results)

**Submit  
Application  
By Mar 1<sup>st</sup>!**





# Tuition for 2023-24

## 2022-2023 TUITION\*

- 3 days a week: \$770/month
- 4 days a week: \$950/month
- 5 days a week: \$1090/month

## ADDITIONAL FEES

\$120 yearly supply fee (upon enrollment)

Nonrefundable enrollment deposit of two months tuition, credited towards the first and last month's tuition (upon enrollment)

*\* River Park Nursery School is committed to ethnic, racial, economic and other diversity. Financial aid may be available. Tuition and fees are established annually by the Board of Directors and adopted by the membership.*



# Q & A

If you have any questions, please reach out to:  
RPNSAdmissions@gmail.com

Online: <https://www.riverparknurseryschool.org>

Check us out on...



Keep in  
Touch!