

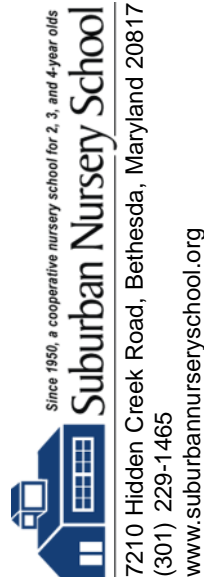
## ■ Our Program

### *We keep it small...*

Because our school averages just 50 children, it is a tight-knit community where children, parents and teachers enjoy getting to know each other and working together.

Our program emphasizes personal responsibility and the sensory experiences that help integrate children into the larger world. Children freely choose from a variety of materials, including clay, blocks, books, water, and sand. Children are encouraged to participate in cooking projects, the care of plants and animals, carpentry, dramatic play, and puppetry. They learn to manage their own clothing, pour their own juice, and care for themselves, for each other and for the equipment they use.

Each day has a consistent schedule that includes free play, specific projects, story time, snack time, and large muscle play on either the outdoor playground or in our well-equipped "rainy day" room. Field trips are also a part of the Suburban Nursery School program and work in conjunction with specialists and visitors from the community to aid in expanding the children's experiences.



**Suburban Nursery School**

Since 1950, a cooperative nursery school for 2, 3, and 4-year olds

*Learning Begins Here!*

## ■ Contact Information

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## ■ Positive Play

### *The Business of Suburban...*

At Suburban, we believe that a child learns much of what he needs to know through play — that play is a child's business. We believe that the more experiences a child has with rich sensory materials, the fuller his conceptual understanding will be. We encourage each child to raise questions, to think for themselves, and to arrive at new understandings by combining the jigsaw pieces of their experience.

We encourage each child to work things out for themselves; if we as adults are too quick to supply answers, particularly patterned answers, we rob the child of the joy of discovery.

We help the child begin to symbolize ideas with pictures and the spoken word. When we draw pictures of a building made of blocks or describe a dramatic incident, we begin to relate the child's own experience with language.

Finally, we want the children to have fun, to find Suburban a happy place in which to grow and develop. We want them to be optimistic and secure in the knowledge that they are worthwhile individuals as they move on to kindergarten.

## ■ Parent Participation

### *Involve yourself...*

Suburban offers a unique opportunity for parents to be a very real part of their child's first school experience. Each and every parent participates in their child's class, and an elected board of parents governs the school. We feel that having parents in the classroom every day adds a loving and supportive element to the educational benefits that come with a child's participation in school. For more detailed information about what is expected of you as a Suburban parent, please print and review the detailed co-oping agreement on our web site.

*For additional information,  
current tuition rates or to  
apply please visit our website:  
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## ■ Our Staff

### *Experience counts...*

Our teachers have varied backgrounds and bring to our school an unusual combination of professional education and practical experience. Our four teachers have a combined experience of over 70 years of teaching at Suburban Nursery School. Our staff also includes music and creative movement teachers who introduce the children to song, movement, and an expanded repertoire of body awareness.

## ■ Details

**School Hours:** 9:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

**Yellowbirds (Two-year olds):**

- Eight children in each class
- Children attend two days a week
- Tuesday/Thursday or Wednesday/Friday

**Bluebirds (Three-year olds):**

- Maximum 14 children in class on any one day
- Children attend three, four or five days a week

**Redbirds (Four-year olds):**

- Sixteen to eighteen children in a class
- Children attend five days a week

Reduced co-oping schedules are available for bluebird and redbird parents.

Suburban Nursery School is accredited by the Maryland State Department of Education and the Child Care Administration.

Suburban Nursery School is committed to nondiscrimination on the basis of race, sex, national origin, disability, religion, age, sexual orientation, or other nonmerit reasons, in admissions, educational programs or activities and employment (including employment of disabled veterans and veterans of the Vietnam Era), as required by applicable laws and regulations.