

Our Director



Denise Quasney, our Director, and 4 year old teacher, has a B.S. in Early Childhood Education from Towson University in Towson, Maryland. She is currently pursuing her Master's Degree in Education at Towson University as well. She has 12 years of experience teaching both in AACPS as well as private schools in PA. She has been married for 21 years and has two children.

Our Staff



Jennifer Danko, our 3 & 4 year old teacher at HPWS, has been working at HPWS for the last four years. She has a B.A. in Communications and a minor in Theater and Literature from Lebanon Valley College, an M.S. in Communication Studies from Shippensburg University and her Lead Teacher Certificate. She has also teaches 1st & 6th grade Sunday School for the last 5 years. She has been married for 18 years and both of her boys attended HPWS.



Alicia Rodenhizer, a Teaching Assistant at HPWS, has been working at HPWS for 2 years. Both of her children attended HPWS and she started her education here as a Kindergartener. She has been married for 38 years. Before her daughters were born she worked as an RN. She has two grown daughters who both attended HPWS and one granddaughter currently attending.



Elisabetta Murray, a Teaching Assistant at HPWS, has been working at HPWS for 3 years. Previously she taught Italian at a Private School in NC and worked for AACPS for 1 year. She studied Architecture at IUAV in Venice and worked at an architecture firm prior to moving to the United States. Both of her children attended HPWS. She met her husband in Italy while he was serving in the Army, they have been married for 13 years.

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About Harundale Presbyterian

Weekday School

Harundale Presbyterian Weekday School (HPWS) is accredited and certified through the Maryland Board of Education and provides instruction in language arts, mathematics, science and social studies. The teachers hold bachelors degrees or certificates in early childhood education. The ratio of students to teachers is 8:1 for the 4 year old classes and 6:1 for the 3 year old classes. The school is open to all children regardless of race, religion or national origin. The 3 year old classes meet Tuesday and Thursday or Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and the 4 year old classes meet Monday, Wednesday and Friday or Monday through Friday. All classes meet from 9:30 to 12:00.



HPWS Mission

We believe that children learn by being nurtured through, love, discipline and reasoning, by being exposed to problem-solving situations and by becoming aware of themselves and the world around them. The purpose of the school is to help children feel comfortable in a situation outside of the home, to learn to function in a group, to be able to follow instructions and to get along with other children. We use teacher-directed activities that allow for children's creativity while providing materials in the classroom that allow the child to have new experiences and develop problem solving skills. We provide opportunities for children to develop physically, emotionally and socially.

Three Year Old Program

Our 3 year olds flourish in an accepting environment where their educational social and emotional development is gently guided and encouraged. The three year old preschool experience is a balance of free play, outdoor play, structured group activities, music, and art.

- We are focusing on following directions, problem solving and thematic learning.
- Expanding on waiting for turns, sharing, making choices and transitioning from one activity to another.
- Small and large motor development with activities throughout the day.
- Enjoying various types of music, and using of instruments.
- Circle time will discuss the calendar, weather, stories/songs and Introduce thematic learning units.
- Their Christian education will develop an understanding of God and expose the children to bible stories. Our goal is to teach basic values such as being a kind and loving person.
- Biweekly chapel lessons to develop an understanding of God and to teach basic values such as being kind and loving.
- Special Assemblies
- Field Trips
- Kid's Night Out



Tuition

2 Day Class \$142/month

Tues/Thurs

\$50 Registration fee for all programs

Children must be age 3 by Sep. 1

All classes meet 9:30-Noon

Schedule

- Arrival
- Free Play/Skill Builder
- Circle Time
- Free Play
- Learning Stations
- Art Projects
- Clean up/Snack
- Story Time
- Large Motor activities
- Prepare for dismissal
- Sing goodbye song
- Dismissal

Four Year Old Program

The 4 year olds continue on our foundational learning style. Each class is filled with learning activities directed by our teachers. An added academic component of letters, phonetic awareness along with math concepts and numbers. After completion of this program children are fully prepared for kindergarten.

- Language and literacy skills to help prepare children learn to read and to write by learning letter recognition and recognition of their names.
- Children will learn a sense of responsibility for themselves and for others through free play and activities.
- The beginning of mathematics is an understanding of numbers, patterns, shapes and sizes.
- Scientific thinking via exploring the environment and world through hands on activities.
- Social studies to teach them about the world around them, to appreciate differences, learn different cultures, family roles and civic pride.
- Arts includes participation in music, fine arts, dance and drama.
- Gross motor and fine motor skills.
- Weekly chapel lessons to develop an understanding of God and to teach basic values such as being kind and loving.
- Field trips
- Kid's Night out



Tuition

3 Day Class \$193/month

Mon/Wed/Fri

5 Day Class \$245/month

Mon-Fri

\$50 Registration fee for all programs

Children must be age 4 by Sep. 1

All classes meet 9:30-Noon

Schedule

- Arrival
- Free Play/Skill Builder
- Circle Time
- Free Play
- Learning Stations
- Art Projects
- Clean up/Snack
- Story Time
- Large Motor activities
- Prepare for dismissal
- Sing goodbye song
- Dismissal