

Farm School Registration Packet 2025-2026

Frying Pan Farm Park

Herndon, VA



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Farm School Information Sheet

Come meet the farm animals, take nature walks, make crafts, sing songs and play games. Being on a working farm in Fairfax County gives us the opportunity to offer your children a field trip every day. Our Farm Preschool is located in the Old Floris Schoolhouse at Frying Pan Farm Park, 2709 West Ox Rd, Oak Hill, Virginia. Katydid, Inc. has operated this program in partnership with the Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) since 1991.

Our philosophy is learning through interactive play. We believe that play is an effective method of learning and develops self-confidence. Our preschool program is designed for 3, 4 and 5 year olds and provides a safe and nurturing environment where children grow emotionally, socially and intellectually through developmentally appropriate experiences. *In addition*, children will have the chance to enjoy the sights and sounds of a working farm in a safe, enjoyable atmosphere. You may view more about our program and read our handbook online at www.katydidkids.com.

Kate Plummer, is the owner and Executive Director of Katydid, Inc. Judi Edmondson is the Preschool Director. We work with local preschools to stay current with preschool initiatives and kindergarten readiness. Other organizational affiliations include but are not limited to Family Compass, Child Find, and the Fairfax County Office for Children.

Licensing:

The school is licensed by the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE).

Students are required to have the following paperwork on file before starting the program:

1. Pickup Authorization form
2. Emergency Medical Release form
3. Physical and immunization record which is a record from a visit in the past 12 months
4. Medication/epipen forms where applicable to allergies or other listed on emergency form
Medication/epipens in original prescription container as it applies to same
5. Allergy Action Plan and/or Food Allergy & Anaphylaxis Emergency Care Plan (if applicable)
6. Original birth certificate or passport presented and verified as seen by preschool staff

Children who attend are also required to be potty trained. The child must be self-sufficient in the bathroom and be able to perform/maintain personal care without support of Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA)/Katydid staff. Farm School is not licensed to care for children who are in diapers.

ADA Statement:

Any child needing accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) or IDEA, requires submission of the child's Individualized Education Program (IEP) or a Child Find evaluation prior to the child's start date. At least 10 working days notice is required for accommodations after receipt of IEP or evaluation.

A copy of any existing IEP should be given to the Preschool Director prior to start date. All children must be able to meet the FCPA/Katydid, Inc. Rules of Conduct as listed in the Katydid Preschool Handbook. ADA support services are available through Fairfax County. Services can be requested for students by/for parents where applicable.

Schedule and Calendar:

We follow the Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) Calendar for holidays and teacher workdays and use FCPS inclement weather decisions as a guide for our inclement weather policy. Core and LunchBunch preschool hours

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are listed in the table below. The LunchBunch class option is only available to morning classes for 4 & 5-year olds— See below.

Registration:

To register for the preschool, parents submit a registration form along with the registration fee and the signed parent contract. Forms can be submitted on or be downloaded from our website www.katydidkids.com – In the “Farm Preschool” menu select, “Registration & Forms”, then click the button “Submit 2025-26 Registration Packet”.

The preschool registration fee is \$140 and is due with any application. If registering more than one child, the registration fee is \$195 total for the family. **The registration fee is non-refundable when you are assigned to a class.** Your last month’s tuition (May 2026) is due a year in advance. For example, for the 2025-2026 school year, the May 2026 tuition is due May 1 of 2025.

Core and LunchBunch Class Choices and Hours:

Depending on the child’s age, classes meet either 2, 3, or 4 days per week. Students may not be registered in more than one preschool class. The LunchBunch class option extends your child’s day for 1 hour beyond the Core class schedule. Total class time from dropoff to pickup for the LunchBunch schedule is 4 ½ hours. The LunchBunch Class Schedule is only an option for morning classes for 4-year olds and 5-year olds and at least 7 students each day must be registered for Lunchbunch to take place. Class choices for each age, along with Core and LunchBunch hours, are listed in the table below. **NOTE: All 4-year-old classes work on Kindergarten readiness.**

Fall 2025 Class Choices and Schedule (Core = 3.5 Hours; Lunchbunch = 4.5 Hours): *

Schedule		3-Year Olds (birthdate 10/1/21-10/31/22)	4-Year Olds (birthdate 10/1/20-10/31/21)	4 Year Olds & 5 Year Olds (birthdate prior to 4/1/21)
Morning	Days	2 Days: T/Th or M/W 3 Days: M/W/F	3 Days: T/Th/F	3 Days: M/W/F 4 Days: M/T/W/F
	Hours	C: 8:25 AM – 11:55 AM	C: 8:45 AM – 12:15 PM LB: 8:45 AM – 1:15 PM	C: 8:35 AM – 12:05 PM LB: 8:35 AM – 1:05 PM
Afternoon	Days	3 Days: T/W/Th	4 Days: T/W/Th/F	4 Days: T/W/Th/F
	Hours	C: 12:20 PM – 3:50 PM	C: 12:30 PM – 4:00 PM	C: 12:30 PM – 4:00 PM

* We reserve the right to adjust class offerings based on enrollment.

Fall 2025 Preschool Tuition:

Tuition for Fall 2025 is dependent on the class schedule choice/number of days attending. The table below shows tuition for the Core and LunchBunch Schedule Options and Annual Supply/Activity fees are listed below.

# Days Attending	Core Schedule Monthly Tuition	LunchBunch Schedule Monthly Tuition	Annual Supply/ Activity Fee-Due September
Two day/week class	\$320	-	\$145
Three day/week class	\$440	\$510	\$195
Four day/week class	\$545	\$635	\$245

We look forward to getting to know you and your child at Farm School!