

PK-3 Sprouts

Fee-based Program

Overview: The PK-3 Sprouts instructional program provides three-year-old children with high-quality, developmentally appropriate early learning experiences grounded in the Florida Early Learning and Developmental Standards (FELDS). Data consistently shows that children who participate in high-quality early learning programs are more successful in academics as well as life skills. The program operates during standard school hours and includes extended-care options to support families who require additional services, thereby increasing accessibility and flexibility for working caregivers.

Eligibility: A student is eligible for the PK-3 Sprouts program on his/her third birthday.

Program Hours: Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m. to 1:50 p.m. with the option for extended care through the school's aftercare program to 6:00 p.m. for an additional fee.

Program Calendar: Dates of operation will coincide with the M-DCPS school calendar of 180 days. There will be a summer camp option for each school location.

Program fees:

- Annual tuition for the PK-3 Sprouts program: 180 days x \$40= \$7,200. (See payment chart for monthly fees)
- A non-refundable \$150 registration fee is due at enrollment.
- All credit card payments will automatically incur a 4% transaction fee.
- Families may pay with a check to avoid these fees.

Registration: PK-3 Sprouts students will complete school registration documents and be registered as full-time students with an M-DCPS student ID number.

- Parent must complete the *Registration Form: Before and After School Programs - Summer Camp - Pre-K (FM-3170 front)* for participation in the PK-3 Sprouts Program. The back of FM-3170 must be used to record parent fee payments.
- Parent must sign acknowledging the fee payment policies on the *Program Requirements and Financial Responsibility Form*.
- Parent **must purchase/provide proof of student accident insurance.**

Ratio: Staff to student ratio is maintained at 2:17 per classroom.

Classroom Staff Qualifications: 1 FT Associate Educator and 1 FT Early Childhood Assistant.

Breakfast/Lunch: PK-3 Sprouts program students may access breakfast and lunch through the school cafeteria, or parents may provide a packed lunch.

Items from home: Children must bring a complete change of clothes and any other items requested by the teacher.

Arrival and departure of students: Families will be required to sign the PK-3 Sprouts students in and out of the program each day. For the students going to the aftercare program, the aftercare staff will sign the students out of PK-3 Sprouts. Aftercare will have their own sign out for parent pick-up.

Transportation: Families will be responsible for transporting their children to and from school. PK-3 Sprouts students are not eligible for M-DCPS transportation services.

Toileting: It is highly encouraged that PK-3 Sprouts students be completely toilet trained prior to entering the program. For those students still in the process, toilet training will be addressed through the daily routine in the classroom. Pull-ups are acceptable and should be sent to school in the child's bag, however no diapers.

Attendance Procedures: Student attendance is reported daily utilizing the District's Electronic Gradebook System.