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## About our Preschool Teachers



### **MARY NICHOLS, Golden Poppy Preschool Teacher**

I was born in 1959, and was fourth in a family of five. I was raised in a very close knit community in San Mateo, California, living in the same house until I left home. I attended the College of San Mateo and earned an AA in English.

I married my childhood boyfriend and we had our first child, Ed, shortly thereafter. We relocated to Ohio where I pursued studies in English and Literature at Ohio State University and my husband went to Dental School. Our daughter Kiarsen was born during our nine year stay in Ohio.

In 1995, we moved to Davis and enrolled our children at the Davis Waldorf School. I enrolled at Rudolf Steiner College where I graduated from the Foundation Studies Program. I spent the next eight years working with renowned painter and artist Iris Sullivan on Light, Darkness and Color Therapy studies. During these years, I taught many classes on Veil Painting and Pastel—in addition to being a full-time mom, class parent, field-trip organizer/driver/chaparrone, and volunteer of every variety. My children graduated from Davis Waldorf School and went on to Sacramento Waldorf School and college and are now married. In 2006, I began working with small children in a Waldorf-inspired home program. I completed my Early Childhood Training at Rudolf Steiner College and have been working as a Preschool Teacher at The Davis Waldorf School since 2008. I became a grandmother in 2014 and my husband and I adopted a boy, who is attending the Davis Waldorf School. Ever since my first child arrived over 28 years ago, children have been my world. For many years I dreamed of working with little ones. I am so happy to arrive at this point in my life and to find myself doing this work that I love. It is also a very special delight to teach at the Davis Waldorf School and in this wonderful community.



### **JESSICA EFSTRATIS, Lavender Preschool Teacher**

I grew up in the Sacramento area on the American River. My fondest memories of childhood are fishing with my parents, building forts in the woods and body surfing down rapids with my siblings. This love for nature informed my decisions as a young adult when choosing my course of study. I majored both in art and environmental science at CSU, Chico and CSU, San Francisco. I began working with children in an outdoor classroom as a naturalist and organic farm educator. I continued my work with children in San Francisco at the Discovery Museum and East Bay Depot for Creative Reuse.

Working with children outdoors and with art was a dream come true! It was searching for a preschool for my own child when I discovered Waldorf Education and knew right away this was a path I wanted to pursue. I completed my Waldorf Teacher Certificate from Rudolf Steiner College and began working at Camellia Waldorf School as the Parent Child Teacher. I then opened an in-home preschool program that I ran for four years. I am delighted to bring my love for nature and art to the lovely Davis community and children.



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## Preschool Basics

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- School Year** Our preschool program runs September—early June. We have optional care during most holidays and vacation weeks (including summer) for an additional charge.
- Preschool Age** Our preschool serves children who have turned 2 or 3 by June 1, of the school year that starts in September. The year a child turns 4 by June 1, our policy is that in September they move up to the first year of our 2-year kindergarten program. Our kindergarten is a 5-day per-week, half-day program.
- School Day** The preschool day begins at 8:45 a.m. and ends at 12:45 p.m. You may drop your child off as early as 8 a.m. for no additional fee. We offer preschool 5 days a week, with a limited number of 2 and 3 day slots.
- Optional Extended Care** We offer optional extended care (we call it “Aftercare”) until 5:30 p.m., available on a part-time, full-time, or drop-in basis for an additional charge. Aftercare includes a nap portion which ends at 3 pm, and a snack. If you choose the Aftercare option, we ask that you pick up your child no earlier than 3 p.m., as not to disturb the nap. Prices are available on the *Tuition Rates, Fees & Payment Schedule* sheet in this packet.
- Class Size** We have 2 preschool classrooms and they typically have 14 children in each room. Each classroom has a teacher and an assistant.
- Snack** We serve a healthy snack each day. The snack is substantial, and organic and local where possible. Sample snacks might include oatmeal and apples, lentils or quinoa. Because we believe rhythm is important, the same foods are served each Mondays, Tuesdays, etc. Our teachers are accommodating of dietary restrictions within reason. Parents will need to pack a healthy lunch for their child as well.



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## Enrollment in Early Childhood Frequently Asked Questions School Year 2017-18

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Thank you for your interest in Davis Waldorf School's Early Childhood Program. We hope that this information will help you understand our process. Our Enrollment Coordinator is also available to answer any questions you may have.

### **What are we looking for?**

The Early Childhood Department seeks children *and their families* that are a good fit with our school and its philosophy of play-based/nature-oriented curriculum. Specifically, we are looking for families who are considering enrolling their children in our school all the way through the 8th grade. To facilitate this we are looking for those who share our values and are interested in:

- Preserving a play-filled childhood for their child, in which formal academic instruction begins in the first grade;
- Learning about child development and the stages of childhood within the Waldorf tradition;
- Helping to create a peace-filled, kind, tolerant, media-free, community environment allowing each child to safely unfold at his/her own pace;
- Creating a healthy and nurturing, rhythmical life at home that allows the young child to develop to their full potential in mind, body, and spirit.

### **What do we offer?**

- Parent Child—serves parents and their children aged 6 –36 months in short term sessions.
- Preschool—both serve 14 children daily with five-day and limited two-and three-day schedules.
- Kindergarten—both serve 20 students per day in a five-day program.

### **Who should apply?**

- Hollychock Parent Child Program—children walking to 36 months and their parents.
- Preschool Program—children who are 2 or 3 years old by June 1, 2017. Children do not need to be potty trained
- Kindergarten Program—children who are 4 or 5 years old by June 1, 2017.



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## Preschool Daily Schedule

(sample schedule, subject to change)

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<b>8:30 – 8:45 a.m.</b>	<b>Children Arrive.</b> Warm tea and Snack.
<b>8:45 – 9:45 a.m.</b>	<b>Creative Play.</b> Children play using all the “props” in our room. Examples of the child-led play are going on an airplane trip, camping, train rides, or just taking care of the home and the babies. We have puppet shows and pretend games. Often the whole group will be involved in a singular idea and their play can be quite elaborate.
<b>9:45 – 10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Clean up.</b> We sing a song and put our things away.
<b>10:00 – 10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Activity.</b> Tues - Beeswax modeling, Weds - breadmaking, Thurs—painting or coloring.
<b>10:30 – 10:50 a.m.</b>	<b>Healthy Snack.</b> Tues - Oatmeal; Weds - Bread and Cheese; Thurs—Barley and vegetable soup. We always serve fresh fruit. All items are organically grown, seasonal, and from local sources when possible.
<b>10:50 – 11:05 a.m.</b>	<b>Rest Time.</b> Children lay their heads on pillows and listen to our songs and nursery rhymes.
<b>11:05 – 11:25 a.m.</b>	<b>Walk.</b> We walk, skip and jump over our grassy campus, often paying a visit to our chickens or the nearby duck pond.
<b>11:30 a.m. – 12:05 p.m.</b>	<b>Outdoor Play.</b> Children are free to play in our lovely preschool play yard. They dig in the sand to find treasures, swing and climb in the trees and enjoy nature.
<b>12:05 – 12:15 p.m.</b>	<b>Puppet Show.</b> We enjoy a puppet show that the teacher has created. When weather is chilly, we go back inside to watch.
<b>12:15-12:40</b>	<b>Lunch.</b> We all sit together to enjoy the lunches we bring from home.
<b>12:40 – 12:45 p.m.</b>	<b>Goodbye circle and hugs.</b> Parents arrive.
<b>12:45 p.m.</b>	<b>Optional Aftercare Begins</b> Children who will be in our aftercare/nap program are readied for the rest of their day. Aftercare is available until 5:30 p.m.



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## Admissions Information

### Admissions Policy

Our aim is to provide an education which develops a child's full human potential, thus it is the intention and policy of the school to welcome students from the broadest possible range of the social, economic, and cultural spectrum.

Students are required to do an interview with the class teacher, receipt of previous school records, and compliance with contractual arrangements required by the school. Assessment tests may be administered at the time of the interview. **All new students are on a six-week probation period.**

### Application Procedures

1. The parents/guardians read the materials included in our information packet.
2. The parents/guardians attend a campus tour and/or Open House.
3. The parents/guardians complete an Enrollment Application and submits the application, confidential student evaluation form from child's last teacher (Kindergarten-8th only), and a photo along with the application fee. The applicant should be age-appropriate for the grade to which they are applying. Applications for Fall consideration are accepted beginning in January, and should be submitted as soon as possible.
4. Our Enrollment Coordinator calls to arrange an interview with parent(s) and child. Enrollment interviews for fall consideration are conducted January through mid-March. Additional interviews are done throughout the year as space permits.
5. Parent(s) and child attend the interview with the class teacher.
6. Children applying for grades 2-8 visit the class for 3 full school days. This does not apply to summer applicants.
7. Our registrar notifies your family via mail of the interview result.
8. When an acceptance is made, enrollment materials are included with your letter. You will then have two weeks in which to make a decision and submit the required fees and forms to enroll your child.

If it is determined during the interview that your child/family would not be a good fit for our school and/or vice versa, you will receive our regrets via mail. Should our regrets be due to no available spots in the class, we will hold the application in our applicant pool (we do not use a waitlist) and contact you in the event that a space opens to arrange another visit.

*Please note:* Our age cut-off date is June 1st, although occasional exceptions are made for grades children. A child must be...

2 by June 1st for First Year Preschool	6 by June 1st for 1st grade
3 by June 1st by Second Year Preschool	7 by June 1st for 2nd grade
4 by June 1st for First Year Kindergarten	8 by June 1st for 3rd grade
5 by June 1st for Second Year Kindergarten	9 by June 1st for 4th grade

## ADMISSIONS INFORMATION

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### **Application Procedures (continued)**

We are generally able to make a second round of acceptances after our initial enrollment deadline, as some families do not complete the enrollment process. If your family is put in a wait pool and you would like to be considered for the following year's enrollment, please call us in January to roll over the application.

#### Enrollment process for returning students

When a child leaves a class and the family requests that he/she returns to the class, an application update form will be required. The application update will include notes about any change in address, living arrangements, medical/dietary considerations, academic progress (including IEPs or 504s or suggestions for extra tutoring.) The parents will have a conversation with the class teacher who will then make an assessment, offer a 3-day visit (if a new teacher or the class dynamics have changed appreciably since previous attendance at DWS), and then provide a recommendation for placement in the class.

Please Note: Acceptance to Kindergarten does not indicate an automatic advancement to first grade. An interview with the 1st grade teacher and a first grade readiness assessment will need to be conducted to determine appropriate placement for the following school year.

### **Enrollment Procedures**

Upon acceptance, you will be provided with an enrollment packet containing all the necessary paperwork and information required to enroll your child. Before your child's first day of school, the following requirements must be met:

- All required enrollment paperwork must be filled out completely, and submitted to the office by the deadline listed in the acceptance letter.
- Evidence that all State of California immunization requirements have been met.
- Deposit and tuition payments have been made when due. Tuition payments begin in July 2017 for the 2017-2018 school year.
- For Kindergarten and Preschool Only: a Completed Physician's Report (Child's Preadmission Health History), indicating a current physical examination, must be submitted.

### **Special Needs Children**

The education offered at Davis Waldorf School is based on a specific curriculum. The curriculum embraces many learning modalities and styles. However, it is not intended to specifically accommodate children who have special learning needs. Although the substance, cultural content, creative underpinning and social health of the classroom may provide positive experiences for some children with special needs, in the final analysis, Davis Waldorf School has neither the services nor trained personnel required to meet the needs of children with special learning needs.

### **Thank You**

Thank you very much for your interest in Davis Waldorf School. We hope that this information will help you understand our process. Our Enrollment Coordinator, Bessie Oakley is available to answer any further questions you may have. You may reach her at (530) 753-1651 or [enrollment@daviswaldorf.org](mailto:enrollment@daviswaldorf.org).



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# Rates, Fees & Payment Schedule 2017-2018

(September 5, 2017—June 8, 2018)

## DAVIS WALDORF SCHOOL TUITION 2017-2018

Grade	Tuition First Child Annual	Tuition First Child Per Month on 11 month payment plan*	Tuition Second Child (20% discount)*	Additional Children (40% discount)*
<b>Preschool</b>				
2 Days	\$3,960	\$369		
3 Days	\$5,760	\$532		
5 Days	\$9,290	\$853		
<b>Kindergarten</b>	\$10,150	\$931	\$8,220	\$6,190
<b>Grade 1</b>	\$11,140	\$1026	\$9,062	\$6,834
<b>Grade 2</b>	\$11,720	\$1,079	\$9,526	\$7,182
<b>Grade 3-8</b>	\$11,720	\$1,090	\$9,651	\$7,307

\*Includes Class Fund fee which is billed per chosen payment plan. Rounded up to nearest dollar.

The Davis Waldorf School is able to provide limited tuition assistance for Kindergarten-8th grade students (kindergarten students must have turned 5 by September 1, 2017) through our Tuition Assistance Program (TAP). For eligible families, the range of tuition reduction is generally between 5% - 50%.

### FEES

Application Fee: \$50  
 Enrollment Fee: \$300 per family (\$150 for preschool-only families)  
 Class Fund: \$100 K and PS  
 Class Fund: \$150 Grades 1-2  
 Class Fund: \$275 Grades 3-8

### PAYMENT PLANS (payment plans begin in July)

Options include: 11 monthly payments, 10 monthly payments, 4 quarterly payments, 2 semi-annual payments  
 Full Payment by June 30, 2017      Pay in full, receive a 2% discount on annual tuition

### AFTERCARE PROGRAM

#### Kindergarten and Preschool Aftercare:

Aftercare is available M-F on a contracted or drop-in basis (as space allows). Includes a rest or nap time as needed. Contracted rates for 3:30 pickup—\$15/day (\$12.50/day at discounted rate); 5:30 pickup —\$27/day. (\$22.50/day at discounted rate). Discounted rate is available for families who contract for more than 50 hours of aftercare per month. Drop-in is \$9/hour.

**Grades Aftercare:** Aftercare is available M-F until 5:30 p.m. on a contracted or drop-in basis (as space allows). Grades aftercare is \$3/half hour for contracted care; \$4.50/half-hour for drop-in care, Discounted rate is \$2.50/half hour for families who contract for more than 50 hours of Aftercare per month.

### VACATION CARE PROGRAM

Davis Waldorf has 6 weeks of school vacation per year. Vacation Care is available for preschool, kindergarten and grades children from 8 a.m.—5:30 p.m. on a contracted basis for an additional hourly charge (with limited days during winter break). Grades vacation care is subject to minimum enrollment.