



# What to Expect During Your Tour

We are so excited to welcome you to Children's House and are looking forward to meeting you when you come for your tour! Here are the answers to some common questions parents have about our tour process:

## How long will the tour last?

Please plan on spending at least 45 minutes with us. We will take you around the school, show you the classrooms and the playground, and go over the questions most parents have about our program and a typical day at Children's House. The tour itself should take 20 - 30 minutes and we find that most parents appreciate a few minutes at the end to sit quietly and fill out an application.

## How do I get into the building and where do I go?

We are located at 1625 Wiehle Ave in the lower level of the Unitarian Universalist Church in Reston. Although we are not affiliated with the church, we ask that you use the main doors, on the right hand side of the front of the building, and use the doorbell / intercom to let us know you have arrived. Once you have been buzzed in, enter the building and take the marked door on the right to the stairwell to Children's House. The office is at the end of the hallway and we will be there to greet you.

## Should I bring my child with me when I tour?

It depends. Some parents prefer to concentrate on the details of the tour and find it distracting to have their child with them. Others want to get their child's feedback right away before proceeding with the application process. If you are looking to enroll immediately or in the coming weeks, you should bring your child with you so that he or she can visit a classroom and meet the teachers while you take your tour.

## During your tour we will go over the following:

- ❑ [Our Physical Space](#): We have 2 classrooms - the Sunrise Room (closest to the office) and the Sunset Room (in the main hallway) -- a multipurpose room that serves as our coatroom and afternoon nap room, an office, three bathrooms, and a beautiful, natural playground.
- ❑ [Our Curriculum](#): We follow the Montessori philosophy and curriculum, which will be highlighted during your tour.



- ❑ [A Typical Day at CHMS](#): You'll see children working in the classrooms and learn more about how the children move through the day, depending on their age and the program in which they are enrolled.
- ❑ [The Programs We Offer](#): We have three programs (preschool, pre-kindergarten, and kindergarten) and different program lengths (part-day, school-day, and full-day) to fit your family's needs.
- ❑ [Our Special classes](#): We offer Spanish, gardening, nature activities, and musical yoga to our students and we'll explain how we have incorporated these activities into a typical week at Children's House.
- ❑ [Our Calendar](#): You'll be given a copy of the school calendar that highlights our Family Events, Parent Education Events, school closures, and other notable dates.
- ❑ [The Enrollment Process](#): You'll have time at the end of your tour to complete an application. If you prefer, you can complete the [application online](#) ahead of time and just bring your \$50 (cash or check) application fee with you. Application fees are non-refundable.

### Next Steps:

- ❑ Complete the [application](#) and submit the application fee (\$50)
- ❑ Schedule a time for [your child to visit](#) a classroom
- ❑ Complete the required [enrollment forms](#)
- ❑ An enrollment fee (\$250) will secure your child's place in a classroom
- ❑ Decide on a start date!
- ❑ [Join the CHMS community!](#)

Questions and Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

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