



What to Expect During Your Tour

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

How does the tour process work?

Our tour is divided into two parts: The first part is a tour of our facility and our playground, conducted by our Admissions Director Cinthia on WhatsApp. She will explain our program and the curriculum, tell you about a typical day at Children's House, show you the children working with the materials, and share our fees with you.

The second part is an in-person visit by the child and the parents. The child will be taken into the classroom so the teacher can assess readiness, while the parents are shown the facility and the playground.

Please plan on spending at least 45 minutes with us for the virtual tour, and 45 minutes when you and your child come to visit.

How do I get into the building and where do I go for the second portion of the tour, the in-person visit for the parent and child?

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.

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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