



Swarthmore Presbyterian Nursery Day School 2026-2027 Programs



Thank you for your interest in SPNDS for the 2026-2027 school year! SPNDS is the place for "Learning Joy," and we'd love for your child(ren) to be a part of our school family.

Our Programs At-A-Glance

Play Pals

9:15-11:15 a.m.
5 days/week

The perfect introduction to preschool! In our program for 2-year-olds, our youngest learners will engage in play activities that are "just right" for this age group. This is a drop-off program, though parents may stay for the first orientation class. NOTE: Students do NOT need to be potty-trained to enroll in Play Pals but must be 2 years-old by September 1st of the year of enrollment.

Nursery Day School

9:00-11:45 a.m.,
M-F, 5 days/week

All areas of development—social, emotional, cognitive, and physical—are of equal importance at Nursery Day School. Our curriculum emerges as children participate in hands-on, play-based activities. Readiness skills are adeptly integrated into these activities. We help children express their individuality while learning to respect the rights of others. Outdoor play is an important part of our program, and all students participate in our Specials classes: Music, Art, Creative Movement, Science, Library and Woodshop. Students bring water bottles and snacks from home. NOTE: Nursery Day School students must be potty-trained and turn 3 years-old by September 1st of the year of enrollment.

Kindergarten Complement

AM: 9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
PM: 11:45 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
M-F, 5 days/week

In our Complement program, we reinforce and apply concepts and skills learned in kindergarten, while also enriching this education through the exploration of additional ideas and themes. We offer students the time, space, and structure to play and socialize. Like in Nursery Day School, all students participate in outdoor play and our Specials classes: Music, Art, Creative Movement, Music, and Woodshop. Space is limited, and we strongly encourage you NOT to wait for the Wallingford-Swarthmore School District (WSSD) kindergarten lottery in March to apply. We will work with families as much as possible post-lottery if a change is required. We offer one Complement class in the AM and two in the PM. Therefore, we expect to have more space available in our PM Complement class. Note: Only children in the WSSD can ride the buses to or from their elementary school and SPNDS.

Lunch Bunch for Nursery Day School Students

11:45 a.m.-2:45 p.m.
Minimum of 2 days/
week

Students eat lunch together and participate in a variety of academic and social activities after Nursery Day School ends. We require families to enroll for a minimum of two days per week. Children bring their own lunch and water bottle from home. A rest or nap time is included for our younger students.

Early Birds, 8:15-9 a.m.

**Stay & Play, 2:45-3:30
p.m.**

Early Birds (for Nursery Day School students and AM Kindergarten Complement) and Stay & Play (for Lunch Bunch students and PM Kindergarten Complement) are available to better accommodate parents' daily schedules. There is an additional fee for these programs, and enrollment is limited. We require a minimum of two days per week.

Admissions Next Steps

- Applications from **CURRENT** students and alumni families that include the \$75 registration fee will be accepted beginning **Tuesday, January 20th through Friday, January 30, 2026.**
- Applications from **NEW students** that include the \$75 registration fee will be accepted beginning Monday, **February 2, 2026, at 8 am.** Applications handed directly to the Director or Administrative Assistant will take precedence over applications mailed, emailed or put in the drop box.

Please note that our classes fill quickly, and children are generally enrolled on a **“first come, first served”** basis. We will continue to accept applications throughout the spring and summer if there are spaces available in our classes. Once we have reached full enrollment, a waitlist will be started. Our waitlist is only for the upcoming school year. All students must submit an application every year.

Acceptance letters are emailed with a contract in March and should be signed and returned to the school office by the date stated in your welcome email. The remaining enrollment paperwork will be available by email and on our website in the spring. All enrollment paperwork, including a health form and vaccination record, must be submitted by June 15th. Kindergarten enrollment contracts may be delayed depending on when the district elementary schools assign morning or afternoon placement to the enrolling kindergarteners.

Scholarships covering partial tuition are available; inquiries may be made to Deb Hansen, Director, at deborah.hansen@swarthmorepres.org. Scholarship applications will be available after acceptance emails and contracts are sent.

2026-2027 Tuition Schedule

Please note that our annual budget is based on full-year enrollment. Each student's financial commitment is for the entire school year, and tuition is non-refundable except upon approval by the SPNDS Advisory Committee. Families may choose to pay the full-year tuition at once or in 10 installments.

PLAY PALS		NURSERY DAY SCHOOL		KINDERGARTEN COMPLEMENT		LUNCH BUNCH			EARLY BIRD STAY & PLAY (EACH)		
Full Year	10-month payment plan	Full Year	10-month payment plan	Full Year	10-month payment plan	Days/week	Full Year	10-month payment plan	Days/week	Full Year	10-month payment plan
\$4,851	\$485	\$5,710	\$571	\$5,900	\$590	5	\$5,069	\$507	5	\$993	\$99
						4	\$4,916	\$492	4	\$930	\$93
						3	\$4,633	\$463	3	\$865	\$86
						2	\$4,308	\$431	2	\$802	\$80