

Announcing our newly-enhanced Early Childhood program

# The Early Years at WSOC



WALDORF SCHOOL  
ORANGE COUNTY

Fall 2020





# **Drop off Nursery Class**

**for children  
18 months to 3 years  
who are potty-trained**

**Tuesdays &  
Thursdays**

**The  
Early  
Years**

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# **Playgroup & Bridge Classes**


**for children  
18 months to 3 years**

**Mondays,  
Wednesdays  
& Fridays**

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A photograph of an outdoor play area. In the background, there is a wooden playhouse with a shingled roof. A yellow canopy is stretched over a part of the play area. In the foreground, there is a green lawn. A wooden toy car is visible near the playhouse. The sky is blue with some light clouds.

"The WSOC **Early Years** program provides a safe haven for such a sweet, special, and fleeting time," says Barbara Cubanksi ('Ms. Barbara'), Early Years Teacher. "Many of us have emerged from these last months with a renewed commitment to building a supportive community." The "Nursery " is our newest class which allows us to welcome children who are too young for Pre-k and are ready for an independent school experience.

WSOC's Early Years program (Nursery, Bridge, and Playgroup) follows the arc of the seasons and includes a rhythm guided by verses and movement, primarily held outdoors. The programs feature story time, circle time, crafts, and lots of time for the children to play and explore WSOC's new "zones of engagement." These play spaces allow children to freely interact with each other and the environment, while giving adults more room for maintaining physical distance.

"We are so proud to offer a predominantly outdoor program," she says. "Our amazing play yard is continuing to evolve: we currently have a mud kitchen under construction!"

"For many of our students, this is their first school experience. I am so honored that parents trust us and WSOC with their young ones," she adds. "My wonderful assistant teacher Ms. Claudia and I pour ourselves into our roles in the program in order to earn this sacred trust. We focus on nourishing, nurturing, and supporting healthy development, as well as each child's health and safety. We value the opportunity to be responsive to the children in our care, to listen to them, to give them a space to just be."

"I feel so fortunate to be with these children, trailing their clouds of glory. It's magical. We are so lucky that the school has made access to these programs available," she says. "A place for parents and children to come together in this way is remarkable. We all need healing right now. This is where it is. Right here in this yard."





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Let's  
support  
each  
other!

## Traveling the Parenting Road Parent Discussion Group via Zoom

Parents enrolled in Playgroup, Bridge and Nursery are invited to join The Early Years Teacher, Barbara Cubanski, for a facilitated discussion group.

We will be sharing ideas, questions and inspiration about the joys and challenges of parenting young children. We will be using articles given out in our classes as well as the book, *Joyful Toddlers and Preschoolers: Create a Life That You and Your Child Both Love*, by Faith Collins as a starting point for our conversations.

There is no requirement to have read the books or articles. We will begin with a summary of the topic, and our discussions will be shaped by the needs of the group. Please join us!

**There are two options for times - we hope that one will be convenient for you - starting on 9/22:**

**Tuesdays  
1:30 - 2:30 PM  
Thursdays  
7:00 - 8:00 PM**

**Email Barbara Cubanski with questions**  
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**Join via recurring Zoom link**  
Meeting ID: 952 441 1012  
Passcode: 946319