

WALDORF SCHOOL ORANGE COUNTY

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**SEPTEMBER 6, '22 - JUNE 16, '23**

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*Play is the highest form of research - Albert Einstein*

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The early years of a child's life, full of wonder and joy, are also the most critical years of development. Our Nursery offers children a rich environment for exploration and play and offers parents support in creating a healthy home life to create a solid foundation for learning.

Creating community with like-minded parents and an experienced Early Childhood Waldorf teacher, a warm and loving community is formed.

The beauty of the changing seasons will create a natural rhythm as we move through the year with songs, verses, activities and stories. Play is the heart of the young child, and children will have opportunity to explore this world of play in the beauty of a classroom and garden designed especially for them. Come prepared to splash in the puddles, dig in the mud, and dance in the sunshine.



## YOUR TEACHER

Maria brings eight years of Waldorf teaching experience (five in Early Childhood) to our school community. She has lived and worked in Japan, Brazil, Germany, and the United States. She loves to share songs and stories from different cultures. She holds a B.F.A. with honors from the ArtCenter College of Design and worked at Wieden+Kennedy Tokyo before beginning her path as a parent and a Waldorf teacher.



Maria received her Waldorf Certificate in 2015 from the Waldorf Institute of Southern California and completed her practicum in Early Childhood, Grades, and Subject Class. She has taught in Early Childhood, Grades, Subject Class, and High School in Waldorf and non-Waldorf settings.

Maria enjoys working with different age groups and experiencing firsthand, the depth and beauty of human development. Her hobbies include but are not limited to playing the piano, Plein-Air painting, horseback riding, and watching the pattern of the waves at the beach.

# SCHEDULE & FEES

5 Days a Week

Monday - Friday

8:30 - 1:00

\$15,500 / yr

3 Days a Week

Monday - Wednesday

8:30 - 1:00

\$9,500 / yr

2 Days a Week

Thursday - Friday

8:30 - 1:00

\$6,300 / yr

Ages 2 & 3 years old - potty-trained

September 6, 2022 - June 16, 2023

TO APPLY



## DAILY RHYTHM

- 8:15 Nursery gates open
- 8:30 Gate closes and a continuation of outdoor activity
- 8:45 Clean-up and bathroom break
- 9:00 Indoor circle time
- 9:15 Practical activity, indoor play & clean-up
- 10:00 Snack - packed lunch from home
- 10:30 Bathroom break & visit to the goats
- 11:00 Outdoor play time
- 12:00 Rest, story & lunch
- 1:00 Pick up

Play allows children to use their creativity while developing their imagination, dexterity, and physical, cognitive and emotional strength. Play is important to healthy brain development. It is through play that children at a very early age engage and interact with the world around them.

The nursery program allows children to develop at their own pace in their physical, emotional and social well-being. The environment of the classroom and outdoor playground are developed intentionally to be rich with beauty and wonder with sensory experiences that encourage awareness without excessive stimulation.

Large and small motor skills, oral and receptive language, musical gifts, social awareness, love for the natural world and the beginnings of self-care abilities are some of the skill sets that young children learn as they play and work among respectful and observant teachers.

**WANT TO LEARN MORE?  
JOIN US FOR AN UPCOMING EVENT**

Waldorf 101 Presentation

Tuesday, February 15, 11 am - 12:30 pm

Tea with the 12th Grade

Monday, March 7, 3:00 - 4:00 pm

Walk Through the Grades

Wednesday, March 30, 9:00 - 10:30 am

Early Childhood Information Eve

Wednesday, April 27, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Walk Through the Grades

Wednesday, May 11, 9:00 - 10:30 am

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