

**What kind of school is Will Smith Zoo School?**

Will Smith Zoo School is a nature-based preschool for children age three to five. Children spend at least half of their day outside engaging in a rich play environment. They visit the zoo daily, and our curriculum focuses on the zoo animals and plants. We also strive to foster a love for local wildlife.

What classes are offered?

We offer 2-, 3-, and 5-day classes.

What is the cost to enroll my child?

There is a \$400 registration fee. The cost for the 2-day class is \$350/month, the cost for the 3-day class is \$500/month, and the cost of the 5-day class is \$750/month.

What are the hours of operation?

The school day is 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. For an additional fee, we offer wrap-around care from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Are meals provided, or do the students bring their own food?

We offer a snack each day, and the students bring their lunch to school.

What are the teacher to student ratios?

Our ratios are one staff member to eight students, so each class has two staff members for 16 students. All of the classes have 3-, 4-, and 5-year-olds to allow them to learn at their readiness and play with children at their social age.

What are the requirements for my child to attend?

Children must be 3-years-old to enroll, and must independently use the restroom. To hold a child's spot, the \$400 registration fee must be paid. Prior to the start date, an immunization record must be submitted along with the application.

How does the school and the teachers communicate with the parents?

We hold monthly parent workshops to communicate philosophy and also invite parents to experience parts of the day. A playdate and parent conferences are held before school starts, followed by two other parent conferences throughout the year.

How are children assessed?

We assess students through observation as they master the Texas Pre-K Guidelines, and use our Nature Consciousness Rating Scale to assess their relationship with nature.