



**PLAY, EXPLORE, DISCOVER, AND LEARN IN OUR NINE-MONTH
NATURE-BASED EARLY-CHILDHOOD PROGRAM**

The Bookworm Gardens Nature School is a program through the Education Department of Bookworm Gardens and thus shares the mission to "inspire the love of books and nature in the young and young at heart." Using nature as a catalyst for learning, we aim to foster a sense of wonder through play and inquiry-based exploration.

Nature School Core Values

At Bookworm, we value:

- Play As Learning
- Seasonal Exploration
- Respect for the Natural World
- Hands-on Discovery

Based upon seasonal changes, our nature-based curriculum includes daily outdoor discovery of the Gardens that incorporates:

- Social and Emotional Learning
- Art, Movement, Music + Dramatic Play
- Cooking + Food Experiences
- Science + Math Discovery
- Language Exploration
- Large + Small Motor Skills Development

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- For the 2024 / 2025 school year: Our two day a week nature school classes will take place Tuesday / Thursday mornings from 9 AM - 12 PM beginning September 2024.
- Learners must be Age 3 by September 1 of the upcoming school year. Learners Age 3-5 are welcome.
- Classes will take place onsite September - May throughout the Gardens, with our new Classroom Yurt as a home base as soon as construction is complete. Learners will spend over 50% of their day outside (unless there are severe weather conditions).

- Our max class size will be 16 learners with two teachers.
- Classes will be tuition-based (see below) with some scholarships opportunities available.

Timeline

- December 1 - January 31: enrollment materials available for the following school year
- February 1: enrollment lottery will take place. Families will be notified on February 1 if they have been chosen through the lottery or added to the waitlist for the upcoming school year.
- February 15: non-refundable deposit due for families that have been chosen through the lottery for the upcoming school year.
- September: 2024 / 2025 classes begin

Tuition (2024 / 2025)

- Bookworm Gardens Member Tuition:
\$267 per month (x9 months) = \$2,400 (20% discount off non-member rate)
- Non-member Tuition:
\$334 per month (x9 months) = \$3,000 non member
- A non-refundable deposit of \$250 is due on March 15 to secure enrollment. This fee will count towards the first payment of tuition.
- Payments are due electronically: March 15 (\$250 non-refundable deposit), August 15 (first half of payment), December 15 (second half of payment). Payment Example for Bookworm Member: March 15 (\$250 due), August 15 (1st half due), January 15 (2nd half due)

We look forward to nurturing your child's curiosity and helping them explore their love of learning through nature and literature! Questions can be directed to preschool@bookwormgardens.org