Science Sprouts Museum School science enrichment for our youngest learners!
(age 30 months by September 1, 2020)

* Museum School Twice-a-Week and Extended-Day Classes (ages 4 and 5/6)
These extended Museum School classes includes added concepts of engineering through STEM activities that compliment and connect with the traditional Museum School natural science and history curriculum.

For further information on the Museum School classes, please see the following pages.

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### Fall/Spring 2020-2021 Museum School® Class Schedule

The full class brochure will post on the Museum School webpage on March 2, 2020.

The grid below is the schedule for all class offerings for the Fall/Spring 2020-2021 school year. Museum School begins the week of September 15, 2020 and continues through the week of May 11, 2021.

The fees listed below include tuition, supplies and the $75 non-refundable registration fee. Payment information and payment options are listed on the following page.

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When does registration begin?
The complete Fall/Spring 2020-2021 program brochure with class and registration information will post on the Museum School web page on the morning of March 2 and registration will open at that time. There will be three ways to submit a registration – by email, by drop-off or by USPS mail. Registrations by phone will be accepted beginning March 23. Details on all registration methods will be outlined in the program brochure.

Does Museum School have payment plans?
Payment by credit card or check is due with the registration. Fall/Spring 2020-2021 tuition payments may be made in one full payment or three installments with the use of a credit card, allowing the second and final payments to be automatically charged when they are due. Registrations that are not accompanied by payment will be delayed in processing.

When will I receive my class confirmation?
Please allow between two to three weeks to process and mail your class confirmation. If there is no second or third choice of class written on the registration form, your child’s name will be added to the waiting list for the first class choice and a wait list notification will be sent in lieu of a confirmation. (Tuition is not due until a child is enrolled.)

What are the age and toileting policies of Museum School?
The age deadline for the Fall/Spring 2020-2021 Museum School program is September 1, 2020. Age levels of classes are strictly observed, and children will be placed in classes accordingly.

Children who are 30 months by September 1, 2020 are not expected to be toilet-trained or toilet-independent to attend Museum School.

Three-year-old children enrolled on Wednesday PM, Thursday AM, Thursday PM, Friday AM or Friday PM must be toilet-trained and toilet-independent.

Three-year-old children who are not toilet-trained and toilet-independent may attend Museum School on Tuesday AM, Tuesday PM or Wednesday AM in a classroom that can accommodate and support toilet-training.

All four-, five- and six-year-old children must be toilet-trained and toileten-independent to be eligible for enrollment.

Is Museum School licensed?
Museum School is licensed by the TDFPS (Texas Department of Family and Protective Services) and follows all standards and requirements regarding student records. Student admission forms will be mailed in May to the address listed on the registration form. In order for a child to begin class in September, all of the forms required by licensing must be on file. Completed forms will be due no later than August 1, 2020.
What is the class size of Museum School?
To insure that every child has the appropriate individual attention and learning experience, all Museum School preschool classes have two lead teachers with equal responsibilities in each classroom. The Science Sprouts classes have 12 children; age three classes have 14; age four classes have 15, and age five/six classes have 15 maximum children.

Are all staff certified teachers?
The current staff has education, experience or degrees in early childhood, elementary and special education.

Can I request my child’s teacher?
Teachers are not assigned to classrooms or days of the week until the summer. You may request a teacher, but there is not a guarantee that we will be able to honor the request. We will make every effort to honor a request when possible.

How can I ensure that my child is placed in the same class with his/her friends?
There are many details that go into creating a class list. We try to honor requests when possible, but there is not a guarantee that your child will be in class with friends. Please note that each child’s parent must note the same friend request on their child’s registration form in order for the request to be considered. Due to space availability and student ratio needs, it is not always possible to be placed with more than one friend.

Do I need to provide a snack for my child?
No, Museum School provides animal crackers and water each day as a snack during center time. We serve Keebler brand animal crackers because they are free of the most common allergens. Parents should consult with the Museum Preschool Director and the classroom teachers to address any food allergy concerns.

What additional curriculum can I expect from the 2 day-a-week class versus the 1 day-a-week class for my 4, 5, or 6 year old?
The second class day provides an opportunity to dig deeper into the content of the curriculum topic. The 2-day-a-week and extended-day classes will both experience a STEM extension activity when applicable to the topic. Children will also have opportunities to visit an exhibit in the Museum or a show in the Noble Planetarium.

What can I expect from the 5-hour extended-day class?
Children in the 5 hour extended-day class will enjoy the same STEM extension activities as the twice-a-week Tuesday/Thursday AM class. In addition, we want to keep our children active during a longer class and give them an opportunity to develop gross motor skills during an extended-day class, so Museum School will partner with Stretch-n-Grow to provide a 30-minute, fun, action-packed fitness class where children learn strength, endurance, flexibility, balance and how healthy foods fuel their bodies.

Will my 4, 5, or 6 year old be expected to take a nap in the 5-hour extended-day class?
Children will not have a nap time in the 5 hour extended-day class. Their day will be full of developmentally-appropriate play, learning, STEM extension activities and Stretch-n-Grow.

Will Museum School provide lunch for the 5-hour extended-day classes?
Parents will send a peanut and tree nut free lunch and a drink each day. Parents are responsible for meeting their child’s dietary needs. In order to keep all children safe, Museum School is a nut free facility.

What will my 2.5 year old need to bring to school each day?
Each child will bring a small bag with a minimum of 3 diapers, a package of wipes and a full change of clothes (pants, shirt, socks, and extra shoes) each day. **Children who are toilet-trained will need a full change of clothes, including underpants. All items (including diapers) must be clearly labeled with the child’s name.

I don’t think my 3 year old will be toilet-trained in time for Museum School. What should I do?
Please contact the Museum School office if you are uncertain that your child will be completely toilet-trained or toilet-independent so that we may adjust your child’s schedule for a three-year-old class that can accommodate and support toilet-training. Please note that the ability to adjust your child’s schedule will be based on space available.