For more than 69 years, Museum School has been opening young minds to a world of natural wonder. Founded in 1949, the program was first called the “Frisky and Blossom Club.” Today, Museum School continues to be a national model for informal science education. The curriculum combines natural and physical science, history and anthropology with art, music and literature. The playful learning environments are supported by specimens and artifacts from both science and history teaching collections.

The richness of real objects, plus curatorial support and a dedicated staff ensure first-hand, developmentally - appropriate learning experiences that enrich children's lives.

Fort Worth Museum School is proud to inspire over seven decades of early learners and their families. We hope you will join us this year!
Engaging Learning Experiences

Each week, Museum School class topics and activities for all ages change or build on each other, taking children on an exciting journey of investigation and discovery.

Three-year-old children become familiar with individual animals – what they look like, what they eat and the kind of homes they prefer. They soon learn the differences between mammals, reptiles, birds, insects and other animals.

Four-year-old children discover how individual animals with similar characteristics are grouped into families. Their curriculum includes many other topics such as simple machines, earth science, Native American cultures and early Texas settlers.

The curriculum for five- and six-year-old children introduces the concept of habitats and the interdependence of all living things. Caves, deserts, forests, prairies and space are just a few of the exciting topics that reinforce the idea that there are many types of environments, all with their own unique features.

Museum School is very proud to introduce its inaugural Science Sprouts program for children who will be age 30 months old by September 1, 2020.

Each week, these young learners will be introduced to a different science concept or history topic supported by a curriculum designed to help them develop communication, motor and social skills through hands-on explorations and activities. As in all Museum School classes, natural science specimens and history artifacts from the Museum’s teaching collection will be used when related to the subject.

We look forward to seeing your little sprout this coming year!

Museum School Twice-a-Week and Extended-Day Classes

Ages 4 and 5/6

These extended Museum School classes include added concepts of engineering through STEM activities that compliment and connect with the traditional Museum School natural science and history curriculum.

The class schedule is located on the following page.
Fall/Spring 2020-2021 Museum School® Class Schedule

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 a $75 non-refundable registration fee. Age levels of classes and toileting policies are strictly observed, and children will be placed in classes accordingly.

Students enrolled in the current Fall/Spring 2019-2020 Preschool school year, their age-eligible siblings, and current FWMSH museum members were able to pre-register for the Fall/Spring 2020-2021 program. Some classes listed below may have limited or no available places when open registration begins. If the class you want is marked “full”, we encourage you to pick another choice, and send your registration with a note to be waitlisted for your first choice. If you have no other class choice but would still like to be waitlisted, please send a completed registration, indicating the class you want and mark “ADD TO THE WAIT LIST” but do not include payment.

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Registration Instructions
Please print and complete the registration form found on the last page. If you are registering siblings, please complete a separate form for each child.

THREE WAYS TO SUBMIT A REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT:

EMAIL: Print the registration form, fill it out and scan it as a pdf. Send the scanned registration as an attachment to registermuschool@fwmsh.org.
If you email the registration form, please send a good quality scan. Cell phone photos of registrations will not be accepted. Be sure to open the scan before emailing to make sure it is full size and that all information can be read. Save the scan with your child’s name and write “Museum School Registration” in the email subject line. Emailed registrations require the use of a credit card. Please do not send more than one email of the same registration.

DROP OFF: Bring it to the Museum School office during Museum School hours, 9 am - 4 pm, Monday through Friday. Museum School is on the north side of the Museum (same side as the Omni Theater entrance) and parking is in the Western Heritage Parking Garage across the street from Museum School turtle sculpture. Be aware that the garage is pay-to-park on most days, however some days have free parking up to 45 minutes.
Registrations will not be processed at drop-off, only accepted. Dropped off registrations will be merged with those that arrive by email in the order they are received. If the Museum School doors are locked, please ring the doorbell on the left side of the entrance. Registrations dropped off in person must be handed off at the Museum School office during the business hours listed above. (Other Museum staff members cannot accept registrations.)

MAIL: Registrations that are mailed will be merged by the date received with those that are returned by email or dropped off. Mailed registrations may be paid by check or credit card. Complete the and mail it to

Museum School
1600 Gendy Street
Fort Worth, TX 76107

Class Confirrnations/Forms
Please allow 14-21 days to process and mail your class confirmation. Registrations that are not accompanied by payment will not be processed.
Drop off and email registrations will be merged and processed in the order they are received. If the first class and second class choice is recommended. If the first class choice for your child is unavailable, the second or third choice of class will be used.
If the class you want is full, and you cannot use another choice, you are welcome to send a registration with your child’s information (but no payment) with a request to be added to the waiting list. If there is no second or third choice written on the registration form, a wait list notification will be sent in lieu of a confirmation and your child’s name will be added to the waiting list for the first class choice (tuition is not due until a child is enrolled.)
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. Completed forms will be due no later than August 1, 2020.

General Information
Available openings for closed classes are filled from the waiting list as cancellations occur; therefore, a registration may not transfer to another child, nor may a child switch class places with another child.
Class changes are made on a first-come basis. If the class into which you would like to switch does not have an available place, you may add your child’s name to the waiting list.
Museum School attempts to maintain an equal ratio of boys and girls in all classes. Museum School admits students of any race, nationality or ethnic origin.

Class Fees
Payment by credit card or check is due with the registration. Fall/Spring 2020-2021 tuition payments may be made in three installations with the use of a credit card. Please see the next page for further details on payment installments.
A limited number of full and partial scholarships are available and awarded on financial need. Scholarship application information is listed on the next page.

Payment information is located on the following page.
Scholarships
The Museum School Scholarship Program offers economic assistance to families in order that their children may experience an educational and exciting Museum School class. Funding for the scholarship program is made possible by generous contributions from individuals whose goal is to help all children gain the life-long benefits Museum School has to offer.

A limited number of scholarships (based on financial need using the income guidelines of the WIC program) are allotted on a first-come basis. Museum School class scholarships are for tuition only – not to exceed $750 – and do not cover the $75 non-refundable registration fee, which must be paid by the applicant at registration. Any tuition difference over $750 may be paid using the installment plan.

A link to the Museum School Fall/Spring 2020-2021 Scholarship Application may be accessed from the Museum School webpage at www.fwmuseum.org/about-us/museum-school/.

The scholarship application, the $75 registration fee and your child’s registration form should be sent together by one of the methods listed in the Registration Instruction section on Page 3.

Write “applying for a scholarship” on the payment portion of the registration along with the $75 registration fee payment. Applicants will be notified if a scholarship is not awarded. A scholarship approval does not guarantee placement in a class. In the event all of your class choices are full, the registration fee will be returned and your child will be added to the wait list.

Refunds
Request for tuition refunds must be made in writing and either emailed or mailed to the Museum School office. Refund letters for the first half of the school year must be received by July 27, 2020. Refunds will include any tuition paid until that date, less the $75 non-refundable registration fee.

Refund letters for the second half of the school year must be received by December 11, 2020. Refunds will include any tuition paid until that date, less the $75 non-refundable registration fee.

Refunds are made in the original form of payment or by check if the original credit card is expired.
Child's first name (the one your child goes by) ___________________________________ Child's last name ____________________________

[ ] Male    [ ] Female    Child's Age on September 1, 2020 ___________    Child's birth date _________________

Does your child have any medical needs, conditions or allergies? [ ] No [ ] Yes: please explain ________________________________

____________________________________________________________________________________________________ ________________________

Home Address ______________________________________________ City______________________________ Zip_____________

Email __________________________________________________ (Required - For communication from the classroom teachers and the Museum School Office)

Parent/Guardian #1 First Name_____________________ Last Name___________________ Daytime Number __________________

[ ] Home    [ ] Cell    [ ] Office

Parent/Guardian #2 First Name____________________ Last Name____________________ Daytime Number __________________

[ ] Home    [ ] Cell    [ ] Office

**CLASS CHOICE**

First Choice: Day ___________ Circle one: AM    PM    Tue/Thu AM    Extended-Day

Second Choice: Day ___________ Circle one: AM    PM    Tue/Thu AM    Extended-Day

Third Choice: Day ___________ Circle one: AM    PM    Tue/Thu AM    Extended-Day

Do you want your child to be in class with a friend? List the friend's name here __________________________________________

*When asking to be placed with a friend, the parent of that friend must also make the same request on their registration form. Every effort will be made to accommodate at least one friend request; however, due to space availability and student ratio needs, it is not always possible to be placed with more than one friend.*

**PAYMENT**  Please check the class you have chosen for your child and circle the payment you are making with this registration - either the full payment or the first payment that corresponds to the class choice.

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I'd like to use the three payment installment plan for my child's class using a credit card. The first payment is included with this registration. I understand that the second and final payments will be automatically charged the week of May 11, 2020 and the week of July 27, 2020. I understand it is my responsibility to see that a valid credit card is on file at the time of each payment processing. **PLEASE SIGN HERE TO AUTHORIZE** ______________________________

(The first payment includes the $75 non-refundable registration fee. Refer to the tuition payment amounts and schedule on the previous page.)

**CREDIT CARD**  #__________________________  [ ] MC  [ ] VS  [ ] AM  [ ] DC  Exp. Date__________

Cardholder’s Name ____________________________________________

**CHECK #____________ (Payable to Fort Worth Museum of Science and History)**  TOTAL OF TODAY'S PAYMENT $__________

**PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE** ________________________________  **DATE** _______________________
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 toilet-independent to be eligible for enrollment.

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..

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.

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 we cannot guarantee the ability to honor the request. There are many details that go into creating the teaching schedule, and we will make every effort to honor a request when possible.

My child would like to be in class with his/her friends. How can I ensure that they are placed in the same class?
We will 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 a request on the registration form that their children be in the same class before the request will 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 additional class provides an opportunity to dig deeper into the content of the curriculum topic. The 2-day-a-week and extended-day classes will experience a STEM extension activity when applicable to the topic. Children may have an additional opportunity 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 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.

I don’t think my 3 year old will be toilet-trained in time for the first day of 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.

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.