



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

What sets your preschool apart from others?

Basal Preschool will provide your child with specialized instruction, a supportive environment, and behavioral support to ensure they don't just learn, but that **they thrive!** We are committed to providing a nurturing and stimulating environment where children can learn, grow, and progress at their own pace. Our dedicated staff, comprehensive curriculum, focus on safety and security, and integration of therapy practices make us stand out as a leading choice for early childhood education in Frederick.

What age group does your preschool cater to?

Our preschool welcomes children aged 2-5 years old.

What are your operating hours?

Our preschool program runs Monday through Friday 9:00-3:00 daily, depending on the program/classroom your child is in, the days and times may vary. We also offer Before and After care options for families who need it.

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What is your curriculum like?

At Basal Preschool we follow the The Creative Curriculum by Teaching Strategies, The Creative Curriculum for Preschool is a comprehensive curriculum for preschool that builds children's confidence, creativity, and critical thinking skills through hands-on, project-based investigations with a themed flair. This curriculum was strategically chosen for its focus on holistic development, incorporating elements of play-based learning, social-emotional development, early literacy, numeracy skills, art, music, and movement.

What is therapeutic enrichment/integration?

Not only are 1:1 services offered in house at Basal Preschool, but our team of Occupational therapists, Speech & Language Pathologists and Mental Health providers, are integrated into each of our different aged programs. Included as part of the monthly tuition, children at Basal Preschool receive a group lesson or activity, daily, led by our licensed therapy team members.

What qualifications do your teachers hold?

Our teachers are highly qualified certified education professionals with backgrounds in early childhood education. They are trained in CPR and First Aid, and undergo regular professional development to stay updated with the latest educational practices. All Basal Preschool staff undergo a background check as required by Maryland State Department of Education- Office of Child Care.

Do you provide meals for the children?

We follow the MSDE food program requirements for nutritious snacks. All snacks are included. We do NOT provide meals, our students that attend a full day are asked to provide their lunch. If your child attends before care, you are also welcome to send breakfast, if you'd like. Our menu is carefully planned to meet dietary guidelines and accommodate allergies and dietary restrictions. Menus are posted weekly in our Brightwheel application.

How do you handle discipline and behavior management?

We believe in positive discipline techniques that focus on teaching children appropriate behavior through positive reinforcement, redirection, and clear communication. Our teachers work closely with children to help them understand and manage their emotions.

What is your approach to parent involvement?

We believe that parents are essential partners in their child's education. We encourage open communication and collaboration between parents, teachers, and therapists through regular updates, parent-teacher conferences, and opportunities for parental involvement in classroom events.

How do I enroll my child in your preschool?

To enroll your child, please visit our website [linked here](#) to complete our registration form or [schedule a tour](#) today. If you have additional questions feel free to send us an email preschool@basaltherapies.com and our staff will be happy to assist you with any questions you may have throughout the enrollment process.

What is Brightwheel?

Brightwheel is a childcare management system to which we subscribe. We use Brightwheel for secure check in/out procedures, daily communication, live updates on your child's day, document sharing, signature requests, billing and more. Once you complete the registration form on our website, we will set your child up with his or her free account. Brightwheel is a free app for parents and is compatible with Apple, Android and Google products.