

The Colts Neck Reformed Church Nursery School

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Extended Day Programs at the Colts Neck Reformed Church Nursery School

The Nursery School is constantly working to provide programs that will keep our students busy, happy and challenged. We have been asked by our parents to provide after-school programming for the children. All of our after-school programs are **optional** so that those families who choose to have their children participate may do so. Other families are happy with the half-day offerings only. You may utilize these additional programs as they complement your child's interests. The after-school program runs from 11:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Lunch Bunch is very popular with 3's and 4's. It is a safe and social time for the children where all the children are in a supervised environment for lunch and play. It will be available Monday – Thursday in 2011-2012.

Geography for 4's will continue in 2011-2012. The children tour the world in a fun, "hands-on class". The students usually spend five weeks studying each country. In that time, the children learn about the animals that are indigenous to the country, make some of the specific clothing, taste and/or cook some of the local food, create market places and learn about special holiday celebrations. We have danced to native music, played native instruments, learned about famous artists of the country and attempted to replicate the techniques of those artists, and we have created challenging landscapes that are found in foreign countries. Guest speakers have visited with artifacts and pictures. It is an informative and experience-expanding class. You may select whichever countries you want your child to learn about, or participate in all of them.

Literacy for 4's is an intense class for the developmentally ready four-year-old. It includes introduction to letters, sounds, high frequency words and "chunks". Included in the class are fine motor activities, journal writing, a project related to the letter/sound being studied and gross motor activities. There is a high expectation of high interest, and enthusiasm from each child. The class requires regular attendance and builds on continuity – if your child participates, you will need to commit for the duration of the year. We know that not all four-year-old students are quite ready for such an intense learning experience; therefore, the fall class is by teacher recommendation only. The same class will be offered later in the year so that children who have experienced maturation, gotten excited about pre-reading skills and have improved listening and fine-motor skills will have the opportunity to participate.

Cost of Extended Day Programs:

Lunch Bunch	\$12.00/day for 3's & 4's
Geography Class for 4's	\$25/class; \$125/5 week session
Literacy Class for 4's	\$35/class; billed monthly

Expected Schedule:

Monday – Thursday	Lunch Bunch for 3's & 4's
Tuesday	Literacy for 4's
Wednesday	Geography for 4's

Families have the option of mixing and matching these programs to suit their child's interests and schedule. The possibilities are numerous and flexible. The only program that requires continued enrollment is the Literature for 4's.