

PUNS CLASS DESCRIPTIONS 2018-2019

The following core classes are offered for the full school year (Sept.-May) and require Co-op participation through parent meetings, class & school workdays, fundraisers* and school committee participation:

Half Pints (2 year olds)

Half-Pints – Monday/Wednesday 9:15-11:15am

Tuition: \$1145

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Tuition: \$1145

This class meets on M/W mornings from 9:15-11:15 am & on T/TH mornings from 9:15-11:15 am. We have 8 students, 2 teachers and 1-2 working parents in the classroom each day. Half Pints provides a play based learning experience that fosters creativity and imagination through a combination of teacher-directed and child-initiated activities. Ample time is dedicated daily for discovery and independent exploration within a safe, nurturing, and socially stimulating environment. The Half Pints program is centered on a familiar routine, which allows for a daily rhythm that is flexible and dependent upon the child's current interests and focus. The Half Pints classroom is organized in an orderly and predictable way to encourage the children to freely and confidently engage in active and dramatic play, music and movement, building and manipulatives, self-help skills, and creative arts. Our simple theme-based curriculum is structured to support the rapid growth and development that two year olds are experiencing in intellect, emerging language, motor skills and coordination, and healthy social/emotional interactions. We have created in our Half Pints classroom, a warm and inviting atmosphere that will appeal to and inspire the two-year-old child's developing senses. All children must be two by August 31st of the enrolling year.

Room to Bloom (2 year olds)

Half-Pints – MW or TH + Room to Bloom

Tuition: \$1530

Room to Bloom is our specialized Enrichment program for our very youngest friends! In this class your child will benefit from a rich curriculum that is focused on art and music. This class will provide an excellent complement to our core Half Pints curriculum!

Please note: Children in Half Pints Fridays must be currently enrolled in a Half Pints core class. Space is limited to 8 students and children will be enrolled on first-come, first-served basis.

Group 1

Group 1 – Tuesday/Thursday 9:15-11:45am

Tuition: \$995

Group 1 is our class for children who have no prior classroom experience. These children are new to school and will benefit from a more targeted teaching approach that focuses on the needs of students beginning school for the first time. We meet twice a week, Tuesday and Thursday, from 9:15 – 11:45 am. We have 16 students, 2 teachers and 2 working parents in the classroom each day. The primary focus of the Group 1 program is on having a successful start to school, learning the rhythm and routine of the preschool day, positive socialization, and opportunities for both guided and independent play. We find that by focusing on these important life skills that we can ignite a love of learning in your child and provide many opportunities for laying in the foundation skills for being successful in Kindergarten. During the year you will experience your child learning and growing in many areas:

- *Personal Independence**
- *Speaking & Listening Skills**
- *Dramatic & Imaginative Play**
- *Gross & Fine Motor Skills**
- *Games, Songs, Finger Plays, Verse & Rhymes**
- *Being a Good Friend**
- *Creative & Critical Thinking**
- *Language & Literature**
- *Math & Science Concepts**

Group 2

Group 2 – Monday/Wednesday/Friday 9:15-11:45am

Tuition: \$1395

This class meets on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9:15-11:45. The Group 2 program is for students moving up from the Half Pints classes and for students new to PUNS who have at least one year of prior preschool experience. We have 16 students and 2 teachers. There are also always two working parents in the classroom that sign up to come in on a rotating basis. Group 2 will provide your child with an engaging play-based preschool experience. Our day is carefully designed around the idea that children learn best through active participation and play. Academic skills are taught in conjunction with the activities we know are developmentally appropriate for your child. Through a variety of approaches, including small group centers once a week, we foster independence and choice. Our daily schedule includes a focus on the following:

- *Literacy concepts** – letter recognition and formation
- *Mathematical concepts** – number recognition, counting, patterning
- *Science concepts** – prediction, questioning
- *Creative thinking** – daily art projects, art activities
- *Speaking and Listening Skills**
- *Gross and Fine Motor Skills**
- *Dramatic Play**

Group 3 (Pre-K Class)

Group 3 – Monday/Wednesday/Friday	9:00-11:30 am	Tuition: \$1395
Group 3 – Monday/Wednesday/Friday	12:15-2:45 pm	Tuition: \$1395
Group 3 <i>without</i> CO-OP Participation		Tuition: \$1895

This class meets on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings from 9:00-11:30 am or afternoons from 12:15-2:45 pm. All students in this program need to be Kindergarten-age eligible the following school year. We will have a maximum of 16 students in each class, three teachers and one working parent on a rotating schedule. This class concentrates on Kindergarten readiness skills. We offer a play-based program in a caring and supportive environment that allows the children to develop a life-long love of learning. We encourage the children to grow socially, emotionally, and academically. We work closely with the Kindergarten teachers and principals within the Pittsford Central School District. This class focuses on the following:

- ***Literacy**- letter recognition/formation, letter/sound association
- ***Phonemic Awareness**- pre-reading skills (rhyming, syllable counting, sound blending & segmentation)
- ***Math**- number recognition/formation, ordering numbers, patterns, graphing, number sense
- ***Daily Art Activities**- literature based
- ***Fine Motor Skills**- tracing, cutting, playdough, small manipulatives
- ***Gross Motor Skills**- P.E. class 1x a week, daily playground time
- ***Speaking and Listening Skills**- weekly sharing time
- ***Dramatic Play**
- ***Science**- inquiry, observation

The following enrichment classes are offered for the full school year (Sept-May) and do not require Co-op participation (requires participation in one school fundraiser*):

Bookworms Literature Class

Tuesday 12:15-2:45pm

Tuition: \$675

The Bookworms literature program is a wonderful way to introduce your child to the exciting world of children's literature. Children's books have long been proven to stimulate, expand and nurture the imagination. Books expose children to a wide variety of characters and experiences, and help bring history to life. The Bookworms program encompasses many of the different genres found in children's literature, varying in theme and focus, as well as, exposes the children to such literacy concepts as: author & illustrator, parts of a book, story elements (plot, character, etc.), and much more. The PUNS literature class is designed as a rotating curriculum offering children the chance to take the class in consecutive years. All children must be currently enrolled in the Group 3 program or of equivalent, or higher, age.

Young Discoverers Science Class

Thursday 12:15-2:45pm

Tuition: \$675

Young Discoverers is a preschool science enrichment class where children will learn basic scientific facts in a fun, age-appropriate environment. Through interesting units of study, children will develop skills such as observing, measuring, predicting, classifying, and communicating. We will use the steps of the scientific method to aid us on our journey through many science-related subject areas. The children will be given the opportunity to use these steps as they participate in hands-on, developmentally-appropriate, simple science experiments. The PUNS science class is designed as a rotating curriculum offering children the chance to take the class in consecutive years. The Young Discoverers program is a wonderful way to jump-start any child's interest in the scientific world! All children must be currently enrolled in the Group 3 program or of equivalent, or higher, age.

5-Day Option with CO-OP

Tuition: \$2595

5-Day Option without CO-OP Participation

Tuition: \$3095

This includes the core class of Group 3 with Young Discoverers and Bookworms at a discounted rate.

*** PUNS provides a variety of fundraisers throughout the year that you may choose to participate in. There is, however, a mandatory fundraising requirement per child enrolled in Core Classes that all families must participate in. This mandatory requirement will be outlined in your Cooperative Agreement Contract. Students enrolled in only Bookworms or Young Discoverers will be required to pay only a portion of that mandatory fundraising fee. All monies raised through fundraising efforts will be utilized to improve the facility and/or curriculum at PUNS.**

****For details on registration and information on available tuition discounts, please see the PUNS 2018-2019 Registration Form.**

*****Please note that open registration begins at our Annual Open House Sunday January 21, 2018 from 1-3 p.m.**