

# Welcome



## Dear Future LeafSpring Parent,

Welcome to LeafSpring School! We are thrilled that you are looking for the absolute BEST early education opportunity for your family! We are committed to the standards set by NAEYC and the NC 5-star rating system, which means you can feel confident LeafSpring School is one of the very best schools in North Carolina.

In addition to providing excellent care and education, I am so proud of our emphasis on health and well-being by having licensed nurses on staff and our mindfulness of the environment by having solar power arrays on each campus.

If you haven't already scheduled a tour, please call so we can set up an appointment. We know you are going to love it!

We look forward to meeting you and your family.

Sincerely,  
**Melissa Milgram**  
Director



**Melissa Milgram**  
Director, LeafSpring School at Matthews

## WHY CHOOSE LEAFSPRING SCHOOL

### Our Mission

Teachers and nurses partner with parents to promote the success of each child.

### PLAYWORKS Curriculum

Our proprietary curriculum **PLAYWORKS**® meets the individual needs of each child. It's the perfect mix of teacher-directed and child-directed activities with a focus on academic, physical, emotional and social development. Through small group interactions with their teacher, children participate in self-selected learning centers, including music, sensory, art, science/math, writing and dramatic play with technology infused throughout.

You won't find this curriculum anywhere else, since a panel of some of our top educators and child development experts developed it.

### Leadership

Teaching leadership skills to young children is a fundamental part of our curriculum. Our leadership program, INSPIRED, is designed to integrate with and enhance the PLAYWORKS curriculum we teach each day.

Through this leadership program, we focus on 6 significant life literacies:

-  Social
-  Civic
-  Health
-  Entrepreneurial
-  Environmental
-  Financial

We want each child to be inspired to reach their fullest potential!

# Our Programs

Every day your child arrives at LeafSpring School, he or she can expect to have the best day ever! And the next day arrives, and it will be even better! Each day is filled with challenge, discovery, and learning.



## NURSERY SCHOOL

### Infants and Toddlers

Our Nursery School program recognizes that placing your very young child in the care of someone else is a difficult and emotional decision. Our teachers spend each day opening new worlds of discovery for your child in a safe, nurturing and creative environment.

- Small primary care groups to foster a strong relationship between your child and their teacher.
- Lesson plans tailored to each child’s development, ensuring that rapidly-changing and developing infants are constantly challenged.
- Daily parent-teacher digital communication with our ProCare Connect app to update you on diapers, bottles, meals, naps, activities, and curriculum implementation through messaging and photos.
- Special classes in Spanish and music/movement.
- Diapers and wipes provided.
- Chef-prepared lunch and 2 snacks provided.

## PRESCHOOL

### Preshool/PreK/TK

Confident children enter Kindergarten with an advantage. We will provide each child with that advantage through our curriculum which recognizes that “play is a child’s work.”

- Topically-based curriculum immersed in science, technology, engineering, art and math activities (STEAM).
- Lesson plans that foster pre-literacy skills, vocabulary building, leadership, and values education.
- Special classes in Spanish with Señora Ellen, physical education, music/movement with Mr. MusicMan, and world studies.
- Daily parent-teacher digital communication with our ProCare Connect app to update you on meals, naps, activities, and curriculum implementation through messaging and photos.
- Half Day (9am – 1pm) and part-time programs available.
- Chef-prepared lunch and 2 snacks provided.



## SCHOOL AGE

### The Village

Designed to meet the changing academic, recreational, and social needs of school-age children, The Village program offers a variety of recreational and enrichment activities supplemented with dedicated time for studying and homework. Transportation is available.

Our state-of-the-art facility includes:

-  Gym
-  Construction Zone
-  Art Gallery
-  Library
-  STEM Lab
-  Cafe
-  Expansive outdoor playgrounds with climbing equipment, gaga, and sports fields.

### Camp Blue Sky

A fast, furious, fun day camp with an away camp feel! Camp Blue Sky is the perfect summer and holiday solution for working families, where kids can have fun just being kids. Led by trained and committed counselors, our campers will make new friends, learn to respect the strengths and differences of their peers, and develop pride for their community and the leadership skills necessary for personal success.

Check out our camp shenanigans on Facebook at Camp Blue Sky at Ballantyne or Camp Blue Sky at Matthews.



### The Get Well Place

The Get Well Place at LeafSpring School provides expert nursing care for mildly ill children and much-needed support for families with working parents – complimentary to enrolled children.

Staffed by nurses, the Get Well Place provides backup care for children with common childhood illnesses such as colds, flu, stomach bugs and more.\* Our nurses also provide care for children enrolled in LeafSpring School with chronic or unique needs, giving families peace of mind knowing their child is receiving the loving, professional nursing care they need.

*\*Currently not available due to Covid-19*



# What Some of Our LeafSpring Families Are Saying

"LeafSpring has been a wonderful place for my kids. All their teachers have been amazing. I've seen so much improvement on what they are learning and able to do. Their teachers are great at communicating what's going on daily and that's a huge stress reliever as I am a working mom and want the best for my kids. I never worry about what's going on with the care my kids get and know they are with caring and nurturing people who want the best for them. My two year old is learning things that many kindergarteners are learning for the first time so the academics are top notch here. LeafSpring is a great place to have your kids at!!!"

- Jeannine R.



"LeafSpring School has become a second home & family to our children. Our children LOVE this school - from the Teachers, Nurses and Administration team to all of their friends! LeafSpring School is passionate about seeing their (our) children succeed. Our son loves to tell us about his day and has learned so much in the 6 months he has been at the school. Our daughter has found a real passion in Art. We can't wait to see how they continue to develop under the guidance of all of the staff at LeafSpring School! Thank you for all you do for our family!"

- Stacey D.

"We just could not be happier with the teachers, curriculum and staff at LeafSpring. On Monday mornings, our 2 yr old just jumps out of bed saying "It's Monday!" because she is so excited to see her teachers and friends. Our 1 yr old, we can just tell she is so known and loved, and it's just such a comfort as a working parent to know that our kids are in such a wonderful and positive environment. "

- Kristen S.



LeafSpring was so helpful, understanding and patient with us as a newly enrolling family in this unusual time. Although my son does not do well transitioning, he immediately fell in love with his new teachers and has talked about them kindly ever since. We were amazed by the academic progress he has made. He has learned all his letters, numbers, Science and Social Studies in LeafSpring and has improved his communication skills and vocabulary. He has also developed socially and found new friends. He loves the outdoor space and playground and we appreciate having chef prepared meals and several extracurricular activities. LeafSpring has also developed a great strategy to stay safe as much as possible during the pandemic. Although the pandemic has been preventing us from meeting with other families, the LeafSpring community stays in touch via PTA and video conferences. We appreciate LeafSpring and plan to continue our son's enrollment for years to come.

- Klara P.

## CONTACT US



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