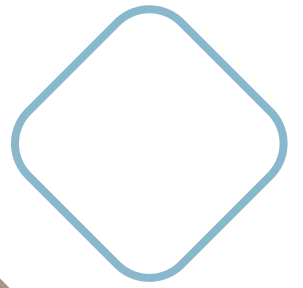




SUNRISE SCHOOL
OF ORMOND BEACH
A WALDORF INSPIRED EDUCATION



Enrollment Guide 2024 - 2025

Sunrise School of Ormond Beach

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Mission Statement —.

At Sunrise School of Ormond Beach, our core mission is deeply rooted in the joy and sanctity of childhood. We strive to provide a nurturing environment that honors each child’s natural curiosity and deepens their connection with the world around them. Our goal is to gently guide children in realizing their full unique potential, developing into balanced and conscious individuals. We emphasize the cultivation of lifelong learning, critical and creative thinking, and a sense of ethical responsibility. We deeply value freedom of choice in education through homeschooling, and believe strongly in the transformative power of a nurturing and curative Waldorf-inspired education. We strive to offer our service to homeschooled students and their families by supporting the holistic development of every child entrusted to our care.

Vision Statement —.

Our vision is to be a sanctuary where the magic of childhood is cherished and protected. We aspire to cultivate a community where each child can flourish in their own unique way. In this nurturing environment, immersed in nature, we hope to inspire not just a love for learning, but a capacity for independent thinking, moral courage, and a commitment to making a positive difference in the world. Our ultimate goal is to send forth creative, well-rounded, intuitive, free thinking individuals who are equipped to change the course of humanity, upholding the values of respect, integrity, empathy, compassion, and a sense of ethical responsibility.

Program Offerings and Descriptions



Early Childhood —

Our Early Childhood program takes place in an outdoor forest school model, embracing the beauty and benefits of nature. We offer a consistent daily rhythm that helps children feel secure and at ease. In this natural setting, play is not just play; it's a vital part of learning that nurtures a sense of wonder and opens doors to endless possibilities. This approach enriches them internally and lays a solid groundwork for their academic achievements ahead. In addition to an abundance of imaginative free play, our days are filled with a variety of engaging activities such as watercolor painting, sewing, beeswax modeling, tea time, cooking, singing, storytelling puppetry, and participating in movement circles—all conducted in the inspiring backdrop of the outdoors. These delightful experiences are key in honing both fine and gross motor abilities, enhancing listening, focus, and language skills, and teaching children the art of collaboration within a group setting. Being in nature further encourages creativity, resilience, and a deep connection with the environment, offering unparalleled opportunities for growth and development.

◆ Honeysuckle Garden - Babies/Toddlers/Preschoolers Age 0-5 and their Caregivers

8 Classes per Session (4 Sessions per School Year, Seasonally), Friday Mornings, 9am-11:30am

Honeysuckle Garden is a sweet and gentle introduction to a Waldorf inspired education for babies, toddlers, preschoolers, and their families. Our time together consists of open-ended free play on our beautiful wooded campus, a nourishing snack shared around a beautifully prepared table, seasonal handcrafts, outdoor nature play, and circle time with joyful songs and sweet, simple puppetry stories. This is a wonderful opportunity for parents to spend time with other like-minded parents and learn and grow together!



Honeysuckle Garden Rhythm (Ages 0-5 and a Parent/Caregiver)

Times	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:30 AM					Arrival
9:30-10:15 AM					Nature Hike + Free Play
10:15-10:40 AM					Community Snack
10:40-10:55 AM					Circle/Storytelling Puppetry
11-00-11:25 AM					Outdoor Free Play
11:25-11:30 AM					Closing Circle

◆ Elderflower (Mixed Age) Kindergarten

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 8:45am-3pm (September 2024-May 2025)

Our mixed-age early childhood/kindergarten program offers a rich and nurturing experience rooted in Waldorf educational philosophies. Set entirely in an outdoor forest school model, our program engages children in a rhythm that combines open-ended nature play, meaningful work, and creative expression through storytelling, puppet shows, and artistic activities such as watercolor painting, beeswax modeling, and finger-knitting. A formal Circle Time integrates movement, listening skills, rich language immersion, and imaginative development through songs and verse. Ample time is spent immersed in outdoor play, as interacting with the natural world is crucial for the holistic development of young children. This nature immersion fosters creativity, resilience, and a deep connection to the environment, providing unparalleled opportunities for growth and learning.

The kindergarten experience in a Waldorf inspired model is generally a 2-3 year journey. Waldorf-inspired kindergartens focus less on traditional academics and more on the overall development of the child (social, emotional, physical), believing that a strong foundation in these early years will lead to greater academic and personal success later on.

The Kindergarten day runs from 8:45 am to 3:00 pm, including lunch time (lunches brought from home). Aftercare is available from 3:00-4:00pm.



Kindergarten Weekly Rhythm (Ages 5-6)

Times	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:45-9:30 AM		Arrival+ Free Play	Arrival+ Free Play	Arrival+ Free Play	
9:45-10:15 AM		Morning Snack	Morning Snack	Morning Snack	
10:15-10:40 AM		Movement Circle	Movement Circle	Movement Circle	
10:40-11:40 AM		Free Play	Free Play	Free Play	
11:40-12:15 AM		Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	
12:15-12:45 AM		Subject Lesson: Handwork/Art	Subject Lesson: Spanish	Subject Lesson: Handwork/Art	
12:50-01:30 PM		Intentional Movement	Intentional Movement	Intentional Movement	
01:30-02:00 PM		Activity	Activity	Activity	
02:00-2:40 PM		Free Play	Free Play	Free Play	
02:45-03:00 PM		Closing Circle + Parent Pick Up	Closing Circle + Parent Pick Up	Closing Circle + Parent Pick Up	

Lower Elementary Grades —

◆ Grade 1/2 (Ages 6.5-8)

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 8:45am-3pm (September 2024-May 2025)

Grade One marks a significant transition from early childhood’s play-based learning to more structured academic instruction, tailored to align with the developmental stage of six and seven-year-olds. This year is characterized by a gentle introduction to formal education, respecting the child’s emerging capabilities while nurturing their imagination and sense of wonder. The curriculum includes an introduction to the alphabet and basic reading through storytelling, drawing, and writing, which often begins with forming letters as artistic expressions.

Mathematics is introduced through hands-on activities, fostering a concrete understanding of numbers and basic operations. Nature studies, arts, handwork like knitting, and rhythmic activities like music and intentional movement are integral, supporting sensory integration and fine motor skills. The teaching methodology is deeply rooted in storytelling, using fairy tales and nature stories, which serve as vehicles for learning and moral development. This holistic approach aims to engage the child’s head, heart, and hands.

In Grade Two, the focus is on deepening the foundational skills introduced in Grade One. The curriculum includes legends and animal fables, which cater to the growing imagination and moral understanding of the students. Reading and writing skills are further developed, with more complex texts and creative writing exercises. Math progresses to include concepts like place value, time, and basic computation with larger numbers.

Daily/Weekly Rhythm Chart for Grades 1/2

Times	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:45-9:30 AM		Arrival+ Free Play	Arrival+ Free Play	Arrival+ Free Play	
9:30-10:00 AM		Welcome In and Morning Circle	Welcome In and Morning Circle	Welcome In and Morning Circle	
10:00-10:15 AM		Morning Snack	Morning Snack	Morning Snack	
10:15-11:15 AM		Main Lesson	Main Lesson	Main Lesson	
11:15-12:15 PM		Free Play	Free Play	Free Play	
12:15-12:45 PM		Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	
12:50-01:30 PM		Intentional Movement	Intentional Movement	Intentional Movement	
1:40-2:40 PM		Subject Lesson: Handwork/Art	Subject Lesson: Spanish	Subject Lesson: Handwork/Art	
2:45-3:00 PM		Closing Circle + Parent Pick Up	Closing Circle + Parent Pick Up	Closing Circle + Parent Pick Up	

◆ Grade 3-4 (Ages 8-11)

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 8:45am-3pm (September 2024-May 2025)

In Grade Three, there is a noticeable shift to more practical life skills and a deeper connection with the real world. The curriculum covers topics such as farming, shelter building, and fiber arts, reflecting the children's growing awareness and interest in how things work in their environment. This year includes the study of origin stories and a variety of cultural legends, supporting the development of a moral compass and a sense of history. Throughout these grades, arts, crafts, and movement remain integral, supporting the development of fine motor skills, creativity, and physical coordination. The Waldorf-inspired approach in these grades aims to balance academic learning with artistic and practical activities, fostering a sense of wonder, a strong moral grounding, and a deep connection with the world.

In Grade Four, we carefully craft a curriculum that supports the developmental journey of children as they grow more aware of themselves and their world. Grade Four invites students to explore the geography, history, and culture of their local environment, thereby nurturing a strong sense of place and belonging. This year also introduces students to the captivating world of Norse mythology, enriching their understanding of heroism, morality, and human nature.

Mathematical studies advance to include fractions, long division, and multiplication, with a continued emphasis on practical applications, such as measuring and geometry. The science curriculum brings the animal kingdom into focus, encouraging students to draw connections between humans and animals through detailed studies of characteristics, habitats, and lifestyles. Art and music remain pivotal, with students engaging in complex projects and performances, exploring different materials, techniques, and advancing musical skills.

Grades 3/4 Daily/Weekly Rhythm

Times	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:45-9:30 AM		Arrival+ Free Play	Arrival+ Free Play	Arrival+ Free Play	
9:30-10:00 AM		Welcome In and Morning Circle	Welcome In and Morning Circle	Welcome In and Morning Circle	
10:00-10:15 AM		Morning Snack	Morning Snack	Morning Snack	
10:15-11:15 AM		Free Play	Free Play	Free Play	
11:15-12:15 PM		Main Lesson	Main Lesson	Main Lesson	
12:15-12:45 PM		Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	
12:50-01:30 PM		Subject Lesson: Handwork/Art	Subject Lesson: Spanish	Subject Lesson: Handwork/Art	
1:40-2:40 PM		Intentional Movement	Intentional Movement	Intentional Movement	
2:45-3:00 PM		Closing Circle + Parent Pick Up	Closing Circle + Parent Pick Up	Closing Circle + Parent Pick Up	



Honeysuckle Garden —•

8 Sessions (Fall) - 9:00-11:30am - \$300 per family

Dates: 9/13, 9/20, 9/27, 10/4, 10/11, 10/18, 10/25, 11/1

8 Sessions (Winter) - 9-11:30am - \$300 per family

Dates: 1/10, 1/17, 1/24, 1/31, 2/7, 2/14, 2/21, 2/28

6 Sessions (Early Spring) - 9-11:30am - \$225 per family

Dates: 3/28, 4/4, 4/11, 4/18, 4/25, 5/2

Elderflower Mixed-Age Kindergarten —•

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 8:45am-3:00pm (September 2024-May 2025)

\$500 per month + a one time materials fee of \$300

**Two Days per Week, \$400 + a one time materials fee of \$300

Grades 1/2 —•

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 8:45am-3:00pm
(September 2024-May 2025)

\$500 per month + a one time materials fee of \$300

**Two Days per Week, \$400 + a one time materials
fee of \$300

Grades 3/4 —•

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 8:45am-3pm
(September 2024-May 2025)

\$500 per month + a one time materials fee of \$300

**Two Days per Week, \$400 + a one time materials
fee of \$300



At Sunrise School of Ormond Beach, we believe that a transformative education should be accessible to every child, regardless of their financial background. This is why we are thrilled to be able to accept the Florida “Step Up for Students” scholarships, an initiative that aligns perfectly with our commitment to holistic education.

A Gateway to Exceptional Education

Opening Doors to Opportunities: The “Step Up for Students” scholarship program is a game-changer for families seeking a high-quality Waldorf-inspired education. By covering tuition costs almost entirely, these scholarships open doors for students who might otherwise be unable to afford our unique educational experience.

Why We Are Passionate About This Program

- ◆ **Alignment with Waldorf Philosophy:** Our school’s philosophy emphasizes nurturing each child’s potential. The “Step Up for Students” scholarships resonate with this philosophy by ensuring that financial barriers do not hinder a child’s ability to receive an education that caters to their whole being – intellectually, emotionally, and creatively.
- ◆ **Community Building:** By offering these scholarships, we strengthen not just individual students, but our entire school community. Each student brings unique perspectives and talents, contributing to a vibrant and dynamic learning environment.
- ◆ **Investing in the Future:** Education is an investment in the future. Through the “Step Up for Students” program, we are investing in the future leaders, innovators, and changemakers of our society.



Take the Next Step

We invite families to explore the possibility of a Waldorf-inspired education through the “Step Up for Students” scholarships. Join us in creating a future where every child has access to an education that respects and nurtures their individual strengths and aspirations!

Currently, we are able to accept both the PEP Scholarship for Homeschoolers, and the FES-UA Scholarship for students with unique abilities.

Scholarship Link for Homeschooled Students:

<https://www.stepupforstudents.org/scholarships/personalized-education-program/>

Scholarship Link for FES-UA:

<https://www.stepupforstudents.org/scholarships/unique-abilities/>



Your Journey to Joining Sunrise School of Ormond Beach

We are excited to guide you through a seamless and engaging application and enrollment process! Our aim is to ensure that our school's unique approach to education aligns well with the values and expectations of your family. Here's a step-by-step guide to becoming a part of our community:

Step 1: Tour + Family Interview —•

Discover Our World: The first step in joining our community is to experience it firsthand. We invite you to schedule a tour of our campus. This visit will give you and your child a glimpse into our daily routines, our peaceful, nurturing outdoor classrooms, and our unique Waldorf inspired curriculum. It's also a great opportunity to ask questions and meet some of our dedicated staff and faculty.

Alignment of Values: The family interview is a crucial part of our process. It allows us to ensure that there is a mutual fit between your family's values and our school's philosophy and approach to education. This conversation is also an opportunity for you to understand more deeply what it means to be part of our Waldorf-inspired community.

Step 2: Complete the Online Application —•

Your Child's Educational Journey Begins: After your tour, if you feel that our school might be the right fit for your child, the next step is to fill out our online application. This form is designed to capture important information about your child and your family, and it helps us understand your child's educational needs and interests.

Step 3: Enrollment and Scholarship Assistance —•

Joining Our Community: If both parties feel ready to move forward, we will assist you with the enrollment process. Our team is here to guide you through each step, ensuring a smooth transition for your family into our school community. For families interested in scholarship opportunities, such as the Florida "Step Up for Students" PEP program, we provide comprehensive support to help you navigate and apply for these options

Welcome to Sunrise School of Ormond Beach!

Alignment of Values: Once we have reviewed your application, we will schedule a family interview. This meeting is a crucial part of our process. It allows us to ensure that there is a mutual fit between your family's values and our school's philosophy and approach to education. This conversation is also an opportunity for you to understand more deeply what it means to be part of our Waldorf-inspired community.

Meet Our Waldorf-Inspired Educators: Nurturing Minds, Hearts, and Hands

At Sunrise School of Ormond Beach, our faculty and staff are more than just educators; they are mentors, guides, and co-learners in your child's educational journey. As Waldorf-inspired teachers, we bring a distinctive approach to learning that sets us apart from traditional education models.

What Sets Waldorf-Inspired Teachers Apart?

- ◆ **Holistic Education:** Our teachers focus on educating the whole child. We understand that learning is not just about academics; it's about nurturing the heart, mind, and hands. This holistic approach helps in the development of well-rounded individuals who are not only academically proficient but also emotionally and socially intelligent.
- ◆ **Creative and Imaginative Learning:** We believe in igniting the creative spark in every child. Our educators use storytelling, arts, music, and hands-on activities to make learning a joyful and imaginative experience. This method encourages creative thinking and problem-solving skills.
- ◆ **Connection with Nature:** Waldorf-inspired education emphasizes a deep connection with the natural world. Our teachers integrate outdoor learning and environmental stewardship into the curriculum, fostering a sense of respect and wonder for nature in our students.
- ◆ **Personalized Attention:** Our faculty values the unique qualities of each student. We strive to provide personalized attention, recognizing that each child has their own learning pace and style. This individualized approach ensures that every student feels seen, heard, and supported.
- ◆ **Life-Long Learning:** We are not just teaching facts; we are inspiring a love for learning. Our educators model life-long learning and curiosity, encouraging students to become inquisitive learners who seek knowledge beyond the classroom.

Join Our Community —•

As you consider the best educational path for your child, we invite you to discover the unique world of Waldorf-inspired education at Sunrise School of Ormond Beach. Our dedicated teachers are excited to embark on this enriching journey with your family!

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