Smithsonian Early Enrichment Center
Kindergarten Registration
2020-2021

SEEC’s Kindergarten program was started and licensed in 1998 to give kindergartners an opportunity to spend a rich additional year in our unique museum setting before moving on to elementary school. SEEC’s kindergarten teachers strike a balance between academic readiness and social and emotional development. Our goal is for children to leave SEEC’s kindergarten armed with the independence, flexibility, curiosity, and communication skills that will allow them to navigate their social world, as well as the academic knowledge that will allow them to flourish in first grade and beyond.

- The school year for the SEEC Kindergarten begins the day after Labor Day, September 8, 2020 and continues through Friday, June 25, 2021 (42 weeks).

- SEEC uses an emergent curriculum with language arts, reading, math, music, science, social studies, art, physical education and health education included in the program. SEEC’s museum-based, object-based approach to learning is put into action on daily trips to Smithsonian museums. SEEC’s museum educators collaborate with teachers in support of these experiences. Dr. Adamski’s science experiments and activities will enhance the science program as he visits the classroom each week. Our music program is coordinated through a music and movement teacher who visits weekly.

- **A child must be five years old by October 31st to be eligible for Kindergarten.** The Executive Director will consider exceptions on a case-by-case basis.

- All applicants must submit a SEEC Kindergarten Registration Application **by February 28, 2020** to be eligible for enrollment. A $75 application fee is required. Applicants received after March 1st will be considered as space is available.

- Offers for space in the Kindergarten will be extended on Monday, March 2, 2020. Parent responses are due by March 16th. A non-refundable deposit of $500 will be due by March 16th to guarantee a child’s enrollment. A second non-refundable deposit of $500 will be due by May 15th for all children except those currently enrolled in SEEC. Currently enrolled families will have their current student deposit held to cover half of the deposit.

- Although deposits are non-refundable during the school year to ensure that all tuition payments are made, the funds will be returned to each family upon final payment of tuition for the kindergarten year. Deposits are forfeited for withdrawal prior to the end of the school year.

- Tuition for the 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Kindergarten program is currently $20,215 per school year. A modest increase in tuition may be approved for 2020-2021 school year by SEEC’s Board. Parents are responsible for tuition payments for the full 42 week school year once a space is accepted. A non-Smithsonian fee, currently $2000 for the year or $40 weekly, is charged for all children whose parents are not Smithsonian Federal or Trust employees.

- Enrollment in before school or after school enrichment is an option for parents and can be requested on a part-time basis. Parents will contract for a weekly schedule. Current rates, also subject to change for 2020-2021, are below.
Kindergarten, 8:30am - 4:00pm
Tuition $20,215
Before School, 7:30am - 8:30am
$5 per day
After School, 4:00pm - 6:00pm
$20 per day

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Kindergarten Registration & Calendar Dates
2020-2021

February 28, 2020  Kindergarten Applications Due
March 16, 2020    Deposit I Due
May 15, 2020     Deposit II Due
August 3, 2020   Registration for Before School and After School Programs Due
September 8, 2020 First Day of Kindergarten
June 25, 2021    Last Day of Kindergarten
June 28 – August 20, 2021 Summer Camp Sessions

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Applicant’s Full Name: ________________________________________________________________

Date of Birth: ____________________________________________________________________

Address: _________________________________________________________________________

Parent/Guardian: Parent/Guardian:

Name: __________________________________________  Name: ____________________________

Address: __________________________________________  Address: __________________________

Home Phone: _______________________________  Home Phone: __________________________

Work Phone: _______________________________  Work Phone: ___________________________

Employer: _________________________________  Employer: _____________________________

Email: _________________________________  Email: _________________________________

Language Spoken at Home: ____________________________________________________________

Race/Ethnicity (optional):  
___ White  ___ Black or African American 
___ Asian  ___ American Indian or Alaska Native 
___ Hispanic or Latino  ___ Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander 
___ Other __________________

How did you learn about SEEC? ______________________________________________________

Application does not guarantee admission to the program. All application fees are non-refundable. Smithsonian Early Enrichment Center does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, gender, or national origin.