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 7, 2021 and continues through Friday, June 24, 2022 (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 31** 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 March 1, 2021 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 1, 2021. Parent responses are due by March 15th. A non-refundable deposit of $500 will be due by March 15th to guarantee a child’s enrollment. A second non-refundable deposit of $500 will be due by May 14th 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 expected to be $20,215 per school year, provided SEEC is able to provide in-person instruction. Tuition may be prorated if SEEC continues to offer any level of virtual instruction in place of in-person learning. 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. Expected rates, also subject to change for 2021-2022, 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
2021-2022

- March 1, 2021 Kindergarten Applications Due
- March 15, 2021 Deposit I Due
- May 15, 2021 Deposit II Due
- August 2, 2021 Registration for Before School and After School Programs Due
- September 7, 2021 First Day of Kindergarten
- June 24, 2022 Last Day of Kindergarten
- June 27 – August 19, 2022 Summer Camp Sessions

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Kindergarten Application
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Applicant’s Full Name ________________________________________________________________

Date of Birth ______________________________________________________________________

Address __________________________________________________________________________

Parent/Guardian: Parent/Guardian:

Name ____________________________ Name ____________________________

Address __________________________ Address __________________________

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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? ______________________________________________________

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