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What to Ask at a Preschool Interview:

The Basics

- How long have you been in business?
- What are the school's accreditations? Can I see your license?
- What is your educational philosophy?
- What are the operating hours/days/holidays?

About Your Child

- Does my child have to be potty trained to attend?
- Are children required to be immunized?

Learning and Activities

- What is a typical day like? Do the children take naps?
- Do you focus more on academics or social growth?
- Will my child learn basic skills like letters and numbers? Colors and shapes?
- What type of motor skill activities do the children engage in?
- Do the children go outside? Weather permitting, how often and how long?

Tuition

- How often is it due?
- What methods of payment do you accept?
- Do you offer scholarships or discounts?
- Do you require parents to participate in fundraising efforts?
- Are there any other costs that I should know about?

Discipline and Socialization

- How are children disciplined?
- How do you handle bullying?
- What do you do if a child needs to be comforted?
- At what point do you notify the parents if there is any type of issue?

Parental Involvement

- Are parents allowed to visit the classroom?
- How often do you communicate with parents? Are there parent/teacher conferences?





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What to Ask at a Preschool Interview (cont'd):

Health, Safety and Allergies

Will my child eat here? Who provides the food?

How do you handle food allergies?

What is your sick child policy?

Will you give my child medication during the day if I request it? Do I need a doctor's note?

Do you teach children to wash their hands?

How are visitors handled? Are the doors locked? Do you have a sign-in sheet?

Who is allowed to pick up my child up?

Do you have fire drills? Do you have a disaster plan? What do you do in case of an emergency?

Is everyone in the building trained in CPR and first aid?

Classroom and Staff Questions

What is the teacher/child ratio?

What kind of education do your teachers have?

How many full-time teachers do you have? Are there teacher assistants?

How are staff members screened prior to being hired?

Who else is in the building?

Questions to Ask Yourself

If you visited during school hours, were the children happy?

Are the rooms decorated with the children's art?

Do the teachers seem to like what they are doing?

Do the teachers engage directly with the children in a kind, happy, caring manner?

Is the preschool clean? Is the bathroom clean?

Does the school seem safe, with the proper equipment (first aid kit, fence around the playground, locked doors, etc.)?

What are your instincts saying? Will your child be happy at this school?





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Notes:



Open House
January 10 7 p.m.
January 11 9:15 a.m.
A Montessori Preschool
Verona, NJ
26 Montrose Ave / 973-857-1234



Creative Beginnings
PRESCHOOL
36 Gould Street
973-239-2242

UPCOMING OPEN HOUSES
JAN 19-22-30-31



OUR LADY of the LAKE SCHOOL
TEL 973.239.1160



The Robins Nest School, Two
Pre-school and Day Care
Learn Share Laugh Grow
973-239-3902
19 Church st
Verona, NJ



Weekday Nursery School
OPEN HOUSE
February 8th
1:00-2:30
10 Fairview Ave.
Verona, NJ
First Presbyterian Church
973-857-9504

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