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PRESCHOOLS



PARENT PACK

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Welcome

At Northstar Preschool, we understand that choosing the right early learning environment for your child is a big decision. This Parent Pack is designed to help guide you through that process and provide a deeper look into what makes our school truly special.

We are a purpose-driven preschool, focused on nurturing the whole child through a warm, calm, and intentional learning environment. Whether you're enrolling an infant, preschooler, or school-age child, we're here to support your family every step of the way.

At Northstar Preschool, we offer:

- A calm and thoughtfully designed environment focused on exploration and emotional growth
- · A curriculum built around inquiry, discovery, and hands-on learning
- Experienced, compassionate educators supported through professional development
- A whole-child philosophy that values social-emotional learning as much as academics
- Flexible program options including Montessori and traditional paths
- Convenient hours: Monday to Friday, 6:30 AM 6:00 PM







About Us

Northstar was born out of a deep personal mission to build meaningful, emotionally grounded early education programs.

Our Fair Oaks location has served the community for many years and recently underwent a full renovation to align with our child-centered philosophy. The result is a space that feels both peaceful and inspiring—one where children are free to grow, play, and explore.

With leadership that has been onsite for over a decade, including our Director Mrs. Jessica, Northstar at Fair Oaks is a trusted presence in the community with a fresh, modern approach.





Our Mission & Core Values

At Northstar, we exist to empower every child to reach their full potential while helping shape a brighter future for our communities. We do this by designing a learning environment that honors each child's development and fosters lifelong curiosity.

We are guided by five core values:



Pursue Excellence

We strive for the highest standards in early education.



Lead by Serving

We believe in leadership grounded in humility, collaboration, and respect.



Promote Growth

We encourage both personal and professional development in children and educators alike.



Nurture Positivity

We foster joy, compassion, and encouragement in every interaction.



Take Ownership

We hold ourselves accountable and push through challenges with purpose.



Facilities

We believe children deserve environments that feel calm, safe, and empowering. Every corner of our campus has been intentionally designed to support developmental needs—from quiet reading nooks and open-ended play zones to outdoor spaces for movement and discovery.

Our facility includes:

- Neutral-toned classrooms with natural light
- A balance of Montessori and traditional classroom environments
- Indoor and outdoor gross motor spaces
- Child-safe materials arranged for easy access and independence
- Secure access and daily health/safety procedures





Learning & Development

Our curriculum blends the structure of proven educational frameworks with the flexibility of child-led learning. At the heart of it is Learning Beyond Paper, a research-based, hands-on curriculum designed for children from birth to age five. We also incorporate Montessori methods in designated classrooms, using real materials to build independence, concentration, and focus.

Key areas of focus include:

- Early literacy and language development
- Foundational math and science exploration
- Social-emotional learning and conflict resolution
- Creative arts, storytelling, music, and movement
- Outdoor exploration and environmental awareness

We keep screen time minimal and use nature, conversation, and handson materials as our primary learning tools.







Programs & Enrichment

Infants

Individualized care focused on connection, sensory exploration, and developmental support in a safe, nurturing space.

Toddlers (1 - 2)vears)

A program filled with movement, language-building, and social play, guided by consistent routines and engaging materials.

Twos (2 - 3)years)

Children are introduced to problem-solving and selfexpression through guided discovery and exploratory play.

Preschool

Our preschoolers engage with early literacy, math, science, and collaboration through projects, stories, and group play.

This program balances school readiness with emotional intelligence. Children gain confidence in classroom routines, self-directed learning, and interpersonal skills.

Before/After-School **Program** (5 - 12)years)

Academic support, STEAM-based projects, and physical activity in a structured yet relaxed environment.

Enrichment opportunities include: • Gardening and outdoor science

- Music and movement
- Dramatic play

- Group storytelling and character building
- Monthly community service projects

Family Communication & Support

Strong relationships with families are key to our success. We maintain open, ongoing communication with parents through daily updates, progress check-ins, and shared goal setting.

- We offer:
 - Real-time photos and updates via our parent communication app
 - Access to teacher communication daily
- A welcoming atmosphere where parents are always invited to engage
 Regular family events and seasonal celebrations

Parent Testimonials

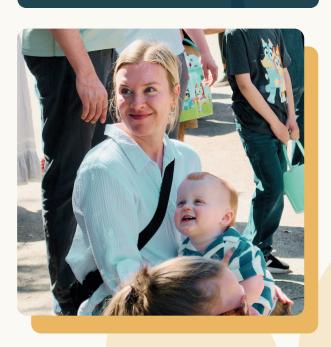
"This school was bought back in August of 2008. I would recommend this school to anyone. My four children attend this school, and they love it. The teachers are very inviting and seem to love the children very much. They keep the children very busy with different activities. I have never picked up any of my children and found them sitting in front of the TV. In fact, the director told me there is not a TV in the entire school. They also have certified Montessori instructors in the Montessori classrooms. You should go take a tour of the school and let your heart guide your decision. (I did.)" **ANONYMOUS**

"The staff in the infant rooms are super nice. They are working on getting my little one ready to sit up and they are always so cheerful. They also make little crafts with them and send them home with us to celebrate the holidays. I couldn't ask for a better experience for our family. Miss Patti, Ashlynn, Selemawit, Brittney, Ignacia, and Dasha are just the best!"

MARY AMBROSE

"They have best Montessori teachers and Traditional teachers you could ask for! The teachers interact with the kids well, they show them so much love. Just today as I walked through the school I hear teachers singing to the kids and also teaching the alphabet. They really seem to love being around kids!"

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Health, Safety & Security

- Your child's well-being is our top priority. Northstar maintains comprehensive safety practices and protocols to ensure our environment is clean, secure, and responsive to children's needs.
- Secure entry with limited access to authorized individuals only
- Daily cleaning with child-safe, hospital-grade products
- Staff certified in CPR, first aid, and emergency procedures
- Ongoing health education for children, including hygiene and self-care

Meet Our Team

Our educators are experienced, passionate, and deeply committed to early childhood development. We offer consistent mentorship and twice-yearly professional development days to ensure every team member continues to grow in their role.

At our Fair Oaks location, many of our lead teachers have been with the center for 10+ years. We invest in our teachers because we believe happy, supported educators create the best environments for children to thrive.



Why Choose Northstar?

- · Whole-child approach to learning and care
- Calm, nature-inspired classrooms that reduce overstimulation
- Passionate leadership with a meaningful mission
- · Thoughtfully developed curriculum with strong social-emotional focus
- Montessori and traditional options
- A community that prioritizes children and supports families

We're proud to offer a preschool experience that feels personal, grounded, and purpose-driven.



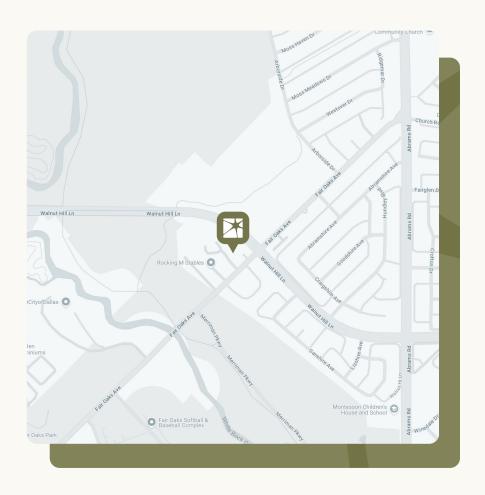
Schedule a Tour

We'd love to welcome you to Northstar Preschool at Fair Oaks. Come visit our campus, meet our teachers, and see what makes our community so special.

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