



Dear Prospective Kindergarten Families,

We are so pleased that you are interested in exploring ISW! And we are looking forward to getting to know your entire family better. If you have not already scheduled a phone chat, please do so. We would love to learn about your child and to help you explore our program!

In admitting our Kindergarten class, our admissions committee looks for students who are academically, socially, and emotionally prepared to handle the challenges of both independent and group learning situations. Successful applicants will exemplify our Core Values: respect, responsibility, integrity, compassion, and commitment to education. Students must be five on or before September 30.

Our admissions process is very straightforward. We begin with a **phone call** with parents. If it looks like we may be a good fit for your student, we will schedule a time for **parents to tour the building/campus** with the Head of School. Please ***bring the completed application form and fee to the parent tour.***

**Prospective students** will be invited to a **mini-class on a Friday morning**. We will set this up during the phone conversation.

The admissions committee will read the student's file when the student visit is completed and we have received:

- The **application form**.
- Two **teacher recommendations** using our forms.
- An **official transcript** from all previous schools attended. (Again, we have provided a form for you to give to your student's preschool, but we do understand that most preschools do not provide a formal record.)
- Copies of all **standardized test results and/or educational evaluations**.
- **\$50 application fee**.

Paperwork should be emailed to [claire@iswva.org](mailto:claire@iswva.org) or mailed to:

ISW  
769 Round Hill Road  
Winchester, VA 22602

Please don't hesitate to call me if you have questions or concerns as the process unfolds. We are very excited about working with your family!

Sincerely,

Claire McDonald, Ph.D.  
Head of School