



Escuela Viva: St. John's

Where the Main Ingredient is Love

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Thank you for your interest in the St. John's location. This document gives you the additional information you need to make your decision about summer and fall enrollment.

About Escuela Viva

Escuela Viva is a Portland-based network of early childhood programs founded by Angie Garcia. Our schools are built on the belief that taking care of our teachers is the first step to providing the best early childhood education. Happy, supported educators create a thriving learning environment for children.

We are committed to educating the whole child — mind, body, and soul — and to nurturing a loving, compassionate generation. Our joyful and creative community embraces the Reggio Emilia Approach, which values every child as a capable individual with rights and their own voice.

Our Philosophy and Curriculum

Escuela Viva follows the Reggio Emilia Approach, a child-centered model built on curiosity, collaboration, and discovery:

- **Inquiry and Exploration:** Each child's questions and interests guide learning, encouraging deep engagement with the world around them.
- **Social Collaboration:** Learning happens together; the environment itself is considered a third teacher.
- **Emergent Curriculum:** Responsive to each child's needs; educators document the learning process to continuously enrich the experience.
- **Play-Based Learning:** Children express themselves through art, music, movement, and storytelling, with educators fostering critical thinking and problem-solving.

The St. John's site is a Preschool for All location serving children ages 3–4 only.

Nourishing Meals — Home-Style and Vegetarian

With over 20 years of feeding children across our school network, Escuela Viva provides chef-prepared, vegetarian, family-style meals designed specifically for young children. Our meals are wholesome, and reflective of diverse food traditions.

Our kids say it best:

- "The red beans are so good!" — Jasper
- "I love the lunches my whole life!" — Camille
- "Can I have more?" — Murphy
- "I like it. You should try it." — Noah

St. John's Site — New for 2026!

Our St. Johns location is a brand-new Preschool for All site opening in 2026. While the building is not yet open, families are welcome to drive by at 8641 N Lombard St. or Portland, OR 97203, 7633 N Wabash (Kenton location). **And we will be offering opportunities to tour our *Kenton location on April the 7th at 6:00pm.*** We realize this is family meal time yet we are not able to offer a large tour during the school day as it can be disruptive to the children in our care.

To get a feel for the warm, home-like Escuela Viva environment, we invite you to visit or drive by one of our existing locations, or explore photos and virtual tours at escuela-viva.com:

Existing Escuela Viva Locations:

- Pine Street (SE Portland): 1111 SE Pine St., Portland, OR 97214
- Wabash Avenue (Kenton): 7633 N Wabash Ave., Portland, OR 97217
- Stark Street (Gresham): 23345 SE Stark St., Gresham, OR 97030
- Fremont Street (NE Portland): 1715 NE Fremont St., Portland, OR 97212

Enrollment Information

Who We Serve:

This site is exclusively for children ages 3–4 (preschool-age).

Summer Enrollment Opens July 7, 2026

Both full-time and part-time schedule options are available.

Deadline to Guarantee Your Spot: April 30, 2026

Families who enroll by April 30, 2026 noon are guaranteed their spot. Any spots not filled by that date will be filled through the Preschool for All program.

Preschool Tuition (Monthly)

The following rates are based on our established preschool programs:

Schedule	Full Day	Half Day
5 Days (M-F)	\$1,800	\$1,500
4 Days	\$1,600	\$1,300
3 Days (MWF)	\$1,400	\$1,100
2 Days (T/TH)	\$1,250	\$900

Please contact us to discuss your scheduling needs or availability for additional days.

How to Enroll

We are so excited to welcome your family! Here is what you need to do to secure your child's spot:

Step 1 — Complete Enrollment Paperwork

Please use the enrollment paperwork link shared with you during the Zoom meeting.

Step 2 — Send Your Deposit

A \$1,500 deposit is required to hold your child's spot. This deposit is non-refundable and will be applied toward your summer enrollment tuition.

Make check payable to: Escuela Viva
Mail to: 8641 N Lombard St., Portland, OR 97203

We are looking forward to getting to know you and your family!

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