Woodbrook C.A.R.E.S.

Our growing school serves a close-knit community that is interested and involved in the intellectual and social growth of all children. Our dedication and commitment to Responsive Classroom unites our students and staff in creating learning environments where we place an equal amount of attention on the planning of academics as well as and the planning for the social and emotional development of our students, with all of us working together to create learning environments that are rooted in the CARES traits: In order to succeed as members of a global community, citizens must be able to Cooperate, Assert themselves, be both Respectful and Responsible, possess Empathy for others to help them develop a healthy perspective for problem solving, and demonstrate a level of Self-control in order to achieve their goals.

School Highlights
An integral part of our curriculum is dedicated to advancing the arts, physical education, technology, and the character of our students through a "maker/project-based" learning approach. With a faculty and staff of 75, our commitment to each child is to provide a community in which that child can thrive and become a lifelong learner who contributes in ways that make our world a better place.

At Woodbrook we strive to get to know each of our children on a personal level, and to design programs that will allow them to tap into their strengths and interests. This can be seen through the strong partnerships we have with the local community to bring programming to our kids. Examples include a partnership with the UVA African American Affairs Office that brings fourth and fifth grade students to UVA once a month for academic and cultural enrichment, the Chance to Dance program that offers dance instruction and long-term dance scholarships to students in the school, a therapy dog partnership with the local SPCA, and a series of maker-nights that bring parents and students to the school to work together on projects to build creativity and critical thinking.

New to the school this year is a world language program for students in kindergarten and first grade. Students in these grade levels receive 120 minutes per week of instruction in Spanish, utilizing the Foreign Language in Elementary Schools (FLES) model. This program will be expanding by one grade level per year until it reaches each child in the school.

Facility Information

- Built in 1966
- 50,366 sq. ft.
- Last major renovation—1997