



Why Choose Just Us Kids?

Choosing a preschool program for your child is a big decision! Many factors go into the thought process - some big, some not so big - but all important. There are so many options in DC and families have lotteries, neighborhood proximity, and costs to consider when choosing the right school for their child. While all relevant, a particularly significant factor to consider is what a child will be gaining during those crucial 3-5 year old stages of development.



That's where Just Us Kids comes in! Our Center offers more than just a typical day in preschool, we provide experiences with learning that children cannot get anywhere else! With our small group sizes and ratios, children

get lots of individualized attention and support. They are given many opportunities to express themselves and can develop at their own pace, while still being challenged as they grow.

Our location also makes us unique! The National Mall and Museums are our "backyard" and we venture out there daily. Children explore the Botanic Gardens, Sculpture Garden, Smithsonian Museums, and other national treasures during their excursions. The children become such experts on navigating through various Museums that when they go with their families, they become the tour guide!



JUK also participates in a variety of enrichment programs throughout the year. During the Fall, we have a Wolf Trap Residency, which brings a wonderful artist to the Center who engages in many musical, dramatic, and storytelling experiences with each class. When it's too cold outside, we bring in a Power Tots team to work on tumbling, gymnastics, and yoga. Sometimes we even take this outside when we have them return in early Summer!



Just Us Kids has been around for more than 30 years, and has established itself in the downtown area as a premier federal program since 1992. We take pride in the history, traditions, and community of families that we have built. The connections we have with alums continue each year and are a testament to the supportive environment we provide - not only to the children, but to the whole family. Many of these wonderful relationships have continued, and the Center is fortunate to have had so much continued support over the years.

Program Highlights

- Established in 1992
- Sponsored by DOJ
- NAEYC Accredited
- Seasonal enrichment programs
- Exciting and enriching curriculum
- Spacious indoor play areas
- Experienced and dedicated staff
- Low child to teacher ratios
- Individualized and small group opportunities
- Close proximity to National Mall and Smithsonian Museums
- Continued relationships with alum families
- Financial assistance available

The strong start that JUK provides young children and the development of the "whole" child is something that we are passionate about. We have a team of career staff who get to know children on a deeper level and really care about each and every one, developing a program that is best for each group year to year.

But don't just take our word for this, check out some of these testimonials from some of our JUK families through the years:

"My daughter was in the threes/fours class at JUK from 2020 to 2022, which included the height of the pandemic. JUK was an oasis during that entire time, where we could count on safe and reliable child care, without exception. And I will be forever grateful for the skill and kindness of the highly capable staff and extraordinary management of JUK. My daughter absolutely loved it there, and dropping her off at JUK every day was like leaving her with family. Those years could not have been better for her, and I can't help but think that she will continue to benefit from that experience for many years to come."



"Just Us Kids was the perfect day care center for our entire family. JUK provided a safe, fun, exciting, and nurturing environment where our kids laughed (and cried), played, and thrived. They learned how to fall and get up, make friends, and play nicely with other children. While our kids are now in high school, they still speak fondly of JUK and there is little doubt that their early positive experiences shaped how they engage with others today. That our kids gleefully ran down the ramp each morning to hug their teachers and start their day spoke volumes about the second home that JUK had become, and for that we are so grateful!"

"My son started at JUK when he was 7-months old and stayed there through kindergarten. It is such a wonderful place for children and parents!! He learned so much and made so many little friends!! I made a lot of friends there too!! I loved the fact that daycare was nearby my office and right in the middle of lots of the downtown landmarks. The children played at the FBI playground, went to the museums and the nearby fire station and even saw circus animals parading down the street when the circus came to town!! And the staff is amazing!! Many of the staff have been with JUK for many years. In fact, several staff members were at JUK when my son was little and he is 28 years old now!! It's an amazing place. You'll love it! I did and still do!!"

"JUK is an amazing place. The classrooms were safe and nurturing, and the teachers in the preschool classrooms focused on social emotional learning as well as learning the letters. My kids spent their days learning colors at the National Gallery of Art, about dinosaurs in the Natural History Museum, and playing with bubbles on the National Mall, and the enrichment options, particularly for a smaller, non-profit childcare center, were great. We were all sad when our time at JUK ended!"



"Our daughter's experience at JUK from four months on was truly exceptional, establishing the skills that helped her succeed in elementary school. When we moved out of state it was impossible for us to replicate the high level of early childhood education we were accustomed to at JUK. The Director and teachers of JUK foster an incredible community. JUK's backyard is comprised of the historic monuments and museums of Washington, DC, from the Mall to the Smithsonians. Two years after attending, our daughter remembers her time at JUK with such joy, and to us that means everything."

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