City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: APRIL 14, 2005

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: JAMES K. HARTMANN, CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: BUDGET MEMO #_46_: PRE-SCHOOL AGED RECREATION PROGRAMS

This memorandum responds to Councilman Krupicka's request for an overview of pre-school aged programs in recreation centers.

The Class Program Section of the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities offers the following activities for toddlers:

Program	**# of classes**
Swimming Classes	
Chinquababy (ages 6-18 months)	3
Chinquatots (ages 19-36 months)	3
Seahorses (ages 3-5 years)	2
Frogs (ages 3-5 years)	7
Salamanders (ages 3-5 years)	5
Singing and Dancing	
Music Together (ages birth - 4 years)	3
Singin' Songs of the Season	1
Sports	
Mi-Ki-Do Ruff and Tumble	1
Tiny Tots Tennis Camp	2 summer sessions

Additionally, the Alexandria Community Services Board offers Preschool Parent Play Group sessions at the following locations:

Beatley Library:	Wednesdays 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Mount Vernon Recreation Center:	Wednesdays 10:30 - 12:00 p.m.
Nannie J. Lee Recreation Center:	Wednesdays 10:00 - 12:00 p.m.

Previously the attendance and registration for classes and activities for the toddler age group was low. Now that there is a renewed interest in activities and classes for this age group, staff will research the possibilities of expanding our offerings and look for qualified instructors to teach a variety of classes, including tumbling.

Staff from OMB and the Recreation Department have been working together to develop an updated fee schedule that is both competitive and affordable and comes closer to meeting the City's goal to make more programs and services self-sustaining.