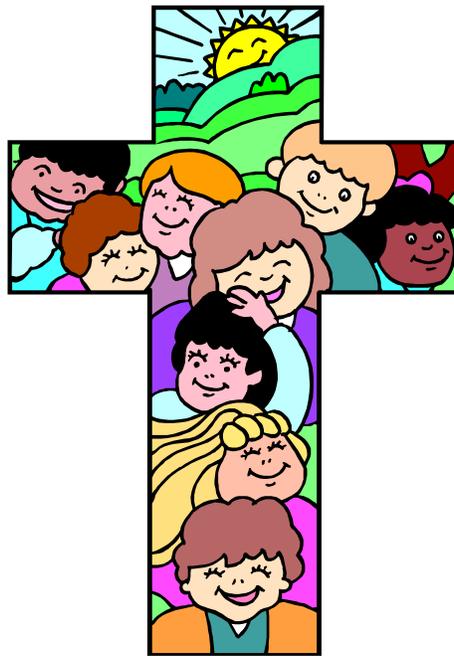


Christ the King Lutheran Preschool



Parent Handbook
2026-2027

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The Preschool Team has adopted the following **Notice of Nondiscriminatory Policy as to Students**:

“Christ the King Lutheran Preschool admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its education policies, admission policies, scholarship and loan programs and athletic and other school-administered programs.”

PHILOSOPHY

Our preschool strives to provide a quality educational experience in a warm, loving Christian environment. We realize all children pass through various stages of growth and development. Each child’s development is uniquely his or her own and will be handled as such. Our desire is for each child to develop positive feelings about themselves and grow in their personal ability.

We believe social, emotional, physical, cognitive, and spiritual growth should take place with a balance in these areas. Enrichment activities, games, and manipulatives will be provided. Each child will be given the opportunity to grow at his or her own pace.

The time your child spends at preschool will be happy and relaxed. Each class will follow a flexible daily schedule so that the child will derive a sense of security.

We will provide an opportunity for the child to learn through their play with a balance of self-discovery and teacher-directed activities.

GOALS

To aid and develop the whole child: socially, emotionally, physically, cognitively, and spiritually.

To help children know themselves as unique and important people.

To help children develop trusting and responsible relationships with others.

To provide a developmentally appropriate, play-based curriculum designed to meet the needs of every child.

OBJECTIVES

To provide time for social interaction with other children.

To provide experiences designed to develop gross and fine motor skills.

To provide opportunities to develop basic learning skills of math, reading, writing, science, and social studies integrated in daily activities.

To provide opportunities to succeed at tasks suitable to developmental level.

PREPARING FOR THE FIRST DAY

Plan your schedule so your child can be well-rested, unhurried, well-fed, and relaxed about the first morning and every morning.

Expect your child to go to school happily and to have a good time. Attempt to hide your own insecurity. Children are very sensitive to your emotions and will respond accordingly.

Talk about preschool in a positive way. Name activities your child will enjoy. *“You are going to enjoy playing on the playground” OR “It is going to be so much fun eating your lunch at school” OR “I can’t wait to see what you make in school today!”*

Have your child help pack his or her own lunch box and school bag. This will get them very excited about the day and help them feel important.

Use the teachers’ names frequently so the child becomes familiar with them.

PREPARING YOUR CHILD FOR SCHOOL

Your child's day will focus on learning centers, large and small group activities, and independent play. These activities will provide the opportunity for them to learn about themselves, their relationship with their friends and their teacher. In addition to simply structured games, children need to play in their own ways. The teacher will step in when a situation goes beyond the child's ability to handle it.

Small and large group time enables a child to work independently and cooperatively. Skills are developed during this time to aid the child for present and future educational experiences (examples: listening and verbal skills, decision making, taking turns, hand-eye coordination, and cognitive development).

Children need a variety of experiences as they choose to express themselves. Art, music and movement, puppets, and Chapel add interest to the day and will be used for enjoyment as well as sparking creativity.

IMPORTANT GENERAL INFORMATION

We are an English-speaking school. While we understand there are many different cultures that we celebrate as part of our vibrant community, a difference in language at school and home can make for educational challenges.

Our school is not equipped to handle children with special medical needs, as there is no registered medical professional on staff. We are also limited in the services we can provide to other special needs students but are happy to refer you to outside services and programs that may be a better, more qualified, fit for your family.

A mandatory Parent night is scheduled the night before Open house in August. This is a very important informational event to review our schedule, policies procedures. Both the Parent Night and An Open House are scheduled before school starts the beginning of August. Children are welcome to attend. It is an extremely important event for both you and your child to attend.

Make sure to read all newsletters, notes and calendars. Pay particular attention to days your child needs to bring something in from home. What better way to show your child that you think their school is important!

Christ the King Lutheran Preschool will again utilize a morning and afternoon carpool line. Please carefully read the **Carpool** section of this handbook for morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up procedures.

If your child finds their adjustment to preschool difficult, please feel free to talk with their teacher. She may have some helpful hints or may suggest shortening the school day for a while. Perhaps a security blanket or other item can be packed in the child's book bag to make the day a little more comfortable. Feel free to call the office and check on

your child. It can help to know that the tears really did stop. The office will call your home or cell phone if the child is inconsolable. A full day of crying hinders the adjustment process. Sometimes a fresh start on the next scheduled school day works wonders.

The importance of arriving on time cannot be stressed enough. Our 9:00 a.m. start time is designed to make this easy for everyone. All children are much happier when they arrive at the proper time. Everything we do in the classroom is important, and we do not want your child to miss out on some fun activities, so please be on time **We have a “No Tardy Policy”** to ensure the educational integrity of each class is not interrupted. If you arrive after 9:20am without prior permission, or a doctor’s note, we will not allow access to the building.

If you are going to be late picking up your child, please let us know. There is no worse feeling than being the last child at school and not knowing when mom or dad will arrive. If you call, we will be sure to let your child know so they can be prepared.

SCHOOL HOURS / LATE PICK-UP FEES

Regular school hours are **9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** We have neither staff nor insurance coverage to offer early drop-off in the morning or late stay in the afternoon. Prior to 9:00 a.m., the teachers use the time to prepare their classrooms for the day. If your child is not picked up by the time carpool has ended, a late fee of **\$10.00** will be charged for every **5 minutes or any part thereof** that you are late. If you are in the carpool line at 1pm you will never risk being late! If you are going to be late picking up your child, please notify us as soon as possible. It helps your child deal with being the last one in the class if we can explain the delay.

EMERGENCY CLOSINGS

Rarely do any preschools have to close due to illness or contagious health reasons of the children or staff. However, we reserve the right to close our preschool if too many children have become ill or until we feel the brunt of the illness or reason has passed. **If you send your child knowingly sick to school, you will incur a \$100 fee and not be allowed to return to school until a note of health has been provided by your doctor.**

Should the staff of the preschool have a high absentee rate of more than 50% and no substitute can be found, we reserve the right to close the school until it is determined that we have enough teachers/substitutes to safely run the preschool.

Should there be any structural damage or condition to our building that would make it unsafe or unsuitable to occupy the building, we reserve the right to close the school.

Make certain your child’s teacher and the preschool office are notified immediately of any phone number changes. These changes include home, cell, or office numbers as

well as emergency contact phone changes. When there is sufficient time, teachers and/or assistant teachers will attempt to contact all families by phone in case of an emergency or weather-related closing.

**** PLEASE REFER TO THE TOP PORTION OF THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR INCLEMENT WEATHER INFORMATION.**

ADMISSION POLICIES

Children will be enrolled in Christ the King Lutheran Preschool based on space availability. A child **must** turn the appropriate age by September 1 to be enrolled in the current school year.

PRESCHOOL FEES / LATE FEES

A **NON-REFUNDABLE** registration fee is required to secure your child's placement in the preschool program. The registration fee is \$270; this does not apply to any tuition costs. Registration fees paid to the preschool are used to help offset the costs of building expenses, education supplies, insurance, etc.

All classes are Monday – Friday (5 days) 9am-1pm

Monthly tuition cost is \$380

Annual Tuition is \$3420

**10% discount if paid in full by August 1st*

Monthly Tuition:

All tuition payments made to the preschool should be made to CTK Preschool by check or money order. Cash payments are also accepted for tuition, and a receipt is available if requested. While the students attend preschool from August to May (ten months), tuition is divided into nine months.

Tuition Payment Schedule School Year 2026-2027:

First tuition payment is due May 1

Second tuition payment is due September 1

Third tuition payment is due October 1

Fourth tuition payment is due November 1

Fifth tuition payment is due December 1

Sixth tuition payment is due January 1

Seventh tuition payment is due February 1

Eighth tuition payment is due March 1

Ninth tuition payment is due April 1

Please send your child's tuition in the plastic folder in the envelope provided, that is kept in your child's school bag on or before the first school day of each month,

beginning in September and continuing through April. It is your responsibility to see that your child's tuition is paid; no statement or envelope will be sent home to remind you.

Tuition is late after the tenth day of the calendar month. **All payments must be in an envelope with your child's name and amount written on it.**

If your tuition is received after the 10th day of the month and does not include a \$25.00 late fee, a statement will be sent home via email reflecting the late fee that is due. If a check is dishonored by your bank for any reason, you will be required to replace the check with cash AND pay a \$25.00 processing fee. If this happens frequently, you may

be required to pay with money orders or cash for the remainder of the school year. Non-payment of any tuition or fees that are due will result in your child's dismissal from preschool. All checks should be made payable to Christ the King Preschool or CTK Preschool.

One month's notice is required before a child may be withdrawn. Once tuition is paid, it is not refundable for any reason. If you must withdraw your child from Preschool, please give written notice (**no exceptions**).

No refunds or discounts will be made for short or long absences due to vacations or family schedules. **You are responsible for the full year's tuition as part of our registration agreement- regardless of attendance or withdrawal.**

CONFERENCES

All teachers have morning and after school responsibilities, therefore **morning carpool drop-off and afternoon pick-up are not appropriate times to discuss personal issues concerning your child.**

Our teachers welcome the opportunity to confer with you concerning your child's progress or any special problems about which you are concerned. Our 3's and 4's in our program will have parent conferences in the fall and spring.

Prior arrangements need to be made to meet with your child's teacher to discuss **specific issues** pertaining to your child. You may arrange such conferences in the following manner: (1) a note addressed to the teacher requesting an opportunity to speak privately may be placed in the folder provided by the preschool, or (2) you may e-mail such a request to your child's teacher. We are happy to schedule meetings immediately before and after school hours if deemed necessary.

VOLUNTEERS

Parents and teachers are **partners**. As parents, you love your children and want the best for them. You find child rearing brings rewards, has amusing episodes, and provides great satisfaction. You find that it also tries your patience, taxes your ingenuity, and sometimes seems a hopeless task! Now another adult is on the scene to help guide your child - the Preschool Teacher. Your child's preschool teacher is ready and willing to work with you. Parents and teachers make different contributions to a working partnership. Together they can give preschool children the support and guidance needed that will help them to live good lives as children and will move them to the goal of responsible adulthood.

Please remember that we are here for you and your child. If there is anything that we can do to assist you, please let us know.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

If you are interested in being a Substitute Teacher, please sign up at orientation or let the Preschool Director know. You will be paid for this work. Because we often need to call at the last minute and early in the morning, substituting is not always convenient, but it is an extremely important need throughout the school year. Please specify exactly which days of the week you are available when signing up.

SUPPLIES

The school will furnish all curriculum and most school supplies. However, we will need your child to furnish a few items at the beginning of the year per your teacher's supply list given at open house.

SCHOOL BAGS / PLASTIC FOLDERS

Parents need to provide a school bag for carrying papers, notes, etc. home from school. **SEND IT EVERY DAY!**

The Preschool will provide each child with a plastic folder which will stay inside their school bag. School papers, notes, newsletters, envelopes for tuition payments, and calendars will be sent home using these convenient folders. Parents should send important notes to teachers in the same folders. Parents should also send tuition checks in these folders back to school in the envelope provided.

HEALTH RECORDS / IMMUNIZATIONS

Forsyth County Health Department requires that we have on file a complete record of immunization on or before the first day of school (Form 3231). The required state form is available at your local pediatrician's office and health department. Failure to comply with this policy will result in your child's dismissal from preschool until such form is present. **Please make sure the pediatrician includes the expiration date on the form. These forms can be emailed to the director at ctkpreschool@ctklutheran.com.**

SICKNESS

If your child becomes ill during the day, we will call you. If you are unavailable, we will call one of your emergency numbers. **Please keep all phone numbers (cell, home, office and emergency) current!**

Please let us know within 24 hours if your child contracts a **CONTAGIOUS** or **COMMUNICABLE** disease (such as chicken pox, strep, pink eye, lice, pin worms, viral infections, mumps, measles, scarlet fever), and we, in turn, will notify other parents as necessary.

If you bring your child to school knowingly sick, we will charge you and immediate \$100 fine and not allow access to school grounds without a doctor's note stating a clean bill of health. This is to ensure our school stays safe, and is germ free for everyone.

The preschool makes every effort to protect the health and safety of the children. For the child's own protection and that of others in the group, your child should be kept at home when you see signs of colds or other illnesses.

Any child who has any of the following symptoms should not attend school, and is considered “knowingly sick” and subject to a \$100 fine if present in class:

Severe cold (lots of facial mucus)	Red or sore eyes
Persistent cough	Discharge from nose, eyes, ears
Fever (Must be free of fever for 24 hours*)	Upset stomach.
Sore throat	Nausea or vomiting (free for 24 hours)
Swollen glands	Diarrhea (free for 24 hours)
Earache	Rashes

****Children must be Fever Free and Symptom Free for 24 hours to return to school.***

If your child has had a normal temperature for 24 hours or has been symptom free (no diarrhea) for 24 hours, then they are allowed to return to school.

Fever Example: Child wakes up from a nap at 3:00 p.m. Monday with a fever. Fever is reduced within the hour (by 4:00 p.m.). Child's fever remains normal for 24 hours...until **4:00 p.m. on Tuesday.** Child may not return to school until Wednesday.

Symptom Example: Child has diarrhea or vomiting early Wednesday morning around 7:00 a.m. The same occurs again at noon, but no symptoms again that day. Child remains free of symptoms by 8:00 a.m. Thursday morning. Child **cannot** attend school Thursday because he/she will not have been symptom free for 24 hours until noon on Thursday. Child may return to school Friday if he/she has remained symptom free.

Children with rashes will be sent home. We must have a written note from your child's doctor stating that he/she is allowed back into school. This is a precautionary measure to ensure that your child is not suffering from something that could be contagious to the other children in preschool and is based on the recommendation of several pediatricians in this area. While we realize some rashes occur after a child is no longer contagious, this can only be determined by a doctor's visual examination of your child. Most diseases with rashes are highly contagious.

Please be considerate when evaluating your child's readiness to return to school. A bad cold for one child can result in severe upper respiratory problems, asthma related complications or ear infections for another child.

COVID-19 GUIDELINES

We will follow the most up to date information that Forsyth Co. Schools post regarding all Covid policies.

All classrooms and toys will be cleaned and disinfected daily. We will encourage great handwashing skills with your child.

Masks are optional.

ALLERGIES

All allergies, especially food, need to be recorded on your child's registration form and provided to your child's teacher in writing. If the presence of any food causes serious reactions for your child, arrangements must be made prior to the start of school to meet with your child's teacher to discuss preventive options.

EPI-PENS

Some children have allergies and/or asthma, which require an EPI-PEN. Parents of these children will need to contact the preschool office to complete a permission form allowing the preschool staff to administer treatment if needed.

MEDICATIONS

Prescription medications will not be administered.

Over the counter medications are not permitted unless prescribed by a physician and the signed request is kept with the medication. All medication will be administered by the Preschool Director and must be delivered to the preschool office by the parent.

Prior to the beginning of school, parents of children with severe allergies should arrange to meet with the Preschool Director and their child's teacher to review appropriate action in case of an emergency.

GOING HOME WITH ANOTHER STUDENT / ADULT

Please let us know if there is a change in your child's schedule, such as going home with another child or adult, etc. **Put the message in writing via email and sent to the director and teacher. Under no circumstances will we release your child to anyone without written permission or the correct carpool tag.** The person picking your child up should be listed on your pick-up list and **must present a photo ID to the Preschool Director if they do not have the appropriate carpool tag with them.** If an emergency arises during the day, please call the preschool office at 678-513-4338. The Preschool Director will determine if permission will be given over the phone for your child to ride home with **someone from your emergency list. Again, please make sure this person knows a photo ID will be required and that the Preschool Office must be notified.** While we understand that emergencies happen, there will be **NO exceptions** to this policy.

STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

The Preschool Board reserves the right to accept or decline the application of any child having a physical, mental, or emotional condition, which, in the Board's sole judgment, poses a possible threat to the health, welfare, safety of other students or requires a fundamental alteration to the program.

The preschool cannot accommodate any child having a physical, mental, or emotional condition which requires special supervision or handling (without prior consent of the Preschool Director or Preschool Board) and/or which requires the dedication of special facilities for the child.

Parents desiring individual evaluations or observation of their child by a county or private specialist **must** discuss with the Preschool Director and their child's teacher prior to having someone come to the school. Once arrangements have been made, the individual observing the child will need to visit the preschool office to be accompanied to the child's classroom. **No exceptions will be allowed.**

NO SOLICITATION THROUGH THE PRESCHOOL

Christ the King Lutheran Preschool will not allow parents to distribute flyers, advertisements or publicity papers for personal businesses and neighborhood sales in the children's school bags. This is a policy set by Christ the King Lutheran Church.

CHILD ABUSE

We are legally mandated and do not hesitate to report any suspected child abuse, neglect, exploitation or deprivation to the Department of Family and Children Services.

BITING / EXCESSIVE BEHAVIOR POLICY

Biting or excessive behavior will not be tolerated. If your child's behavior becomes a problem, the teacher will notify you. If the behavior continues, the Preschool Director will give a written warning and schedule a meeting with the parents and teachers. Finally, if the behavior continues with no progress, the Preschool Director will ask that the child not return to school.

BATHROOM / POTTY TRAINING POLICY

The Preschool has adopted the following guidelines for assisting children in the bathroom. We realize not all children need or want help. However, some children need partial or total assistance.

TWOS

Children who are *not yet trained* will be changed once during the middle of the school day unless a bowel movement occurs. The Preschool expects the children to arrive at school in a clean, dry diaper. **All children must always have a change of clothes and two diapers in their school bag.**

A child who is *trained* will be assisted in the bathroom as needed (clothing, wiping, flushing, and hand washing). **All trained children must always have a change of clothes including underpants and socks in their school bag. It is unsanitary for our teachers to wash out soiled underpants. Our policy is to dispose of all soiled underpants.**

When a child is *getting ready to be trained*, the parents need to speak with their child's teacher to be sure they both feel the child is ready to begin training WITH the school environment. Please try to begin training during a school vacation so that the child has the best chance to succeed at school. All children who are training must be sent in pull-ups. Please send them in pull-ups that have velcro sides to help the teachers when changing. Also, please remember the teachers will cooperate as much as possible but they cannot be expected to take an individual child to the bathroom every 20 - 30 minutes. Please include a change of clothes, underpants, socks and two extra pull-ups in the child's school bag each day. The teachers will try to ask a child in training at least three times a day if they would like to use the bathroom, but we will never under any circumstances force a child to sit on the toilet. As you train your child at home, please keep in mind that "training" a child also includes wiping, flushing, hand washing, and cleanliness of the bathroom. When children are learning bathroom use, it is best to avoid overalls, snaps, belts, zippers, tights and hose. Pants with an elastic waistband work best.

THREES AND PRE-K

All children enrolled in the Pre-K classes must be totally independent in all areas of bathroom use: clothing, wiping, flushing, hand washing, and cleanliness of the bathroom.

Children in the three-year-old classes must be trained but will receive assistance in the bathroom as necessary. This means they may NOT still be wearing pull-ups. These policies are in place to protect the health and well-being of all children using these facilities. These policies are made clear at registration in February. If your child is entering the threes or Pre-K classes in September and is not yet potty trained or is continuing to have accidents, please contact the Preschool Director at 678-513-4338. **There will be NO exceptions to this policy.**

CELL PHONE USE POLICY

Cell phones have become a necessary convenience for all of us. However, **CELL PHONES MAY NEVER BE USED IN OUR CARPOOL LINES!** The slightest distraction can prove dangerous when cars are lined up in a stop and go situation. Please make sure that anyone bringing your child to school is made aware of this policy. There are “No Phone Zone” signs posted in the parking lot as you approach the carpool area to remind everyone of this very important policy. If you are caught using a cell phone in the carpool line, we demand an immediate \$10 fine be paid by the next school day.

Cell phones should also be turned off when parents are visiting in a classroom or volunteering for a preschool function. Cell phone usage is not permitted during our Open House or any other Preschool events, or while substitute teaching in our program.

Your complete cooperation and understanding in adhering to these policies will be greatly appreciated. We need and want your undivided attention while you are visiting our school for programming, activities and as a courtesy to those around you.

CARPOOL

We will begin carpool at 9 a.m. Please remain in your cars until you see that we have begun the carpool line. The carpool line will run from 9am until 9:15 a.m. For security protocols, we do not allow parents to walk their child into the school. If a child can not be led into the school via the carpool line, we may make alternative arrangements temporarily until a solution is found.

We will not remove a screaming child from your car. If your child is unable to leave the car with a teacher, we ask that you pull around to a parking spot and take some time to calm them. After carpool is over, we will have a teacher try again to walk your child in from your car. If the screaming continues, we ask that you discuss this with your child at home and try again the following day. It is unhealthy for a child and our classroom environment, to allow screaming, upset children into the building.

Afternoon carpool will begin at 12:55 p.m. and end at approximately 1:10 p.m. For the safety of your child, we do not allow walk ups or early pick ups during carpool time. This is designed to keep children out of the way of cars coming and going. Children will not be allowed to leave Preschool unless they are in a car seat. It is your responsibility to park and buckle them in. If you need to pick up your child before 12:55, you may come inside to do so, but please give us advance notice. **Please make sure that your carpool tag is visible from your windshield.** We will not allow any student into a car without the proper carpool tag. The Staff will assist your child into the car from the driver's side

only. It is the responsibility of the parent to ensure that the car safety devices are properly buckled on your child. Please pull up and out of the carpool line to check this.

On rainy days we will begin carpool at 8:55 am and allow only two cars at a time under the brick canopy (to keep both students and teachers dry). We will also begin carpool early on rainy afternoons at 12:55pm. Please check the weather and arrive early on rainy days to help with our carpool process.

INTERCOM SYSTEM

The Preschool building will be locked to the outside between carpool arrival and dismissal. This is to ensure the safety of your child. To gain entrance, please press the button on the outside intercom located to the right of the main doors under the covered carpool space. Please be patient and someone will come and let you in.

INSURANCE

Even under the constant supervision of the preschool staff, there are risks of accidents and other occurrences taking place at Preschool. You are responsible for having accident and/or injury insurance to cover your child in case of an accident at preschool. The parents assume responsibility for all expenses which may be incurred, including medical. Preschool will not be held responsible or liable in any way in connection with these types of occurrences.

NEWSLETTERS / CALENDARS

The Preschool office publishes a school newsletter throughout the year. This will give you a current run-down on the activities of the entire program. Important dates will be listed so you will have an up-to-date picture of all the school activities.

LUNCHES / SNACKS

Children will bring their own lunch and snack each day. Please remember to include spoons, drink, straw, etc. if your child needs them. We regret that we are unable to microwave food for any child. The children will eat with their class. This is a great time for them to learn independence, table manners, and conversation skills. Please be considerate when teachers request certain foods or beverages be eliminated from school lunches, as they have many children in a class to attend to.

CLASS PARTIES & HOLIDAY FUNCTIONS

The teachers or room parents may ask for volunteers to help coordinate holiday parties and special events as needed and donate supplies. Due to limited space, we will not allow parents to attend class parties. There will be many special programs throughout the year for which parents are welcome and encouraged to attend!

BIRTHDAY PARTIES

Your child may celebrate his/her own birthday at school if you wish. You may provide a special treat (we highly recommend cookies with no icing). However, no birthday presents should be received. **Please do not distribute invitations to birthday parties held off school property in the children's school bags unless all children are invited in a class.** This only leads to hurt feelings and lost invitations.

SCHOOL PICTURES

Both individual and class pictures (spring) will be taken during the school year for all children in our program. There is no obligation for parents to purchase them.

SPEECH / HEARING / THERAPY

If your child utilizes speech therapy, please let your teacher know. We cannot accommodate therapy sessions during school hours but will approve an absence for them.

FIRE DRILLS

Fire safety is a regular part of the curriculum for children with emphasis on safety procedures. Fire drills are held bi-monthly. Evacuation routes are posted in each room, and actual staff responsibilities are covered during Teacher Orientation.

EMERGENCY WEATHER PROCEDURES

Emergency procedures are also in place for severe weather situations including tornados.

CLOTHING

We recommend that children wear play clothes that are practical, comfortable, and washable. Remember that we paint and glue frequently and spills can occur. Tennis shoes that tie or Velcro are the best. **Flip flops, sandals, cowboy boots, jellies and patent leather shoes are not encouraged** as they can be dangerous on the playground.

Don't worry if your child insists on wearing plaids and stripes together. We like your child for who he is, not for what he wears. We would rather have a happy child in mismatched clothing than an unhappy child in a beautiful outfit. This is a perfect area in which to "Pick your Battles."

As the weather gets colder, please dress your child in layers since we go outside every day, weather permitting. Rain boots and umbrellas are not necessary, but a jacket is usually a good idea.

Your child's clothing, especially coats, jackets, sweaters, mittens, etc. should be clearly marked with their name.

SPECIALS

To enhance the classroom experience and to help accomplish the overall goals and objectives of the preschool, the following specials are provided:

CHAPEL

We will teach Old and New Testament Bible Stories. Children ages two, three and four will meet in a group setting weekly for a Bible Story Lesson that we call "**Chapel**". Chapel lessons are told using a variety of resources from songs and music to story boards.

MUSIC / STEM & SPECIAL PROGRAMMING

Children will be given weekly music classes in which they can have fun moving and learning the notes of the scale, rhythm, pitch, and note reading. We will learn music for performances given throughout the year.

Our STEM program lays the foundation of science, technology, engineering and mathematics, in a fun and engaging setting. Children are encouraged to use our guided lessons to explore the world around them, ask deeper questions, and use creative thinking processes.

Throughout the year, we will also have special days such as; Sports day, Art Day, Special Readers etc. to encourage growth, creativity, leadership and plain old fun!

Watch the monthly newsletters and calendars for details concerning special programming planned throughout the school year.

CURRICULUM

We use ABC Jesus Loves Me Curriculum. This is a faith based, accelerated learning program that develops a love of learning through a foundation of Christian beliefs.

Two-Year-Old Program

We offer your 2-year-old child a variety of new experiences geared for this stage of development. The curriculum includes many forms of art media, music, finger plays, story time and play experience. Self-help skills like dressing, feeding and toilet training will help build self-esteem. We feel this curriculum, along with love and praise, will encourage learning as a creative life-long process, which begins in play and flourishes in wonderment through firsthand and in-hand experiences for your child.

Three-Year-Old Program

We offer a wide variety of experiences directed toward the needs of the 3-year-old child. Social skills, language development, listening skills, sensory, perceptual, and gross motor development are the major goals of this program. Our curriculum includes many creative activities for developing fine motor skills. We use all forms of art media, music, games, finger plays, literature, sensory experiences, and play. Exposure to basic shapes, colors, and numbers 1-10 as well as the use of scissors are included. All activities are geared to the level of needs of a 3-year-old child.

Pre-K Program

This Pre-Kindergarten program is geared to meet the needs of a four-year-old child as we prepare him/her for the later Kindergarten experience. We use as many creative activities as possible. The use of scissors, crayons, paste, glue, paint, housekeeping play, block play, cooking, science experiments, musical activities, language and social development, and literature will be encouraged throughout the year. Our curriculum also includes a beginning multi-sensory approach to early childhood phonics, hands-on manipulative mathematics, and language experience. An emphasis on fine motor skills with attention to writing skills is included.