

Preschool Program

The Preschool program is flexible and planned specifically for the child where he/she is now. A wide range of activities provides for varied levels of development and varied interests. These activities are built around areas of interest known to appeal to young children. The teacher is free to select areas, which suit the needs and interest of the class. Weekly Bible verses, Bible stories, and songs are an integrate part of the curriculum. All Preschool teachers hold a teaching degree and Texas certification and a degree in elementary education, preferably Early Childhood.

Admission Requirements for Preschool Program

- The admission age to the preschool is based on the Texas School Law, with September 1st as the determining date. Children enrolling for the 4 & 5 year old Pre-K must be age 4 as of September 1st. Those enrolling for 3 year old Preschool must be age 3 as of September 1st.
- It is also our policy that all children must be potty trained to be in Preschool. If your child is not completely potty trained there is an age appropriate class for children not yet ready for preschool.

Schedule

Preschool Days and Times

(Months of operation: August – May following the CISD school calendar)

5 Day Preschool Classes	Mon-Fri.	8:30 – 11:30
3 Day Preschool Classes	Tues/Wed/Thurs	8:30 - 11:30

Extended care is available (8:30-2:30 or 7:15-6:00)

Those children enrolled in extended care will enjoy fun religious based activities after preschool.

Preschool Attendance

It is important that the child be consistent in attendance and arrives on time (8:30 a.m.), if he/she is to benefit from the preschool experience. Please call the preschool office at 655-5437 if your child will be unable to attend class. As a rule, children should arrive no more than five minutes before opening time and should be picked up promptly, if not in extended care (11:30 a.m.). Parents/guardians should walk their children to their rooms and pick up their child in the hall in front of their child's classroom. Please wait in this area until the teachers open their doors and bring the children out of the classroom. There will be a late charge of \$2.00 for every 5 minutes for any child picked up after their enrollment time. This will be charged to your account and balance paid on receipt.

Supply List

Preschool teachers supply lists will be given in confirmation packets.

Preschool Open House

During the spring the preschool will host an Open House to which the parents/guardians will be invited. This is a fun time for the children to show off their school, projects, and talents to their families.

Specialized Instruction

There may be an opportunity for your child to participate in a special class led by a musician or attend a computer technology class at no extra cost. For an additional charge your child can participate in Teams of Tomorrow (TOT) basketball and Tiny Toes Ballet, registration forms for these activities are in the 'In His Hands' Preschool Office.

Technology

Small groups will be able to experience hands on activities such as:

- Computer Lab – Once a week for 4 & 5 year old classes
- I-Pad – Will be a tool of learning center enhancement for both 3 and 4 & 5 year old classes.

Goals

Our goal is that your child will be completely ready for a successful kindergarten year, experience the opportunity to learn the love of Jesus through Bible Stories, songs, and scripture memorization.

Statement of Philosophy

Our preschool seeks to provide a friendly, Christian environment in which young children can grow physically, intellectually, socially and spiritually. Many opportunities are provided for children to work and play with peers and caring adults. The balance program of guided activities is designed to stimulate initiative and creativity, to further a sense of self-worth, and to build a readiness for public school. The preschool program is Christian oriented but not denominationally structured. Children of all races and religions are welcome.

Curriculum

During the year the children will be exposed to colors, shapes, and appropriate number concepts. Your child will learn to recognize his/her own name when written in D'Nealian handwriting. To enhance the program we use other ideas, crafts, cooking, nursery rhymes and field trips. We do activities in the areas of Language Development, Fine and Large Motor Development and Social Development. We include activities in the areas of social, mental, physical, and spiritual development. Holiday activities will be added during those special times of the year. Weekly Bible stories and scripture will also be a part of the curriculum. Holiday activities will be supplemented for appropriate times of the year.

- Curriculum - 3 Year Olds

For each of the major themes presented each month the following activities will be incorporated into the day:

- Learning Centers- Dramatic Play
 - Art
 - Blocks
 - Language
 - Large Motor Skills
 - Manipulative Skills
 - Music
 - Snacks
 - Games
 - Sciences
 - Storytelling
 - Discovery Activities
 - Outside Play and Development
- Suggested Field Trips for 3 Year Olds
 - Soda Shop
 - Library-Story Time
 - Pumpkin Patch
 - Cake Company
- Curriculum - 4 and 5 year olds

During the year each child will further his/her ability to identify and write the D' Nealian alphabet. Phonics will also be introduced with each letter theme, as well as many other activities for each letter of the alphabet. Each child will continue to explore the world around her/him and expand their knowledge of colors, shapes and numerals, scissors skills, rhyming words, matching activities, math skills, and letter games. Weekly Bible stories and daily Scripture will also be a large part of the curriculum. The curriculum focuses on individual needs within the Texas Essential Knowledge Skills (TEKS) and guidelines set by the State for Pre-K children. Specific areas of development are:

 - Fine Motor
 - Gross Motor
 - Social Self Help
 - Language
 - Cognitive Skills
 - Activities that will be incorporated into each child's experience include:
 - Learning Centers- Dramatic Play
 - Art
 - Blocks
 - Language
 - Large Motor Skills
 - Manipulative Skills
 - Computer lab
 - TEK's taught within small groups

- Music
 - Snacks
 - Games
 - Storytelling
 - Math Skills using Experiences in Math for Young Children
 - Science Skills using Exploring Science in Early Childhood
 - Outside Play and Development
- Suggested Field Trips for 4 and 5 Year Olds
 - Canyon Fire Department
 - Panhandle Plains Museum
 - U.S. Post Office
 - Police Station
 - Restaurants
 - Animal Exhibit Tri-State Fair
 - Pumpkin Patch
 - Discovery Center

Graduation

The "Graduation to the Next Class" ceremony for 4 & 5 year olds will be held in May.