



TLC Early Childhood Center

Half-Day Three-Year-Old Preschool

Room Description



- Children must turn 3 by December 1 to be eligible for 3-year-old Preschool. Ages in this room range from 3 – 4 years. Children should be toilet trained.
- Session meets on Tuesday and Thursday morning
- Class size is 16. Staff to child ratio is 1:8. If we expand the class size to 16, an additional assistant will be added.
- Each classroom in the center, including our half day Preschool has a teacher with a degree in Early Childhood Education or a related field who takes on leadership of the classroom.
- We plan preschool activities using Early Childhood Standards of Quality from the Michigan Department of Education. We use Creative Curriculum and Zoo phonics. Bible-based activities are incorporated throughout the day using standards from the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod.
- The schedule is consistent. This provides consistency and predictability, a vital aspect in a learning environment. Devotions, large group time, small group learning activity, and story time are provided daily. We intentionally teach literacy and math with several daily activities. Weekly gym and chapel experiences are given. Plenty of time is allowed for child-directed play, an important format for learning. Outdoor play is provided in warmer weather.
- “Jesus Time” is provided daily. Children learn basic Bible accounts, songs, and finger-plays and most important learn that Jesus loves them!
- A snack is served. Parents can sign up to bring snacks if they desire.
- The room is set up for preschool learning. Different learning centers are evident. They include block, dramatic play or house, small motor, discovery or science, sand, and water or sensory, art, quiet or reading, music, and large motor or climber center. Materials are rotated for interest.
- Outdoor area includes swing sets, climber, trikes, trike track, and spacious sand area, and two gardens. We may also use the church property outside of the playground for games and exploration.
- Children are being taught to take care of their own bodies and belongings. They clean up after themselves throughout the day.
- Please remember to dress your child in play type clothing so they can participate in all activities without concern.
- The preschool does not provide daily written communication but would be happy to answer any questions you may have about your child’s day.