

## **TLC Early Childhood Center**

## Half-Day/School Day Four-Year-Old Preschool Room Description



- Children must turn 4 by December 1 to be eligible for 4-year-old Preschool. Ages in this room range from 4 − 5 years.
- Sessions meet on Monday, Wednesday & Friday
- Maximum class size is 20. Staff to child ratio is 1:12.
- 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.
- Preschool activities are planned using Early Childhood Standards of Quality from the Michigan Department of Education. We use Creative Curriculum and Zoophonics. 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, art, and story time are provided daily. 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 that is provided by parents.
- 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 centers. Materials are rotated for interest.
- Outdoor area includes swing sets, climber, trikes, trike track, and spacious sand area with digger; and two gardens. We 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.