



TLC Early Childhood Center

Full 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.
- Sessions meet Monday through Friday. Parents can choose their schedule according to their need.
- Maximum class size is 20 with a teacher and two assistants. Staff to child ratio is 1:10.
- Each classroom in the center, including Preschool 3 has a teacher with a degree in Early Childhood Education or a related field who takes on leadership of the classroom.
- 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. We use the GOLD Assessment which is paired with Creative Curriculum to assess children's learning and invite you to meet with the teacher for parent teacher conferences.
- 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.
- 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/teacher-facilitated play, an important format for learning. Outdoor play is provided daily.
- Rest time is provided on cots from 12:30 – 2:30. Parents need to furnish a *small* blanket and *small* pillow if desired for nap. It must fit into the bedding box provided.
- "Jesus Time" is provided daily. Children learn basic Bible accounts, songs and finger-plays and most important learn that Jesus loves them!
- A morning snack, hot lunch and afternoon snack are provided. A menu is provided monthly.
- Children go outdoors daily, year-round, weather permitting. Please provide appropriate clothing such as boots, snow pants, mittens, hats and warm coat or a bathing suit for summer. We would be happy to apply sunscreen if provided.
- Outdoor area includes swing sets, climber, trikes, trike track, and spacious sand area, and 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. Send in extra clothing in case of 'accidents'.
- The preschool 3 room does not provide daily written communication but would be happy to answer any questions you may have about your child's day.