



TLC Early Childhood Center

Full 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 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 1:12.
- Each classroom in the center, including Preschool 4 has a teacher with a degree in Early Childhood Education or a related field who takes on leadership of the classroom.
- Teachers plan preschool activities using Creative Curriculum and the Early Childhood Standards of Quality from the Michigan Department of Education. We use Zoophonics to teach letter sounds and recognition. We use GOLD Assessment from Creative Curriculum to assess children's learning and invite you to meet for parent teacher conferences to share the information. 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 daily.
- Rest time is provided on cots, daily from 12:30 – 2:30. Parents need to furnish a *small* blanket and a *small* pillow if desired.
- "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 included. Menus are provided monthly and available on our website.
- 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 and gardens. We also use the church property outside of the playground for games and exploration. 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.
- Children are being taught to take care of their own belongings and clean up after themselves throughout the day. They are given a cubbie for clothing, a bag for bedding, and a mailbox to put important papers and projects in. Please check it daily.
- 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.