

Noah's Ark Preschool & Kindergarten

Educational Philosophy

All children are uniquely and wonderfully made by God. They are naturally creative, curious and wonder about the world all around them. Our curriculum provides a framework to stimulate learning through play-based activities which promote the spiritual, emotional, physical, social and cognitive development of the whole child. We use the Indiana Early Learning Foundations as a guide for our preschool learning goals and meet the Indiana State Department of Education standards for our Kindergarten.

- We believe in providing a loving and dedicated team of professionals who reflect God's love, share the stories of Christian faith and foster love for God and love for others.
- We believe in equipping highly qualified teachers who provide a balance of developmentally appropriate teacher-facilitated and child-initiated activities. Teachers use observation to assess each child's ongoing progress thus adapting lesson plans to meet individual needs and scaffold learning to the next level.
- We believe the learning environment should be engaging and rich with a variety of materials and experiences to encourage creativity, exploration, investigation, problem solving, and active hands-on learning.
- We believe in the value of small teacher to student ratios, allowing relationships between teachers and students to flourish. Our classrooms are set up with learning centers (i.e. blocks, science, math, language, home, art, etc.) which provide space for small groups of students to work independently or supported by the teacher. These centers build community by promoting social interaction, nurturing friendships and providing opportunities for children to work collaboratively.
- We believe parents are a child's first and most important teachers. Children learn best when parents are involved in their child's education. Our teachers communicate regularly and openly with parents during morning drop-off, special classroom FB groups, notes home, a monthly classroom newsletter and parent conferences. Parents are encouraged to participate in school events and the Noah's Ark PTO (Parent Teacher Organization).