

Oak Hills Christian Preschool



Jesus said, "Let the children come to me and do not stop them, because the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

Matthew 19:14

THE SCHOOL

The Oak Hills Christian Preschool is a ministry of the Oak Hills Christian Reformed Church.
Classes are held in the Preschool Building and Pre-K room of the church.

Our goal is to guide each child in his/her development as God's image-bearer, while encouraging love for God and others. The program provides experiences which develop the child's creativity, social abilities and academic readiness.

Our purpose statement is: Know God's Love; Love Self; Love Others; Love School



The staff consists of:

Early 3's

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3-4's Class

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Teacher's Aide: Allison Boss

Morning Pre-K 4's Class

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Teacher's Aides: Allison Boss, Kim Zapp

Afternoon Pre-K 4's and Pre-K 5's Classes

Teachers: Jessica Aksel 503-747-9298 jessica.aksel@gmail.com
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Oak Hills Christian Church & Preschool

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Entrance Requirements: Pre-K 5's is for students who turn 5 by January 1 or are recommended by a preschool teacher for the class. To enter our Pre-K 4's class a child must be 4 by September 1, and for the 3-4's class he/she must be 3 by September 1. Our Early 3's program is intended for children with summer birthdays or those turning 3 by January 1. Children need to be fully toilet trained unless a medical reason exists or they are in the Early 3's class.

Sessions and Hours:

Pre-K 5's – Monday through Thursday	8:30-11:30 am
Morning Pre-K 4's - Monday, Wednesday, Friday	9:00 - 11:30 am
Afternoon Pre-K 4's – Monday, Tuesday, Thursday	12:15-2:45 pm
3's/4's - Tuesday and Thursday	8:30-11 am
Early 3's – Tuesday and Thursday	10:45 am-12:45 pm

School Calendar:

We follow the Beaverton Public Schools schedule for **holidays and school closures** (not grading, staff development or budget reduction days). NOTE: There may be a couple exceptions.

We will be closed whenever the Beaverton schools are canceled or are on late schedule. Closures are announced between 6:00 and 7:30 a.m. on many local radio and TV stations.

Arrival and Dismissal:

We would like to request that the children arrive no more than FIVE MINUTES before the session begins in order to give the teachers adequate preparation time. It is also important for your child to be picked up promptly at the end of the session. Waiting to be picked up may cause your child to worry that he/she has been forgotten.

For safety reasons, children must be picked up from the classroom and will be dismissed to the parent or the designated person authorized by the parent. The person picking up the preschooler is responsible for supervising the child while on the church property.



Tuition and Transportation:

Tuition for Pre-K 5's is \$260 per month, Pre-K 4's is \$170 per month, 3-4's is \$150 per month and Early 3's is \$130 per month. Tuition is due the first of each month and can be mailed to the church address or placed in the tuition box or envelope. We ask for the **last month's tuition in addition to our September tuition**. This **will apply to May tuition** or the last month your child attends, provided that at least two weeks notice is given.

*** Please make checks payable to: Oak Hills Christian Preschool**

A \$10.00 late fee will be charged after the 10th of the month unless prior arrangements have been made with us. We do not give refunds for absences, days off, or holidays.

Transportation is arranged by the parents who are free to form carpools. Please tell one of the teachers as well as provide written notification of changes regarding who will pick your child up from school. We may ask for proof of identification if someone we do not know is picking up your child.

Registration:

Registration for the following school year will be finalized in January. Priority registration will be given to Oak Hills Church families, Oak Hills Christian Preschool alumni and then selection will be made by "lottery". Inquiries and completed registration forms are welcome at any time. There is a \$150.00 non-refundable registration fee.

OUR PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

Social – Emotional Development:



Research and experience tell us that to be effective with young children, teaching practices need to be developmentally appropriate. What this means is that we as teachers need to think first about what young children are like, and then create an environment and provide experiences that are in tune with each child's characteristics.



Children learn through interactive experiences, play and exploration. We strive to offer an environment where they can test their abilities, discover new possibilities, solve problems, share ideas, manipulate items, make decisions, be creative and take risks.

Children thrive when they have opportunities every day to make choices in their learning. We facilitate children's choices within a carefully planned environment to allow each child to choose activities and peers with whom they will work and play. Our children will grow in awareness of the responsibilities of being group members who share, take turns and are kind, helpful and respectful of others. Preschoolers develop social competence in three main areas: initiating interactions, maintaining ongoing relationships and solving conflicts with other children.

Physical Development:



Running, climbing, throwing, balancing, swinging, ball kicking, pebble digging, shouting, all happen when we go outside. We provide large motor indoor exercise and active games when we do not go outdoors due to weather.

Fine motor skills develop as our children are provided with many opportunities to refine larger motor skills. Play-dough, Duplos, blocks, puzzles, cutting, drawing or scribbling on large paper provide fun, natural opportunities for fine motor development without frustration or boredom. Activities requiring finer skills such as drawing with crayons, markers and pencils or cutting out pictures and shapes are enjoyed as proficiency increases.

Intellectual Development:



Our preschoolers are curious, active learners who have individual needs, individual learning styles, and individual patterns of development. Many skills including listening, speaking, writing, number/letter concepts and reading develop naturally each day through play, observation, discovery, experimentation and teacher modeling.

Our children are introduced to basic Bible truths through Bible stories, verses, drama, and songs. Christmas and Easter are celebrated with a Christian emphasis.



Math and science concepts are part of the children's play experiences with hands-on activities, stations, observations, books, conversation, teacher modeling and guidance. We encourage awareness of God's creation and keen observation of our earth and space.

Children learn a variety of skills from musical experiences. Shaking, tapping, and beating instruments enhance creativity and fine motor development. Listening for a beat, tones, and lyrics develop auditory discrimination. Children experience the emotional effects of music by listening to and creating music that is soothing, exciting, or funny.



As our children draw, paint, cut, sculpt, glue and build, they think creatively, make decisions, and solve problems. Language is developed as the children talk about color, shape, size, and as they describe their work to friends and others.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Parent/Teacher Communication:

We want to stay in close contact with you. Feel free to contact your child's teacher at any time via email. Unless it is an emergency, the best time to reach us by phone is before or after class hours. Talking to us when we are with children doesn't allow us to give you our full attention.

Health:

The best place for a sick child is at home in the care of mom or dad. If you think your youngster may be ill, please prevent spread of illness by keeping them home. We appreciate a phone call before school to let us know your child will be absent.

Preschool: 503-645-9663

Pre-K 5's/Afternoon Pre-K 4's: 503-645-2245 ext. 26

Some signs of illnesses are:

fever	bad cough	diarrhea
nausea or vomiting	earache or headache	sore throat
runny nose	rash	sneezing/coughing



Please do not allow your child to return to school until he/she has been free of a fever without the aid of Tylenol or Motrin for 24 hours. Should your child become ill during the morning we will provide care until you are able to pick him/her up. Please inform us if your child has contracted a contagious disease. We will inform you if exposure to a contagious disease has occurred at school.

Please check with your physician to be sure your child's immunizations are up to date and return the forms as soon as possible.

Snack:

We ask that each child bring his/her own nutritious snack to school each day. Small portions of fruit, veggies, crackers, cereal, and the like are sufficient. Please mark your child's snack clearly as it is possible several will look alike. **Please no nuts, peanut oils or drinks**, water will be provided.

Appropriate School Clothing:

Please dress your child for the weather. We will go outside whenever possible so hats and mittens may be needed. **Please label** all sweaters, coats and outdoor clothing. Play clothes are recommended for everyday wear because, in addition to outdoor play, we will be painting (in paint shirts, but spotting is still possible), cooking, etc. We encourage you to send your child in rubber-soled shoes for safety on the play equipment as well as comfort (sandals & “crocks” get pebbles in them).

- ◆ We ask each child to bring a change of clothing (in case of an accident, mess or spill) in a zip-close gallon size bag **marked clearly with the child’s name**.

Birthdays:

A birthday is a very special occasion for the young child. If your child’s birthday falls on or near a school day, he/she can be recognized as the "birthday child". Children with summer birthdays can celebrate on a pretend date called an "un-birthday" and will receive the same recognition. We encourage your child to bring party favors (stickers, small toys etc) to send home with their classmates on his/her special day. Also, we ask that your child bring a favorite book (short enough to keep the attention of the group) for the teacher to read during our snack time.



Pre-K 4’s & Pre-K 5’s OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

STAY & PLAY: In an effort to further minister to preschoolers and their families, we are providing an **optional** extended school day of *unstructured play time* called Stay & Play. The program is from **11:30-1 pm each Monday** beginning in October and going through April at a cost of \$14 per time. The **afternoon Pre-K 4’s class** is welcome to attend from **11:30 am–12:15 pm (the start of class)** at a reduced rate of \$7 per time.

SPANISH: A Spanish class is offered each **Wednesday from 11:30 am to 1 pm** (Oct.-Apr.). The cost is \$60 per month or \$20 per session and must be **paid to Aksel Academics**.

LUNCH & LEARN: Each **Friday from 11:30 am-1 pm** (Oct.-April), we offer a class to extend your child’s day with fun and interactive learning experiences called Lunch & Learn at a cost of \$16/time.

NOTE: All optional activities meet in the preschool building and **each child is responsible for bringing his/her own lunch. Please check that nothing contains nuts or peanut oils and no drinks please, water will be provided.** Fees can be paid on a “drop-in” basis or preferably at the beginning of each month. Fees for Stay & Play and Lunch & Learn can be included with tuition and are payable to Oak Hills Christian Preschool.