

PRE-K (4 year old) PROGRAM

Each Pre-K class of 16 students has a full-time teacher and a full-time assistant. One of our main objectives is to provide an experienced-based, child-centered program in which learning is a natural, spontaneous and enjoyable experience, and to provide a program in which the child can learn and develop skills in a positive, stress-free, Christian environment. We focus on all aspects of a child's development: cognitive, social, emotional, physical, and spiritual. Our curriculum is based on The Creative Curriculum, supplemented with many units developed by the staff.

We work on cognitive skills, especially in the areas of language arts (reading readiness) and math, in age-appropriate ways. There is continued development of large and small motor skills and eye-hand coordination skills, all of which are the foundation skills for later learning how to read and write. We use the Handwriting without Tears curriculum for writing instruction. The children are encouraged to work both independently and as a member of the group. Emphasis is placed on successfully carrying out the tasks (including staying on task), developing listening skills, and following instructions. The curriculum is designed to prepare students for kindergarten in either a public or private setting.

Music (preschool songs and rhythms) and creative movement (the development of large motor skills) are taught by trained, experienced teachers and are offered as a regular part of the curriculum. Science activities and social studies are interwoven throughout the week's activities. Attending Chapel in the church sanctuary is an integral part of our program as well. The children also pray in their classrooms before snack time or during circle time. Community resource people may visit during the year, such as firefighters and a dentist. During the year, several special programs or other performances (plays, storytellers, musicians, or dancers) will take place at the school.

All learning occurs in an atmosphere of love, care, and respect. Above all, learning with us is FUN! We look forward to your child and your family being part of the Chamblee Methodist Kindergarten family.

PROGRAM GOALS

1. To provide a nurturing, relaxed environment with caring adults where self-concepts are enhanced, independence encouraged, free choice decisions offered, social skills acquired, individuality respected and accepted.
2. To provide time which children can spend with their friends in a range of different and satisfying activities such as art, science, cooking, music and movement, drama, language arts, large and small motor development, and math games and concepts.
3. To provide the children with opportunities to work successfully on a variety of skills which increase their interest in and control over their environment.
4. To provide for each child's physical well-being while in our care.
5. To provide opportunities to develop large motor skills and coordination through physically active play and creative movement.
6. To develop in the children an active curiosity about the world in which they live and an enthusiasm for learning which stimulates their creativity.
7. To help the child gain self-discipline in an environment where each child is aware of limits and expectations and learns to be responsible for his or her own actions.
8. To develop in each child an appreciation for nature and the world God created.
9. To provide an atmosphere in the classroom which promotes respect for others and materials and fosters a love of learning.
10. To develop the ability to solve problems and make decisions through active involvement in the learning process -- learning through hands-on experiences and experimentation, problem solving and independent thinking.
11. To develop further self-help skills, which build independence.
12. To work with parents, as partners, in reaching our goals.