

2 AND 2 ½ YEAR PROGRAM

Our 2 and 2 ½ year classes have 10 to 12 students each, with a full time teacher and full time assistant teacher. These classes have an excellent teacher/student ratio of 1 to 5 or 1 to 6.

The children are in a relaxed, loving atmosphere that offers many opportunities for learning suitable to the young child. Our main objective is to provide a happy, healthy, stimulating first school experience for children -- emphasizing social adjustments, vocabulary growth, the development of motor skills (especially large motor) and eye-hand coordination skills. We focus on all aspects of a child's development--- cognitive, social, emotional, physical, and spiritual. We accomplish these objectives through the use of a variety of materials, well-planned learning centers, and unit themes such as holidays and seasons, nursery rhymes, body parts and the five senses. Our curriculum is based on The Creative Curriculum, supplemented with many units developed by the staff. Music (preschool songs and rhythms) and creative movement (activities which help develop large motor muscles) are a part of the regular school curriculum; both are taught by experienced teachers. The children learn independently and as a member of the group.

Attending Chapel in the church sanctuary is an integral part of our program as well. Parents are always encouraged to attend this time of singing, praying, and praising God together. The children also pray in their classroom before snack each day.

All learning occurs in a kind, caring, unstressful atmosphere. Classes are small enough in size that teachers can give each child a lot of individual attention. We understand and respect the fact that children grow and mature at their own rate and that the curriculum offered should be one that brings success to all students, especially our wonderful two's! Strong emphasis is placed on building positive self-concepts, helping the children feel good about themselves and the things they are able to accomplish.

Above all, learning with us is fun and is both age and developmentally appropriate! We look forward to your child and you becoming a part of the Chamblee Methodist Kindergarten family.

PROGRAM GOALS

1. To provide a loving, caring atmosphere for children to grow and learn. To instill in each child a positive self-concept.
2. To provide a joyful, enthusiastic and spontaneous approach with children.
3. To meet each child's physical needs.
4. To establish the foundations of respect for equipment, property and the environment.
5. To establish the foundations of respect for others - social development.
6. To provide for the language development that is so important at this stage of development and is the foundation of learning.
7. To make available a good variety and quantity of materials on the shelves at the child's level to encourage making choices and decisions.
8. To provide ample opportunity for use of gross motor skills.
9. To provide a variety of activities that begin to introduce the curriculum areas of art, science, cooking, social studies, dramatic play, manipulative activities, language, pre-math, large motor, small motor, music and movement.
10. To develop self-help skills in order to create a feeling of independence and confidence in the child.
11. To plan and provide for small group activities to give each child more personal attention and to allow more freedom of choice. To provide large group activities to encourage social interaction and social skill development.
12. To work with parents, as partners, in reaching our goals.

3 YEAR PROGRAM

Each three-year class of 14 students has a full time teacher and a full time assistant. One of our main objectives is to provide a happy, healthy, stimulating child-centered environment in a Christian setting that makes school and learning fun. 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.

Our Program Goals for 3 year olds are below. These goals are met through careful teacher planning, well-designed learning centers, and a variety of age- appropriate materials placed throughout the classroom. The children learn independently and as a member of the group. Unit themes such as shapes, colors, pets, seasons, animals, community helpers, the farm, and nursery rhymes can bring in all areas of learning (language, social studies, science, math, art). We work on small motor skills through painting, pasting, cutting, lacing, working with playdough, and building with legos. Large motor skills are developed through Creative Movement class with an experienced teacher, blocks, and our well-equipped outdoor playground.

Attending Chapel in the church sanctuary is an integral part of our program as well. Parents are always encouraged to attend this time of singing, praying, and praising God together. The children often pray in their classrooms during circle time or before having their snacks.

The children have wonderful musical experiences led by a trained music teacher in which they learn preschool songs and rhythms. Music is an excellent vocabulary builder, too.

Resource people visit during the year, such as fire fighters and a dentist. Several special programs, such as plays, storytellers, magician, or musicians, are presented at the school during the school year. Above all, learning is FUN and both age and developmentally appropriate. We look forward to you and your children becoming a 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 is encouraged, free choice decisions are offered, social skills are acquired, and individuality is 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 for each child's physical well-being while in our care.
4. To provide opportunities to develop large motor skills and coordination through physically active play and creative movement.
5. To develop in the children an active curiosity about the world in which they live and an enthusiasm for learning which stimulates their creativity.
6. 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.
7. To develop in each child an appreciation for nature and the world God created.
8. To provide an atmosphere in the classroom which promotes respect for others and materials and fosters a love of learning.
9. To develop the ability to solve problems and make decisions through active involvement in the learning process.
10. To develop listening skills and practice following directions.
11. To develop self-help skills, which will foster independence and build self-esteem.
12. To work with parents, as partners, in reaching our goals.

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.

PROGRAM GOALS 5 YEAR KINDERGARTEN

1. To provide a nurturing, relaxed environment with caring adults where self-concepts are enhanced, independence is encouraged, free choice decisions are offered, social skills are acquired, and individuality is respected and accepted.
2. To follow the DeKalb County School Curriculum and Georgia Early Learning and Development Standards in most areas of academic development.
3. To provide time which children can spend with their friends in a range of different satisfying activities such as art, science, geography, cooking, music and movement, drama, language arts, large and small motor development, and math readiness and concepts.
4. To provide the children with opportunities to work on a variety of skills which increase their interest in and control over their environment.
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.
8. To develop in each child an appreciation for our world, the people around us, and all of God's creation.
9. To provide an atmosphere in the classroom which promotes respect for others and materials and fosters a love of learning.
10. To work with parents, as partners, in reaching our goals.
11. To develop the ability to solve problems and make decisions through active involvement in the learning process.
12. To develop critical listening skills and practice following directions.
13. To prepare students for the academic challenges of first grade.