



NCS Preschool

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Preschool Profile

Type: Co-educational day preschool

Ages: 18 months - 4's

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MISSION

Northland Christian School is committed to providing a Christ-centered environment that creates an educational experience of challenges, security, growth, and fulfillment. Our principal goal is to work with the family and church to build a firm foundation for further development through educational excellence and Biblical values. The school is dedicated to the development of Christian leaders for our families, churches, community, country, and world.

ENROLLMENT OVERVIEW

Northland Christian Preschool is a full care program operating year round, Monday through Friday, 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Re-enrollment for currently enrolled students begins in March for the summer program and the school year beginning the following August - followed by enrollment open to the general public in April. Students may continue to be enrolled throughout the year on a space available basis. Information packets which include the Enrollment Form, Immunization and Medical Authorization Form, and Tuition Information are available in the Preschool Office or on the NCS website. The Enrollment Fee is due at the time of enrollment.

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

Educational research indicates that preschool-aged children are in the "preoperational" stage of learning - needing to learn from actual objects - and on the threshold of the "concrete-operational" stage - being able to learn from symbols and signs (reading, writing, and arithmetic skills are sign/symbol based). Additionally children are on another threshold - participation in the formal school setting. NCS recognizes these critical thresholds. Consequently, the preschool program relies heavily on active, child-initiated learning experiences which are learning center based.

Outcomes include the development of dispositions important to lifelong learning - initiative, curiosity, trust, confidence, independence, responsibility, and divergent thinking. As children progress through the program, sign/symbol activities are introduced to prepare them for the formal school setting.

Lower Preschool:

Ages 18 months - 2 years

The lower preschool program allows children to attend two (T,TH), three (M,W,F) or five days (M-F) a week in a relaxed, caring atmosphere. Snacks are provided and breakfast and a hot lunch are available. Classes are well planned and provide age appropriate, hands-on activities. Blocks of time are scheduled for socialization and learning through play. Activities involve gross and fine motor skills. Instruction includes a shape, color, and nursery rhyme for each month. Artwork is created to reinforce the lessons and develop creativity. Children learn about God each day through song, finger plays, and Bible stories.

Upper Preschool: Ages 3-4

Classes are designed to encourage children to become active participants in exploration, experimentation, and observation. The program includes two (T,TH), three (M,W,F), and five day (M-F) choices. Snacks are provided and breakfast and a hot lunch are available. Children in this program wear school uniforms. Instruction includes alphabet, sound and letter association, language, math, science, and social studies activities. Bible stories are taught each day and children attend chapel each week. Preschool students participate in library, music, computer, and field trip activities. The program is designed to prepare children for kindergarten. On-going assessments are formally discussed at individual parent conferences in October and April. Teachers provide regular informal input regarding student development.