

3 year old Class
Wee Grow Christian Preschool
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Dear Parents,

Thank you for requesting information about Wee Grow Christian Preschool. Our Preschool is designed to develop your whole child. The staff uses many different mediums to expose your child to the love of Jesus and the world around them. Even though we are based in a Lutheran Church, our teachings are those that display the love of Jesus. We explore the bible by presenting stories on an average of once a week. Here is a sample of our day and what tools we use to teach and nurture your child. We also explore other fun themes throughout the year.

From **8:45-9:15** we have **free time** that is supervised. At this time, your child can choose from many different activities including: puzzles, books, blocks, art supplies, dress-up clothes, table games, and different centers. This is a time for sharing, role playing, learning socially acceptable behavior and creating friendships.

From **9:15-9:30** we enjoy **circle time**. During this time, we talk about the theme, bible teaching or devotion for our day. The children have an opportunity to share their ideas and stories with the other children and teachers. This is a great time to start building self-confidence.

From **9:30-10:15** is **craft time** and continued interaction with other children. During craft time, we have a chance to spend some quality time with your child, while they have a chance to express themselves and strengthen their fine motor skills. We also use this time to explore our zoo phonics and hand writing without tears curriculum.

From **10:15-10:25** the children are responsible for cleaning up the classroom and then we have **calendar**. We talk about the days of the week and month. This is also a time to develop our counting skills and one-to-one correspondence. We even learn a little Spanish and Sign Language. Before using the bathroom, we thank the child that brought snack and say prayers to Jesus.

From **10:25-10:40**, the children enjoy a healthy **snack**. After snack, the children spend time looking at books on their own until everyone is finished with their snack.

From **10:40-10:50**, the students enjoy a **story** read by one of the teachers. Reading books increases the love for reading and enriches language development. It also begins teaching how to properly hold and read a book.

From **10:50-11:00**, we have **music**. Music and rhythm also play an important role in developing verbalization, coordination and music appreciation. If you can attend, we also have a chance to show off our musical talent by singing in church at least three times a year.

From **11:00-11:15**, we work on developing our **large motor skills**. We have fun using dancing tapes, bouncing balls, going outside, and a variety of other activities to enhance the physical development of your child.

General Information

Our Preschool is based on socialization. Our staff tries to encourage your child to share and get along with other children. We also start introducing basic skills that are necessary for your child to succeed. We implement many different alternatives to ensure that all children are challenged in an appropriate manner. We do not practice writing our numbers or alphabet, because some children are not physically ready. If your child does learn at home to write their name, we do encourage them to write it on their papers. Even though we do not practice writing, we still work on recognizing letters along with words and the children have plenty of opportunities to strengthen their fine motor muscles. We also start using zoo phonics to help develop your child's sound and letter recognition. The staff is also trained in Handwriting Without Tears, so we can help develop your child's fine motor skills.

We also attend **field trips** March, April and May. We visit a variety of different places; including the Library, Twistars, McDonalds, Arbys, Impression 5 Museum, plus others.

Other Activities Offered: Grandparents/VIP' Day, Spring Parent Conferences, Christmas Program, Spring Program, Holiday Parties, Farm Day or Aloha Day, Pajama Day and others.

Your child is asked to furnish a **healthy snack** for the rest of the class about once a month, depending on class size.

A \$50.00 registration fee will hold a spot for your child and is required at the time you turn in the registration paper. Tuition is \$85.00 a month for the 2-day program.

Shot records will need to be up-to-date and your child will need a **health appraisal given by your family physician** to attend Wee Grow Christian Preschool. All children have to be potty trained to attend.

Class Information

3 year old classes: Tuesday/Thursday morning from 8:45-11:15 a.m.
An afternoon class may open, if there is enough demand.

Thank you for taking your time to review our program. If you would like to come in and observe our classroom, please call me at 647-4473 or on my cell phone 517-526-4147.

God's Blessings,

Sandy Peabody, Director