

Beginnings Preschool at Good News UMC

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Mission Statement:

Beginnings Preschool strives to provide a caring and Christian based educational environment to promote the social, emotional, physical, and cognitive development of each child.

Philosophy:

Beginnings Preschool believes that learning in the first 5 years of life is critical to future successes in education and society. Students will be taught a Christ-centered, Florida Department of Education approved curriculum using center areas in the classroom and outdoor play. The qualified staff aims to promote the four-child development theories of growth through teacher directed lessons and facilitated independent play. Beginnings Preschool will celebrate and focus on the true meaning of all Christian holidays. Teachers will adapt fundamental Christian beliefs into everyday lessons. We encourage parent involvement and ask that parents pray for the school each day. A newsletter will be sent home monthly to keep parents informed of the exciting updates of Beginnings Preschool.

Operation Time:

School Year: Monday, August 15, 2011 – Friday, May 20, 2012

We follow the Walton County School Schedule for Holidays and Work Days

School Day: 9 AM to 2 PM with “early drop” offered at 7:55 AM for an additional fee and “late stay” offered from 2-3:10 PM for an additional fee.

Daily Curriculum Used: ELLM/Plus (www.unf.edu/dept/fie/ellm)

We provide Spanish & large motor skill development 2-days-per-week and an extracurricular activity paired with Christian Curriculum 3-days-per-week.

General Information:

Teacher-Student Ratio is 10:1 in each classroom with a “floater” and Director on-site daily. Total daily ratio is 30 students to 5 staff.

The students rest for ~ 40 minutes each day (we provide the mat)

You pack a healthy snack & lunch for your child each day

We do pizza day twice monthly – send \$4 (drink, pizza, chips, & fruit provided)

For parent convenience, we provide a drive thru student drop-off and pick-up car line

Open House/Orientation: Thursday, August 11, 2011 at 5 PM

Medical Forms for child's file: Prior to the first day of school, you must supply the Director with your child's medical forms. The blue form is the child's shot record and the yellow form is an updated physical form. Both forms can be obtained during a well child check-up at your pediatrician's office or at the Walton County Health Department located on Highway 331.

Registration Fees, Supply Fees, and Tuition Fees for 2011-2012
Registration and Supply Fees are non-refundable annual fees

Accepting 3 & 4-year-old students (must be 3 or 4 by September 1) & Potty Trained

Registration Fees: (due with registration papers)

*Current student re-registration: \$65

*New student registration: \$100

Annual Supply Fees:

Pay the full amount by June 30, 2011 or Pay 1/3 of supply fee by June 4, 2011, 1/3 supply fee by July 4, 2011, and 1/3 supply fee by August 4, 2011:

Supply Fees for 2011-2012:

5-day-per-week program: \$300.00

4-day-per-week program: \$250.00

3-day-per-week program: \$200.00

2-day-per-week program: \$150.00

Tuition Fees for 2011-2012: pay ½ price tuition in August and full tuition monthly from September – May

5-day-per-week program (7:55 am – 3:10 pm): \$600.00

5-day-per-week program (9 am – 2 pm): \$450.00

4-day-per-week program (9 am – 2 pm): \$360.00

3-day-per-week program (9 am – 2 pm): \$275.00

2-day-per-week program (9 am – 2 pm): \$190.00

Beginnings Preschool at Good News UMC Discipline Policy as stated in our Parent-Student Handbook. A full copy of the handbook will be handed out at Open House/Orientation.

Discipline: Beginnings Preschool uses positive reinforcement and conflict resolution to promote appropriate behavior. Children will be encouraged to work out disagreements. In the event that the teacher's attention is needed, the child/children will be directed to another activity or sent to the "Safe Place" established inside each classroom. The "Safe Place" may be a reading area, chair, or wall space. Upon continual disruptive behavior, the child will be sent to the director's office to "cool down". In extreme circumstances, the director will notify the parent to remove the child from school for the rest of the day. Sometimes our program does not meet an individual's needs and the preschool reserves the right to determine if our program is appropriate the child. In accordance with state regulations: Children shall not be subjected to discipline which is severe, humiliating, or frightening; Discipline shall not be associated with food, rest, or toileting; and Spanking or any other form of physical punishment is prohibited.

Bite Policy: A child who bites another child or staff member 4 times may be subject to dismissal from the program.