

ANSWERS TO FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS: PRESCHOOL & PRE-KINDERGARTEN

This fact sheet addresses the most commonly asked questions about our Preschool and Pre-Kindergarten programs.

Preschool: Who can attend and when are classes scheduled?

Preschool begins for children who are 3 years of age by September 1.

- Children must be toilet-trained.
- Children attend Tuesday and Thursday, 8:30-11:00 a.m.

Pre-Kindergarten: Who can attend and when are classes scheduled?

Pre-Kindergarten begins for children 4 years of age by September 1.

- Children attend Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 8:30 to 11:00 a.m.
- A *Flexible Enrollment* option allows a child to be enrolled for full days on Monday, Wednesday, and/or Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.

What is our approach to learning?

Key components include:

Guided Discovery

- Children learn in and through their environment.
- Children learn by making choices. Choice time enables and encourages children to make decisions.
- Learning centers respond to individual abilities and interests.
- Learning centers provide a sense of responsibility and choice.
- Centers reflect key developmental and curricular areas.
- Teachers facilitate learning by providing time; engaging children in diverse and interesting activities; supplying relevant, age-appropriate materials; promoting discovery; and interacting with children as they learn.

Learning Centers

At Redeemer Lutheran, Preschool and Pre-Kindergarten children learn as they move through a variety of relevant and age-appropriate activities that promote both individual whole-child development **and** learning to work and play in a group setting. Our classroom environment is arranged in learning centers focused on key developmental areas: listening, written language (library and writing centers), use of senses, art, science, blocks, manipulatives, dramatic play, and gross motor skills. We balance quiet and active experiences, as well as teacher-directed and child-initiated activities. Helping children grow in love and knowledge of Jesus as their Savior and Friend permeates and enriches all we do!

Please see the reverse side to view facts about our Kindergarten program.