

Registration - Fall 2012

Prospective parents are encouraged to call and arrange a tour to become familiar with our program.

Registration materials will be available for pick up at the preschool on January 25. All registrations need to be received by February 15 to receive priority placement. Priority will be given in this order: church member families, currently enrolled families, previously enrolled families, then new families. Registrations will continue to be accepted as long as openings are available.

A \$55.00 registration fee must accompany each application. This will only be returned if the child cannot be placed in one of your chosen classes.

Confirmations will be emailed on February 24.



Class Tuition

Class	Year	2 Payments	4 Payments
1 Day	\$ 544	\$272	\$141
2 Day			
<i>2 1/2 yr olds (lower teacher:student ratio)</i>			
	\$ 956	\$478	\$244
<i>3 yr olds</i>	\$ 906	\$453	\$231
3 Day	\$ 1288	\$644	\$327
4 Day	\$ 1648	\$824	\$417
5 Day	\$ 1968	\$984	\$497

On May 1 a \$100 (\$50 for 1 day class) non-refundable tuition deposit is due to secure your spot. This will be credited toward your first tuition payment, due August 1.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Presbyterian Preschool teachers have degrees or special early childhood experience. All of our staff keep current with training in the early childhood field. The director and teachers are all members of NAEYC (National Association for the Education of Young Children) and the Ohio and Cincinnati affiliates.

Presbyterian Preschool is licensed by the State of Ohio and in 2010 was recognized again as a **Two Star Step Up to Quality Center**, one of the highest awards for excellence in the care of young children. This recognition is only given to the best centers in Ohio, those that surpass Ohio's licensing standards and offer a program that emphasizes high quality early learning and education.

A health form, signed by a doctor, must be provided before the first day of school. The health form can be printed off our web site.

Our classes start in September and end before Memorial Day. We follow Forest Hills Schools for most vacations, holidays and snow days.

You will receive a letter from the teacher in mid-August. We transition the children into our environment gradually. Each family will have an opportunity to come in and meet the teachers just prior to classes. We will start the children over a 2 day period, so that only 1/2 the class is there on your child's first day. The one day program will come for one hour on the first day.

Presbyterian Preschool does not discriminate in the enrollment of children upon the basis of race, color, religion, sex or national origin.



PRESBYTERIAN PRESCHOOL

2012-2013



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OUR MISSION

Presbyterian Preschool is an extension of the mission of Mt. Washington Presbyterian Church. In fulfilling the commandment of Jesus, "Let the children come to me and do not hinder them," the Preschool affirms a respect for the dignity and value of each child as a unique creation of God. Childhood is a time when young children discover concepts about their world and develop concern for others in a caring atmosphere that is supportive, nurturing, and responsive to their individual needs. In order for their education to be effective, children must be provided with the kinds of opportunities that are appropriate to their interests and their levels of development. Parents are respected as the most important providers of care and nurturing of young children. The church unites with the parents and the preschool staff in fulfilling this mission.



OUR OBJECTIVES

- To provide high quality education for preschool aged children.
- To provide developmentally appropriate opportunities for children to engage in open exploration, problem solving and critical thinking that will enrich and enhance their natural development.
- To ensure a learning environment that allows young children to become confident and to enjoy successes in a caring atmosphere that is supportive, nurturing and responsive to their individual needs.

A TYPICAL DAY

Preschool children are active learners. They acquire knowledge best through playful interactions. We strive to make the children feel safe and comfortable in their surroundings so they feel free to explore and participate in our purposefully-planned, caring early childhood environment. Children are introduced to a variety of developmentally appropriate experiences throughout the year. These experiences foster positive social skills and kindergarten readiness.

The children's day consists of:

- **Choice time**—where they are free to move about the learning centers in the classroom.
- **Group time**—a gathering of the children and teachers which provides an opportunity for children to develop a sense of community while sharing their thoughts, ideas and feelings. Group time also enables the teacher to introduce an activity, read a story, sing songs, etc.
- **Snack time**— a nutritious snack and beverage are provided each day.
- **Gross Motor Development**—on our beautiful, spacious, fenced playground or in the fellowship hall.
- **Weekly special music experience**
- **Our curriculum**—based on *Creative Curriculum and the Ohio Early Learning Content Standards*. Children develop skills in reading, writing, mathematics, science and social studies.

CLASS SIZE

We have excellent adult/child ratios. All classes have one teacher and one assistant. We try to maintain 10 children in our 2 1/2 year old classes, 15 children in our 3 year old classes and 16 children in our 4/5 year old classes.

CLASSES FOR 2012/2013

2 1/2 YEAR OLD CLASSES (2 by 3/15/12)

Wed 9:30 a.m.—12 Noon 1 class
Mon/Tues 9:30 a.m.—12 Noon 1 class

3 YEAR OLD CLASSES (3 by 9/30/12)*

Mon/Tues 9:30 a.m.—12 Noon 1 class
Thurs/Fri 9:30 a.m.—12 Noon 2 classes
M/T/W 9:30 a.m.—12 Noon 1 class

3-5 YEAR OLD MIXED AGE CLASS

M/T/W 1:00—3:30 p.m. 1 class

4/5 YEAR OLD PRE-K CLASSES (4 by 9/30/12)*

M/T/W 9:30 a.m.—12 Noon 1 class
W/Th/F 9:30 a.m.—12 Noon 1 class
Mon-Thurs 1:00—3:30 p.m. 2 classes
Mon—Fri 9:30 a.m.—12 Noon 1 class

* Age requirement exceptions to be determined by the director.

LUNCH BUNCH PROGRAM

A lunch bunch program will be offered on Thursdays from 12:00 Noon—1:00 p.m. beginning in October. Children will have an opportunity to enjoy lunch, free play and story time with friends. Children in our morning program can extend their day. Children in our afternoon program can begin their day an hour early.

SPANISH PROGRAM

We will offer a Spanish enrichment program on Thursday afternoons for interested students. (Children in our 4 day class will have a Spanish lesson during their regular class each week.)

POTTY TRAINING

Children in the 2 1/2 year old program do not need to be potty trained. We prefer that children in all other classes are potty-trained. Call us if you have questions with regard to this preference.